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Introduced

Senate Bill 177

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on Government
Organization]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §30-5A-1, §30-5A-2, and §30-5A-3, relating to creating the Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act; authorizing pharmacists to prescribe low-risk medications to patients; and listing the limitations of the prescriptions that fall under that authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5A. PHARMACIST PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY ACT.

§30-5A-1. Short title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act.

§30-5A-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize pharmacists to practice the full extent of their education and training to prescribe low-risk medications to patients.

§30-5A-3. Practice of Pharmacy.

The practice of Pharmacy includes all of article 5 of this chapter, as well as the prescribing of drugs, drug categories, or devices, excluding controlled substances, that are prescribed in accordance with the product's federal Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling and that are limited to conditions that:

(1) Do not require a new diagnosis;

(2) Are minor and generally self-limiting;

(3) Have a test that is used to guide diagnosis or clinical decision-making and are waived under the federal clinical laboratory improvement amendments of 1988; or

(4) In the professional judgment of the pharmacist, are patient emergencies.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize pharmacists to practice the full extent of their education and training to prescribe low-risk medications to patients.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.