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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2402
BY FALLON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to dispensing of prescription drug samples.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 147.107, Code 1999, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. If a health care practitioner
4 authorized to prescribe prescription drugs for human beings
5 identifies a prescription drug the practitioner believes may
6 be beneficial for treatment of a patient condition but the
7 practitioner is reasonably uncertain of the effects of the
8 drug upon the patient and has available an adequate quantity
9 of samples of the drug to determine the drug's relative
10 benefit to the patient, the practitioner shall dispense the
11 drug samples without charge to the patient for the patient's
12 initial usage of the drug.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill relates to dispensing of prescription drug
15 samples by certain health care practitioners. The bill amends
16 Code section 147.107 relating to drug dispensing, supplying,
17 and prescribing. The bill applies to the following health
18 care practitioners listed in that section who are authorized
19 to prescribe certain prescription drugs for humans:
20 physicians, dentists, podiatric physicians, physician
21 assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners who
22 are qualified for and are registered in a recognized nursing
23 specialty.

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