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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the dispensing of additional quantities of a  
2 prescription within the limitations of the prescription.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 155A.27, Code 2016, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **155A.27 Requirements for prescription.**

4 1. To be valid, each prescription drug order issued  
5 or dispensed in this state must be based on a valid  
6 patient-practitioner relationship, and:

7 ~~1.~~ a. If written, electronic, or facsimile, shall contain:

8 ~~a.~~ (1) The date of issue.

9 ~~b.~~ (2) The name and address of the patient for whom, or the  
10 owner of the animal for which, the drug is dispensed.

11 ~~c.~~ (3) The name, strength, and quantity of the drug,  
12 medicine, or device prescribed.

13 ~~d.~~ (4) The directions for use of the drug, medicine, or  
14 device prescribed.

15 ~~e.~~ (5) The name, address, and written or electronic  
16 signature of the practitioner issuing the prescription.

17 ~~f.~~ (6) The federal drug enforcement administration number,  
18 if required under [chapter 124](#).

19 2. b. If electronic:

20 ~~a.~~ (1) The practitioner shall ensure that the electronic  
21 system used to transmit the electronic prescription has  
22 adequate security and system safeguards designed to prevent and  
23 detect unauthorized access, modification, or manipulation of  
24 the prescription.

25 ~~b.~~ (2) The practitioner shall provide verbal verification  
26 of the electronic prescription upon the request of the  
27 pharmacy.

28 ~~3.~~ ~~a.~~ c. (1) If facsimile, in addition to the  
29 requirements of [subsection 1](#) paragraph "a", shall contain all  
30 of the following:

31 ~~(1)~~ (a) The identification number of the facsimile machine  
32 which is used to transmit the prescription.

33 ~~(2)~~ (b) The time and date of transmission of the  
34 prescription.

35 ~~(3)~~ (c) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile

1 number of the pharmacy to which the prescription is being  
2 transmitted.

3 ~~b.~~ (2) A practitioner shall provide verbal verification of  
4 the facsimile prescription upon the request of the pharmacy.

5 ~~4.~~ d. If oral, the practitioner issuing the prescription  
6 shall furnish the same information required for a written  
7 prescription, except for the written signature and address  
8 of the practitioner. Upon receipt of an oral prescription,  
9 the pharmacist shall promptly reduce the oral prescription to  
10 a written format by recording the information required in a  
11 written prescription.

12 2. This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit  
13 a pharmacist, in exercising the pharmacist's professional  
14 judgment, from dispensing additional quantities of a  
15 prescription drug up to the total number of dosage units  
16 authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription and  
17 any refills of the prescription.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides that the requirements for each  
22 prescription drug order issued or dispensed in the state are  
23 not to be interpreted to prohibit a pharmacist, in exercising  
24 the pharmacist's professional judgment, from dispensing  
25 additional quantities of a prescription drug up to the total  
26 number of dosage units authorized by the prescriber on the  
27 original prescription and any refills of the prescription.