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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to medication policies for transferring  
2 prisoners and inmates under the purview of the department of  
3 corrections or a county sheriff.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICATION POLICIES FOR TRANSFERRING PRISONERS  
2 AND INMATES. The department of corrections shall adopt rules  
3 pursuant to chapter 17A to include in medication procedures  
4 established for facilities under the purview of the department  
5 of corrections and facilities under the purview of a county  
6 sheriff pursuant to chapters 356 and 356A, a provision that  
7 if a prisoner or inmate is transferred to another facility  
8 under the purview of the department of corrections or under the  
9 purview of a county sheriff pursuant to chapter 356 or 356A,  
10 the prescription medication of the inmate or prisoner shall be  
11 transferred at the time the inmate or prisoner is transferred  
12 to the subsequent facility to avoid interruption in, and to  
13 support, medication adherence. The rules shall provide for  
14 expeditious review of the prisoner's or inmate's prescription  
15 medications by the licensed prescriber designated for the  
16 subsequent facility in order to continue the prisoner's or  
17 inmate's medication treatment following such transfer.

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 relates to medication policies for transferring  
22 prisoners and inmates. The bill requires the department  
23 of corrections to adopt administrative rules to include in  
24 medication procedures established for facilities under the  
25 purview of the department of corrections and facilities  
26 under the purview of a county sheriff, a provision that if a  
27 prisoner or inmate is transferred to another facility under  
28 the purview of the department of corrections or a county  
29 sheriff, the prescription medication of the inmate or prisoner  
30 shall be transferred at the time the inmate or prisoner is  
31 transferred to the subsequent facility to avoid interruption  
32 in, and to support, medication adherence. The rules shall also  
33 provide for expeditious review of the prisoner's or inmate's  
34 prescription medications by the licensed prescriber designated  
35 for the subsequent facility in order to continue the prisoner's

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