

**House File 539 - Introduced**

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BY SALMON

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the prescribing authority of prescribing  
2 practitioners during a public health disaster.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147.163 Restriction of prescribing  
2 authority by board.

3 1. Any board created under this chapter that licenses a  
4 prescribing practitioner shall not restrict the prescribing  
5 authority of a prescribing practitioner during a public health  
6 disaster in a way that acts as a deterrent for a prescribing  
7 practitioner to use a medication or treatment in accordance  
8 with the prescribing practitioner's best professional judgment.

9 2. For purposes of this section:

10 a. "*Prescribing practitioner*" means the same as defined in  
11 section 147.162.

12 b. "*Public health disaster*" means the same as defined in  
13 section 135.140.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill prohibits any health-related professional board  
18 under Code chapter 147 (general provisions, health-related  
19 professions) that licenses a prescribing practitioner from  
20 restricting the prescribing authority of a prescribing  
21 practitioner during a public health disaster in a way that  
22 acts as a deterrent for the practitioner to use a medication  
23 or treatment in accordance with the practitioner's best  
24 professional judgment. The bill defines "prescribing  
25 practitioner" and "public health disaster" for the purposes of  
26 the bill.