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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the prescribing, ordering, dispensing, and
2 administering authority of pharmacists and practitioners.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **155A.49 Restrictions on**
2 **prescribing, ordering, dispensing, and administering authority by**
3 **board or employer.**

4 1. The board or any board created under chapter 147 that
5 licenses a pharmacist or a practitioner and any employer
6 of a pharmacist or practitioner shall not restrict the
7 prescribing, ordering, dispensing, or administering authority of
8 a pharmacist or practitioner, consistent with the pharmacist's
9 or practitioner's scope of practice, in a way that acts as a
10 deterrent for a pharmacist or practitioner to use a medication or
11 treatment in accordance with the pharmacist's or practitioner's
12 best professional judgment.

13 2. Any restriction by an employer of a pharmacist or
14 practitioner that is prohibited under subsection 1, whether or
15 not documented by the employer as part of a contract, agreement,
16 or employee handbook, by an amendment to any such document, or by
17 any other means, is unenforceable and shall not be the basis for
18 any disciplinary action by the employer.

19 3. A pharmacist or practitioner who uses a medication or
20 treatment in accordance with the pharmacist's or practitioner's
21 best professional judgment and consistent with the pharmacist's
22 or practitioner's scope of practice under this section shall not
23 be subject to licensee discipline.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to the prescribing, ordering, dispensing,
28 and administering authority of practitioners and pharmacists.

29 The bill prohibits the board of pharmacy and any
30 health-related professional board under Code chapter 147 (general
31 provisions, health-related professions) (boards) that license a
32 pharmacist or practitioner and any employer of a pharmacist
33 or practitioner from restricting the prescribing, ordering,
34 dispensing, or administering authority of a pharmacist or
35 practitioner, consistent with the pharmacist's or practitioner's

1 scope of practice, in a way that acts as a deterrent for the
2 pharmacist or practitioner to use a medication or treatment
3 in accordance with the pharmacist's or practitioner's best
4 professional judgment. The bill also provides that any
5 restriction by an employer of a pharmacist or practitioner that
6 is prohibited under the bill, whether or not documented by
7 the employer as part of a contract, agreement, or employee
8 handbook, by an amendment to any such document, or by any other
9 means, is unenforceable and shall not be the basis for any
10 disciplinary action by the employer. The bill also provides
11 that a pharmacist or practitioner who uses a medication or
12 treatment in accordance with the pharmacist's or practitioner's
13 best professional judgment and consistent with the pharmacist's
14 or practitioner's scope of practice under the bill, shall not be
15 subject to licensee discipline.

16 Code section 155A.3 defines "pharmacist" as a person
17 licensed by the board of pharmacy to practice pharmacy; and
18 "practitioner" as a physician, dentist, podiatric physician,
19 prescribing psychologist, veterinarian, optometrist, physician
20 assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or other
21 person licensed or registered to prescribe, distribute, or
22 dispense a prescription drug or device in the course of
23 professional practice in this state or a person licensed by
24 another state in a health field in which, under Iowa law,
25 licensees in this state may legally prescribe drugs.