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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the regulation of certain substances,  
2 including the regulation of the practice of pharmacy,  
3 providing penalties, and including effective date  
4 provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

REGULATION OF THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

Section 1. Section 124.550, Code 2018, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *“Program”* means the information program for drug prescribing and dispensing.

Sec. 2. Section 124.551, subsection 2, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

2. *a.* The program shall collect from pharmacies dispensing information for controlled substances identified pursuant to section 124.554, subsection 1, paragraph *“g”*, and from first responders as defined in section 147A.1, subsection 7, with the exception of emergency medical care providers as defined in section 147A.1, subsection 4, administration information for opioid antagonists. The department of public health shall provide information for the administration of opioid antagonists to the board as prescribed by rule for emergency medical care providers as defined in section 147A.1, subsection

4. The board shall adopt rules requiring the following information to be provided regarding the administration of opioid antagonists:

- (1) Patient identification.
- (2) Identification of the person administering opioid antagonists.
- (3) The date of administration.
- (4) The quantity of opioid antagonists administered.

*b.* The information collected shall be used by prescribing practitioners and pharmacists on a need-to-know basis for purposes of improving patient health care by facilitating early identification of patients who may be at risk for addiction, or who may be using, abusing, or diverting drugs for unlawful or otherwise unauthorized purposes at risk to themselves and others, or who may be appropriately using controlled substances lawfully prescribed for them but unknown to the practitioner.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **124.551A Prescribing practitioner**

1 **program registration.**

2 A prescribing practitioner shall register for the program at  
3 the same time the practitioner applies to the board to register  
4 or renews registration to prescribe controlled substances as  
5 required by the board. Once the prescribing practitioner  
6 registers for the program, the practitioner or the prescribing  
7 practitioner's designated agent shall utilize the program  
8 database prior to issuing an opioid prescription as prescribed  
9 by rule to assist the prescribing practitioner in determining  
10 appropriate treatment options and to improve the quality of  
11 patient care. A prescribing practitioner shall not be required  
12 to utilize the program database to assist in the treatment  
13 of a patient receiving inpatient hospice care or long-term  
14 residential facility patient care.

15 Sec. 4. Section 124.552, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **124.552 Information reporting.**

18 1. ~~Each~~ Unless otherwise prohibited by federal or state law,  
19 each licensed pharmacy that dispenses controlled substances  
20 identified pursuant to [section 124.554, subsection 1](#), paragraph  
21 "g", to patients in the state, ~~and~~ each licensed pharmacy  
22 located in the state that dispenses such controlled substances  
23 identified pursuant to [section 124.554, subsection 1](#),  
24 paragraph "g", to patients inside or outside the state, unless  
25 specifically excepted in [this section](#) or by rule, and each  
26 prescribing practitioner furnishing, dispensing, or supplying  
27 controlled substances to the prescribing practitioner's  
28 patient, shall submit the following prescription information  
29 to the program:

- 30 a. Pharmacy identification.  
31 b. Patient identification.  
32 c. Prescribing practitioner identification.  
33 d. The date the prescription was issued by the prescribing  
34 practitioner.  
35 e. The date the prescription was dispensed.

- 1     *f.* An indication of whether the prescription dispensed is  
2 new or a refill.
- 3     *g.* Identification of the drug dispensed.
- 4     *h.* Quantity of the drug dispensed.
- 5     *i.* The number of days' supply of the drug dispensed.
- 6     *j.* Serial or prescription number assigned by the pharmacy.
- 7     *k.* Type of payment for the prescription.
- 8     *l.* Other information identified by the board ~~and advisory~~  
9 ~~council~~ by rule.

10     2. Information shall be submitted electronically in a  
11 secure format specified by the board unless the board has  
12 granted a waiver and approved an alternate secure format.

13     3. Information shall be timely transmitted ~~as designated~~  
14 ~~by the board and advisory council by rule~~ within one business  
15 day of the dispensing of the controlled substance, unless the  
16 board grants an extension. The board may grant an extension if  
17 either of the following occurs:

18     *a.* The pharmacy or prescribing practitioner suffers  
19 a mechanical or electronic failure, or cannot meet the  
20 deadline established by the board for other reasons beyond the  
21 pharmacy's or practitioner's control.

22     *b.* The board is unable to receive electronic submissions.

23     4. **This section** shall not apply to a ~~prescribing~~  
24 ~~practitioner furnishing, dispensing, supplying, or~~  
25 ~~administering drugs to the prescribing practitioner's patient,~~  
26 ~~or to dispensing by a licensed pharmacy for the purposes of~~  
27 ~~inpatient hospital care, inpatient hospice care, or long-term~~  
28 residential facility patient care.

29     Sec. 5. Section 124.553, subsection 4, Code 2018, is amended  
30 by striking the subsection.

31     Sec. 6. Section 124.554, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, d,  
32 and g, Code 2018, are amended to read as follows:

33     *b.* An electronic format for the submission of information  
34 from pharmacies and prescribing practitioners.

35     *c.* A waiver to submit information in another format for

1 a pharmacy or prescribing practitioner unable to submit  
2 information electronically.

3 *d.* An application by a pharmacy or prescribing practitioner  
4 for an extension of time for transmitting information to the  
5 program.

6 *g.* Including all schedule II controlled substances, and  
7 those substances in schedules III and IV that the advisory  
8 council and board determine can be addictive or fatal if not  
9 taken under the proper care and direction of a prescribing  
10 practitioner, and opioid antagonists.

11 Sec. 7. Section 124.557, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **124.557 Drug information program fund.**

14 The drug information program fund is established to be used  
15 by the board to fund or assist in funding the program. The  
16 board may make deposits into the fund from any source, public  
17 or private, including grants or contributions of money or other  
18 items of value, which it determines necessary to carry out the  
19 purposes of [this subchapter](#). The board may add a surcharge  
20 of not more than twenty-five percent to the applicable fee  
21 for a registration issued pursuant to section 124.302 and the  
22 surcharge shall be deposited into the fund. Moneys received  
23 by the board to establish and maintain the program must  
24 be used for the expenses of administering [this subchapter](#).  
25 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), amounts contained in the fund  
26 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the  
27 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for  
28 expenditure for the purposes designated in future years.

29 Sec. 8. Section 124.558, subsection 1, Code 2018, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 1. *Failure to comply with requirements.* A pharmacist,  
32 pharmacy, prescribing practitioner, or agent of a pharmacist  
33 or prescribing practitioner who knowingly fails to comply  
34 with the confidentiality requirements of [this subchapter](#)  
35 or who delegates program information access to another

1 individual except as provided in [section 124.553](#), is subject to  
2 disciplinary action by the appropriate professional licensing  
3 board. A pharmacist, ~~or~~ pharmacy, or prescribing practitioner  
4 that knowingly fails to comply with other requirements of this  
5 subchapter is subject to disciplinary action by the board.  
6 Each licensing board may adopt rules in accordance with chapter  
7 17A to implement the provisions of [this section](#).

8 DIVISION II

9 ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS

10 Sec. 9. Section 124.308, Code 2018, is amended by striking  
11 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 **124.308 Prescriptions.**

13 1. Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner to an  
14 ultimate user, a prescription drug as defined in section 155A.3  
15 that is a controlled substance shall not be dispensed without  
16 a prescription, unless such prescription is authorized by a  
17 practitioner and complies with this section, section 155A.27,  
18 applicable federal law and regulation, and rules of the board.

19 2. *a.* Beginning January 1, 2020, every prescription issued  
20 for a controlled substance shall be transmitted electronically  
21 as an electronic prescription pursuant to the requirements in  
22 subsection 2, paragraph "b", unless exempt under subsection 2,  
23 paragraph "c".

24 *b.* Except for prescriptions identified in paragraph "c",  
25 a prescription that is transmitted pursuant to paragraph "a"  
26 shall be transmitted to a pharmacy by a practitioner or the  
27 practitioner's authorized agent in compliance with federal  
28 law and regulation for electronic prescriptions of controlled  
29 substances. The practitioner's electronic prescription system  
30 and the receiving pharmacy's dispensing system shall comply  
31 with federal law and regulation for electronic prescriptions of  
32 controlled substances.

33 *c.* Paragraph "b" shall not apply to any of the following:

34 (1) A prescription for a patient residing in a nursing home,  
35 long-term care facility, correctional facility, or jail.

1 (2) A prescription authorized by a licensed veterinarian.

2 (3) A prescription dispensed by a department of veterans  
3 affairs pharmacy.

4 (4) A prescription requiring information that makes  
5 electronic submission impractical, such as complicated or  
6 lengthy directions for use or attachments.

7 (5) A prescription for a compounded preparation containing  
8 two or more components.

9 (6) A prescription issued in response to a public health  
10 emergency in a situation where a non-patient specific  
11 prescription would be permitted.

12 (7) A prescription issued pursuant to an established and  
13 valid collaborative practice agreement, standing order, or drug  
14 research protocol.

15 (8) A prescription issued during a temporary technical  
16 or electronic failure at the practitioner's or pharmacy's  
17 location, provided that a prescription issued pursuant to  
18 this subparagraph shall indicate on the prescription that the  
19 practitioner or pharmacy is experiencing a temporary technical  
20 or electronic failure.

21 (9) A prescription issued in an emergency situation  
22 pursuant to federal law and regulation rules of the board.

23 *d.* A practitioner, as defined in section 124.101, subsection  
24 27, paragraph "a", who violates paragraph "a" is subject  
25 to an administrative penalty of two hundred fifty dollars  
26 per violation, up to a maximum of five thousand dollars per  
27 calendar year. The assessment of an administrative penalty  
28 pursuant to this paragraph by the appropriate licensing board  
29 of the practitioner alleged to have violated paragraph "a"  
30 shall not be considered a disciplinary action or reported  
31 as discipline. A practitioner may appeal the assessment of  
32 an administrative penalty pursuant to this paragraph, which  
33 shall initiate a contested case proceeding under chapter  
34 17A. A penalty collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
35 deposited into the drug information program fund established

1 pursuant to section 124.557. The board shall be notified  
2 of any administrative penalties assessed by the appropriate  
3 professional licensing board and deposited into the drug  
4 information program fund under this paragraph.

5 *e.* A pharmacist who receives a written, oral, or facsimile  
6 prescription shall not be required to verify that the  
7 prescription is subject to an exception under paragraph "c"  
8 and may dispense a prescription drug pursuant to an otherwise  
9 valid written, oral, or facsimile prescription. However, a  
10 pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment in identifying  
11 and reporting suspected violations of this section to the  
12 board or the appropriate professional licensing board of the  
13 practitioner.

14 3. A prescription issued prior to January 1, 2020, or a  
15 prescription that is exempt from the electronic prescription  
16 requirement in subsection 2, paragraph "c", may be transmitted  
17 by a practitioner or the practitioner's authorized agent to a  
18 pharmacy in any of the following ways:

19 *a.* Electronically, if transmitted in accordance with  
20 the requirements for electronic prescriptions pursuant to  
21 subsection 2.

22 *b.* By facsimile for a schedule III, IV, or V controlled  
23 substance, or for a schedule II controlled substance only  
24 pursuant to federal law and regulation and rules of the board.

25 *c.* Orally for a schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance,  
26 or for a schedule II controlled substance only in an emergency  
27 situation pursuant to federal regulation and rules of the  
28 board.

29 *d.* By providing an original signed prescription to a patient  
30 or a patient's authorized representative.

31 4. If permitted by federal law and in accordance with  
32 federal requirements, an electronic or facsimile prescription  
33 shall serve as the original signed prescription and the  
34 practitioner shall not provide a patient, a patient's  
35 authorized representative, or the dispensing pharmacy with a



1 signed, written prescription. An original signed prescription  
2 shall be retained for a minimum of two years from the date of  
3 the latest dispensing or refill of the prescription.

4 5. A prescription for a schedule II controlled substance  
5 shall not be filled more than six months after the date  
6 of issuance. A prescription for a schedule II controlled  
7 substance shall not be refilled.

8 6. A prescription for a schedule III, IV, or V controlled  
9 substance shall not be filled or refilled more than six months  
10 after the date on which the prescription was issued or be  
11 refilled more than five times.

12 7. A controlled substance shall not be distributed or  
13 dispensed other than for a medical purpose.

14 8. A practitioner, medical group, or pharmacy that is unable  
15 to timely comply with the electronic prescribing requirements  
16 in subsection 2, paragraph "b", may petition the board for an  
17 exemption from the requirements based upon economic hardship,  
18 technical limitations that the practitioner, medical group, or  
19 pharmacy cannot control, or other exceptional circumstances.  
20 The board shall adopt rules establishing the form and specific  
21 information to be included in a request for an exemption  
22 and the specific criteria to be considered by the board in  
23 determining whether to approve a request for an exemption. The  
24 board may approve an exemption for a period of time determined  
25 by the board not to exceed one year from the date of approval,  
26 and may be renewed annually upon request subject to board  
27 approval.

28 Sec. 10. Section 155A.27, Code 2018, is amended by striking  
29 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

30 **155A.27 Requirements for prescription.**

31 1. Except when dispensed directly by a prescriber to an  
32 ultimate user, a prescription drug shall not be dispensed  
33 without a prescription, authorized by a prescriber, and based  
34 on a valid patient-prescriber relationship.

35 2. a. Beginning January 1, 2020, every prescription issued

1 for a prescription drug shall be transmitted electronically as  
2 an electronic prescription to a pharmacy by a prescriber or the  
3 prescriber's authorized agent unless exempt under paragraph  
4 "b".

5 b. Paragraph "a" shall not apply to any of the following:

- 6 (1) A prescription for a patient residing in a nursing home,  
7 long-term care facility, correctional facility, or jail.
  - 8 (2) A prescription authorized by a licensed veterinarian.
  - 9 (3) A prescription for a device.
  - 10 (4) A prescription dispensed by a department of veterans  
11 affairs pharmacy.
  - 12 (5) A prescription requiring information that makes  
13 electronic transmission impractical, such as complicated or  
14 lengthy directions for use or attachments.
  - 15 (6) A prescription for a compounded preparation containing  
16 two or more components.
  - 17 (7) A prescription issued in response to a public health  
18 emergency in a situation where a non-patient specific  
19 prescription would be permitted.
  - 20 (8) A prescription issued for an opioid antagonist pursuant  
21 to section 135.190 or a prescription issued for epinephrine  
22 pursuant to section 135.185.
  - 23 (9) A prescription issued during a temporary technical  
24 or electronic failure at the location of the prescriber or  
25 pharmacy, provided that a prescription issued pursuant to  
26 this subparagraph shall indicate on the prescription that the  
27 prescriber or pharmacy is experiencing a temporary technical  
28 or electronic failure.
  - 29 (10) A prescription issued pursuant to an established and  
30 valid collaborative practice agreement, standing order, or drug  
31 research protocol.
  - 32 (11) A prescription issued in an emergency situation  
33 pursuant to federal law and regulation and rules of the board.
- 34 c. A practitioner, as defined in section 124.101, subsection  
35 27, paragraph "a", who violates paragraph "a" is subject

1 to an administrative penalty of two hundred fifty dollars  
2 per violation, up to a maximum of five thousand dollars per  
3 calendar year. The assessment of an administrative penalty  
4 pursuant to this paragraph by the appropriate licensing board  
5 of the practitioner alleged to have violated paragraph "a"  
6 shall not be considered a disciplinary action or reported  
7 as discipline. A practitioner may appeal the assessment of  
8 an administrative penalty pursuant to this paragraph, which  
9 shall initiate a contested case proceeding under chapter  
10 17A. A penalty collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
11 deposited into the drug information program fund established  
12 pursuant to section 124.557. The board shall be notified  
13 of any administrative penalties assessed by the appropriate  
14 professional licensing board and deposited into the drug  
15 information program fund under this paragraph.

16 *d.* A pharmacist who receives a written, oral, or facsimile  
17 prescription shall not be required to verify that the  
18 prescription is subject to an exception under paragraph "b"  
19 and may dispense a prescription drug pursuant to an otherwise  
20 valid written, oral, or facsimile prescription. However, a  
21 pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment in identifying  
22 and reporting suspected violations of this section to the  
23 board or the appropriate professional licensing board of the  
24 prescriber.

25 3. For prescriptions issued prior to January 1, 2020,  
26 or for prescriptions exempt from the electronic prescription  
27 requirement in subsection 2, paragraph "b", a prescriber or the  
28 prescriber's authorized agent may transmit a prescription for a  
29 prescription drug to a pharmacy by any of the following means:

30 *a.* Electronically.

31 *b.* By facsimile.

32 *c.* Orally.

33 *d.* By providing an original signed prescription to a patient  
34 or a patient's authorized representative.

35 4. A prescription shall be issued in compliance with

1 this subsection. Regardless of the means of transmission, a  
2 prescriber shall provide verbal verification of a prescription  
3 upon request of the pharmacy.

4 *a.* If written, electronic, or facsimile, each prescription  
5 shall contain all of the following:

6 (1) The date of issue.

7 (2) The name and address of the patient for whom, or the  
8 owner of the animal for which, the drug is dispensed.

9 (3) The name, strength, and quantity of the drug prescribed.

10 (4) The directions for use of the drug, medicine, or device  
11 prescribed.

12 (5) The name, address, and written or electronic signature  
13 of the prescriber issuing the prescription.

14 (6) The federal drug enforcement administration number, if  
15 required under chapter 124.

16 *b.* If electronic, each prescription shall comply with all  
17 of the following:

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

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph "a", subparagraph (5),  
24 for prescriptions that are not controlled substances, if  
25 transmitted by an authorized agent, the electronic prescription  
26 shall not require the written or electronic signature of the  
27 prescriber issuing the prescription.

28 *c.* If facsimile, in addition to the requirements of  
29 paragraph "a", each prescription shall contain all of the  
30 following:

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

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

34 (3) The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile  
35 number of the pharmacy to which the prescription is being

1 transmitted.

2 *d.* If oral, the prescriber issuing the prescription  
3 shall furnish the same information required for a written  
4 prescription, except for the written signature and address  
5 of the prescriber. Upon receipt of an oral prescription,  
6 the recipient shall promptly reduce the oral prescription to  
7 a written format by recording the information required in a  
8 written prescription.

9 *e.* A prescription transmitted by electronic, facsimile,  
10 or oral means by a prescriber's agent shall also include  
11 the name and title of the prescriber's agent completing the  
12 transmission.

13 5. An electronic, facsimile, or oral prescription  
14 shall serve as the original signed prescription and the  
15 prescriber shall not provide a patient, a patient's authorized  
16 representative, or the dispensing pharmacist with a signed  
17 written prescription. Prescription records shall be retained  
18 pursuant to rules of the board.

19 6. This section shall not prohibit a pharmacist,  
20 in exercising the pharmacist's professional judgment,  
21 from dispensing, at one time, additional quantities of a  
22 prescription drug, with the exception of a prescription drug  
23 that is a controlled substance as defined in section 124.101,  
24 up to the total number of dosage units authorized by the  
25 prescriber on the original prescription and any refills of  
26 the prescription, not to exceed a ninety-day supply of the  
27 prescription drug as specified on the prescription.

28 7. A prescriber, medical group, institution, or pharmacy  
29 that is unable to timely comply with the electronic prescribing  
30 requirements in subsection 2, paragraph "a", may petition  
31 the board for an exemption from the requirements based upon  
32 economic hardship, technical limitations that the prescriber,  
33 medical group, institution, or pharmacy cannot control, or  
34 other exceptional circumstances. The board shall adopt rules  
35 establishing the form and specific information to be included

1 in a request for an exemption and the specific criteria to be  
2 considered by the board in determining whether to approve a  
3 request for an exemption. The board may approve an exemption  
4 for a period of time determined by the board, not to exceed one  
5 year from the date of approval, and may be annually renewed  
6 subject to board approval upon request.

7 Sec. 11. Section 155A.29, subsection 4, Code 2018, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 4. An authorization to refill a prescription drug order ~~may~~  
10 shall be transmitted to a ~~pharmacist~~ pharmacy by a prescriber  
11 or the prescriber's authorized agent ~~through word of mouth,~~  
12 ~~note, telephone, facsimile, or other means of communication~~  
13 ~~initiated by or directed by the practitioner. The transmission~~  
14 ~~shall include the information required pursuant to section~~  
15 155A.27, except that prescription drug orders for controlled  
16 substances shall be transmitted pursuant to section 124.308,  
17 and, if not transmitted directly by the practitioner,  
18 shall ~~identify by~~ also include the name and title of the  
19 practitioner's agent completing the transmission.

20 DIVISION III

21 PRESCRIBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

22 Sec. 12. Section 124.553, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
23 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. A prescribing practitioner for the  
25 issuance of a required report pursuant to section 124.554,  
26 subsection 3.

27 Sec. 13. Section 124.554, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
28 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

29 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. The issuance annually of a prescribing  
30 practitioner activity report compiled from information from the  
31 program pursuant to subsection 3.

32 Sec. 14. Section 124.554, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
33 the following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. a. Beginning February 1, 2019,  
35 and annually by February 1 thereafter, the board shall

1 electronically, and at as low a cost as possible, issue each  
2 prescribing practitioner who prescribed a controlled substance  
3 reported to the program as dispensed in the preceding calendar  
4 year in this state a prescribing practitioner activity report  
5 which shall include but not be limited to the following:

6 (2) A summary of the prescribing practitioner's history of  
7 prescribing controlled substances.

8 (3) A comparison of the prescribing practitioner's history  
9 of prescribing controlled substances with the history of other  
10 prescribing practitioners of the same profession or specialty.

11 (4) The prescribing practitioner's history of program use.

12 (5) General patient risk factors.

13 (6) Educational updates.

14 (7) Other pertinent information identified by the board and  
15 advisory council by rule.

16 *b.* Information provided to a prescribing practitioner in a  
17 report required under this subsection is privileged and shall  
18 be kept confidential pursuant to section 124.553, subsection 3.

19 Sec. 15. Section 124.556, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 **124.556 Education and treatment.**

22 The program ~~for drug prescribing and dispensing~~ shall  
23 include education initiatives and outreach to consumers,  
24 prescribing practitioners, and pharmacists, and shall also  
25 include assistance for identifying substance abuse treatment  
26 programs and providers. The program shall also include  
27 educational updates and information on general patient risk  
28 factors for prescribing practitioners. The board and advisory  
29 council shall adopt rules, as provided under [section 124.554](#),  
30 to implement [this section](#).

31 DIVISION IV

32 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

33 Sec. 16. Section 124.550, Code 2018, is amended by adding  
34 the following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. "*Proactive notification*" means

1 a notification by the board, generated based on factors  
2 determined by the board and issued to a specific prescribing  
3 practitioner or pharmacist, indicating that a patient may  
4 be practitioner shopping or pharmacy shopping or at risk of  
5 abusing or misusing a controlled substance.

6 Sec. 17. Section 124.553, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
7 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* A prescribing practitioner or pharmacist  
9 through the use of a targeted distribution of proactive  
10 notifications.

11 Sec. 18. Section 124.553, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2018,  
12 are amended to read as follows:

13 2. The board shall maintain a record of each person that  
14 requests information from the program and of all proactive  
15 notifications distributed to prescribing practitioners and  
16 dispensing pharmacists as provided in subsection 1, paragraph  
17 "g". Pursuant to rules adopted by the board ~~and advisory~~  
18 ~~council~~ under [section 124.554](#), the board may use the records  
19 to document and report statistical information, and may  
20 provide program information for statistical, public research,  
21 public policy, or educational purposes, after removing  
22 personal identifying information of a patient, prescribing  
23 practitioner, dispenser, or other person who is identified in  
24 the information.

25 3. Information contained in the program and any information  
26 obtained from it, and information contained in the records  
27 of requests for information from the program and information  
28 distributed to prescribing practitioners and dispensing  
29 pharmacists as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "g",  
30 is privileged and strictly confidential information. Such  
31 information is a confidential public record pursuant to section  
32 22.7, and is not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other  
33 means of legal compulsion for release except as provided in  
34 this subchapter. Information from the program shall not be  
35 released, shared with an agency or institution, or made public



1 except as provided in [this subchapter](#).

2 Sec. 19. Section 124.554, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
3 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* The establishment of thresholds or other  
5 criteria or measures to be used in identifying an at-risk  
6 patient as provided in section 124.553, subsection 1, paragraph  
7 "*g*", and the targeted distribution of proactive notifications  
8 suggesting review of the patient's prescription history.

9 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. **147.162 Rules and directives relating**  
10 **to opioids.**

11 1. Any board created under this chapter that licenses a  
12 prescribing practitioner shall adopt rules under chapter 17A  
13 establishing penalties for prescribing practitioners that  
14 prescribe opioids in dosage amounts exceeding what would be  
15 prescribed by a reasonably prudent prescribing practitioner  
16 engaged in the same practice.

17 2. For the purposes of this section, "*prescribing*  
18 *practitioner*" means a licensed health care professional with the  
19 authority to prescribe prescription drugs including opioids.

20 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. **272C.2C Continuing education minimum**  
21 **requirements — medicine and surgery and osteopathic medicine and**  
22 **surgery, nursing, and dentistry.**

23 The board of medicine, board of nursing, and board  
24 of dentistry shall establish rules requiring a person  
25 licensed pursuant to section 148.3 or 152.6, or chapter 153,  
26 respectively, to receive continuing education credits regarding  
27 the United States centers for disease control and prevention  
28 guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain, including  
29 recommendations on limitations on dosages and the length  
30 of prescriptions, risk factors for abuse, and nonopioid and  
31 nonpharmacologic therapy options, as a condition of license  
32 renewal.

33 DIVISION V  
34 REGISTRATION

35 Sec. 22. Section 124.302, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2018,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 1. Every person who manufactures, distributes, or dispenses  
3 any controlled substance ~~within~~ in this state or who proposes  
4 to engage in the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing  
5 of any controlled substance within this state, shall obtain  
6 and maintain a ~~biennial~~ registration issued by the board in  
7 accordance with its rules.

8 4. A separate registration is required for each principal  
9 place of business or professional practice where the applicant  
10 manufactures, distributes, ~~or~~ dispenses, or conducts research  
11 with controlled substances.

12 Sec. 23. Section 124.304, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 1. The board may suspend, revoke, or restrict a registration  
15 under section 124.303 to manufacture, distribute, or dispense  
16 a controlled substance, or otherwise discipline a registrant,  
17 upon a finding that any of the following apply to the  
18 registrant:

19 a. The registrant has furnished false or fraudulent material  
20 information in any application filed under this chapter or  
21 any other chapter which applies to the registrant or the  
22 registrant's practice.

23 b. The registrant has had the registrant's federal  
24 registration to manufacture, distribute, ~~or~~ dispense, or  
25 conduct research with controlled substances suspended, revoked,  
26 or restricted.

27 c. The registrant has been convicted of a public offense  
28 under any state or federal law relating to any controlled  
29 substance. For the purpose of this section only, a conviction  
30 shall include a plea of guilty, a forfeiture of bail or  
31 collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in  
32 court which forfeiture has not been vacated, or a finding  
33 of guilt in a criminal action even though the entry of the  
34 judgment or sentence has been withheld and the individual  
35 placed on probation.

1     *d.* The registrant has committed such acts as would  
2 render the registrant's registration under [section 124.303](#)  
3 inconsistent with the public interest as determined under that  
4 section.

5     *e.* If the registrant is a licensed health care professional,  
6 the registrant has had the registrant's professional license  
7 revoked or suspended or has been otherwise disciplined in a  
8 way that restricts the registrant's authority to handle or  
9 prescribe controlled substances.

10     Sec. 24. Section 124.304, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code  
11 2018, are amended to read as follows:

12     2. The board may limit revocation, ~~or~~ suspension, or  
13 restriction of a registration or discipline of a registrant  
14 to the particular controlled substance with respect to  
15 which grounds for revocation, ~~or~~ suspension, restriction, or  
16 discipline exist.

17     3. If the board suspends, ~~or~~ revokes, or restricts a  
18 registration, or otherwise disciplines a registrant, all  
19 controlled substances owned or possessed by the registrant  
20 at the time of the suspension, revocation, restriction,  
21 or discipline, or at the time of the effective date of the  
22 ~~revocation order~~, may be placed under seal. No disposition  
23 may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking  
24 an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded  
25 unless a court, upon application, orders the sale of perishable  
26 substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the  
27 court. Upon ~~a revocation~~ an order becoming final, all such  
28 controlled substances may be forfeited to the state.

29     4. The board shall promptly notify the bureau and  
30 the department of all orders suspending, ~~or~~ revoking, or  
31 restricting a registration and all forfeitures of controlled  
32 substances, or otherwise disciplining a registrant.

33     Sec. 25. Section 124.305, Code 2018, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35     **124.305 ~~Order to show cause~~ Contested case proceedings.**

1 1. ~~Before denying, Prior to suspending, restricting, or~~  
2 ~~revoking a registration, or refusing a renewal of registration,~~  
3 ~~or otherwise disciplining a registrant, the board shall serve~~  
4 ~~upon the applicant or registrant an order to show cause why~~  
5 ~~registration should not be denied, revoked, or suspended, or~~  
6 ~~why the renewal should not be refused. The order to show~~  
7 ~~cause shall contain a statement of the basis therefor and~~  
8 ~~shall call upon the applicant or registrant to appear before~~  
9 ~~the board at a time and place not less than thirty days after~~  
10 ~~the date of service of the order, but in the case of a denial~~  
11 ~~or renewal of registration the show cause order shall be~~  
12 ~~served not later than thirty days before the expiration of~~  
13 ~~the registration a notice in accordance with section 17A.12,~~  
14 ~~subsection 1. The proceedings shall comply with the contested~~  
15 ~~case procedures in accordance with chapter 17A. These The~~  
16 ~~proceedings shall also be conducted without regard to any~~  
17 ~~criminal prosecution or other proceeding. Proceedings to~~  
18 ~~refuse renewal of registration shall not abate the existing~~  
19 ~~registration which shall remain in effect pending the outcome~~  
20 ~~of the administrative hearing.~~

21 2. The board, ~~without an order to show cause,~~ may suspend  
22 any registration while simultaneously with the institution  
23 of proceedings under section 124.304, or where renewal of  
24 registration is refused, pursuing emergency adjudicative  
25 proceedings in accordance with section 17A.18A, if it finds  
26 that there is an imminent danger to the public health or  
27 safety which warrants this action. The suspension shall  
28 continue in effect until the conclusion of the proceedings,  
29 including judicial review thereof, under the provisions of  
30 the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A, unless  
31 sooner withdrawn by the board or dissolved by the order of the  
32 district court or an appellate court.

33 DIVISION VI

34 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES — PRECURSOR SUBSTANCES

35 Sec. 26. Section 124.204, subsection 9, Code 2018, is

1 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. *t.* Methyl 2-(1-(5-fluoropentyl)-  
3 1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate, its optical,  
4 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers.  
5 Other names: 5F-ADB; 5F-MDMB-PINACA.

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *u.* Methyl 2-(1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-  
7 indazole-3-carboxamido)-3-methylbutanoate, its optical,  
8 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers.  
9 Other name: 5F-AMB.

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. *v.* N-(adamantan-1-yl)-1-(5-  
11 fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, its optical,  
12 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers.  
13 Other names: 5F-APINACA, 5F-AKB48.

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. *w.* N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-  
15 oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide,  
16 its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and  
17 salts of isomers. Other name: ADB-FUBINACA.

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. *x.* Methyl 2-(1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-  
19 indole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate, its optical,  
20 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers.  
21 Other names: MDMB-CHMICA, MMB-CHMINACA.

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. *y.* Methyl 2-(1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-  
23 indazole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate, its optical,  
24 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of  
25 isomers. Other name: MDMB-FUBINACA.

26 NEW PARAGRAPH. *z.* N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(1-  
27 phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)isobutyramide, its isomers, esters,  
28 ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other  
29 names: 4-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl, para-fluoroisobutyryl  
30 fentanyl.

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. *aa.* N-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-(1-  
32 phenethylpiperidin-4-yl) propionamide. Other names: ortho-  
33 fluorofentanyl or 2-fluorofentanyl.

34 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ab.* N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-  
35 phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide. Other name:

1 tetrahydrofuranlyl fentanyl.

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ac.* 2-methoxy-N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-  
3 yl)-N-phenylacetamide. Other name: methoxyacetyl fentanyl.

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ad.* N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-  
5 phenylacrylamide. Other names: acryl fentanyl or  
6 acryloylfentanyl.

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ae.* Methyl 2-(1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-  
8 indazole-3-carboxamido)-3-methylbutanoate, its optical,  
9 positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers.  
10 Other names: FUB-AMB, MMB-FUBINACA, AMB-FUBINACA.

11 Sec. 27. Section 124.206, subsection 7, Code 2018, is  
12 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* Dronabinol [(-)-delta-9-trans-  
14 tetrahydrocannabinol] in an oral solution in a drug product  
15 approved for marketing by the United States food and drug  
16 administration.

17 Sec. 28. Section 124B.2, subsection 1, Code 2018, is amended  
18 by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ab.* Alpha-phenylacetoacetonitrile and its  
20 salts, optical isomers, and salts of optical isomers. Other  
21 name: APAAN.

22 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being  
23 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 DIVISION VII

25 GOOD SAMARITAN IMMUNITY

26 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 124.418 **Persons seeking medical**  
27 **assistance for drug-related overdose.**

28 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
29 requires:

30 *a.* "Drug-related overdose" means a condition of a person for  
31 which each of the following is true:

32 (1) The person is in need of medical assistance.

33 (2) The person displays symptoms including but not limited  
34 to extreme physical illness, pinpoint pupils, decreased level  
35 of consciousness including coma, or respiratory depression.

1 (3) The person's condition is the result of, or a prudent  
2 layperson would reasonably believe such condition to be the  
3 result of, the consumption or use of a controlled substance.

4 *b. "Overdose patient"* means a person who is, or would  
5 reasonably be perceived to be, suffering a drug-related  
6 overdose and who has not previously received immunity under  
7 this section.

8 *c. "Overdose reporter"* means a person who seeks medical  
9 assistance for an overdose patient and who has not previously  
10 received immunity under this section.

11 *d. "Protected information"* means information or evidence  
12 collected or derived as a result of any of the following:

13 (1) An overdose patient's good-faith actions to seek  
14 medical assistance while experiencing a drug-related overdose.

15 (2) An overdose reporter's good-faith actions to seek  
16 medical assistance for an overdose patient experiencing a  
17 drug-related overdose if all of the following are true:

18 (a) The overdose patient is in need of medical assistance  
19 for an immediate health or safety concern.

20 (b) The overdose reporter is the first person to seek  
21 medical assistance for the overdose patient.

22 (c) The overdose reporter provides the overdose reporter's  
23 name and contact information to medical or law enforcement  
24 personnel.

25 (d) The overdose reporter remains on the scene until  
26 assistance arrives or is provided.

27 (e) The overdose reporter cooperates with medical and law  
28 enforcement personnel.

29 (f) Medical assistance was not sought during the execution  
30 of an arrest warrant, search warrant, or other lawful search.

31 2. Protected information shall not be considered to support  
32 probable cause and shall not be admissible as evidence against  
33 an overdose patient or overdose reporter for any of the  
34 following offenses:

35 *a.* Delivery of a controlled substance under section 124.401,

1 subsection 1, if such delivery involved the sharing of the  
2 controlled substance without profit.

3     *b.* Possession of a controlled substance under section  
4 124.401, subsection 5.

5     *c.* Violation of section 124.407.

6     *d.* Violation of section 124.414.

7     3. A person's pretrial release, probation, supervised  
8 release, or parole shall not be revoked based on protected  
9 information.

10     4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
11 contrary, a court may consider the act of providing first aid  
12 or other medical assistance to someone who is experiencing a  
13 drug-related overdose as a mitigating factor in a criminal  
14 prosecution.

15     5. Nothing in this section shall do any of the following:

16     *a.* Preclude or prevent an investigation by law enforcement  
17 of the drug-related overdose where medical assistance was  
18 provided.

19     *b.* Be construed to limit or bar the use or admissibility  
20 of any evidence or information obtained in connection with the  
21 investigation of the drug-related overdose in the investigation  
22 or prosecution of other crimes or violations which do not  
23 qualify for immunity under this section and which are committed  
24 by any person, including the overdose patient or overdose  
25 reporter.

26     *c.* Preclude the investigation or prosecution of any person  
27 on the basis of evidence obtained from sources other than the  
28 specific drug-related overdose where medical assistance was  
29 provided.