



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5771

January Session, 2015



AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE DRUGS IN NINETY-DAY QUANTITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-616 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (d) A pharmacist may exercise his or her professional
4 judgment in refilling a prescription once for a quantity of a drug that is
5 not a controlled drug, as defined in section 21a-240, not exceeding a
6 ninety-day supply, without the authorization of the prescribing
7 practitioner, provided (1) failure to refill the prescription might result
8 in an interruption of a therapeutic regimen or create patient suffering,
9 and (2) the pharmacist informs the patient or the patient's
10 representative at the time of dispensing that the refill is being provided
11 without such authorization and informs the practitioner at the earliest
12 reasonable time that authorization of the practitioner is required for
13 future refills.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	20-616
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, "once for a quantity of a drug", "not exceeding a ninety-day supply," and "the patient's" was added and "for", "of the patient" and the last sentence was deleted for clarity.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*