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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5155**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF OPIOID DRUGS, CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), by December 1, 2022, and in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), to do the following:

1. develop and distribute documents on the safe storage and disposal of opioid drugs, cannabis, and cannabis products and
2. develop similar short statements for publication on opioid prescription packaging and consumer cannabis and cannabis product receipts.

Additionally, starting January 1, 2023, the bill requires (1) pharmacists to include DCP's short statement on opioid prescription drug packaging and (2) the DCP commissioner to issue policies and procedures requiring cannabis retailers, excluding dispensaries, and hybrid retailers (i.e., retailers licensed to buy and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products) to do the same on consumer receipts. The statements must be placed in a conspicuous location and displayed in all capital letters in at least twelve-point boldface type.

Lastly, the bill requires pharmacists and cannabis retailers and hybrid retailers, by January 1, 2023, to post a sign in a conspicuous place on their premises, notifying consumers that they may visit DCP's website for information concerning the department's respective safe storage and disposal documents. The signs must be at least eight inches by ten inches in size.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

## **DCP'S SAFE STORAGE DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS**

### ***Safe Storage and Disposal Documents***

By December 1, 2022, the bill requires DCP to develop, in consultation with DMHAS, documents concerning consumers' safe storage and disposal of opioid drugs, cannabis, and cannabis products that include information on:

1. best practices for (a) safely storing these drugs and products in a manner that makes them inaccessible to children and (b) disposing of the unused and expired ones and
2. the risk of illness and death associated with children's ingestion of these drugs and products.

The bill requires the DCP commissioner to post the documents on the DCP website by December 15, 2022.

### ***Short Statements for Publication***

Also by December 1, 2022, the bill requires DCP, in consultation with DMHAS, to develop short statements for publication on consumer (1) packaging for opioid drug prescriptions and (2) receipts for cannabis and cannabis products.

Under the bill, each statement must:

1. alert consumers of the need to safely store and dispose of opioid drugs or cannabis and cannabis products, and the risk of illness and death associated with their ingestion by children; and
2. provide DCP's website address, where the safe storage and disposal document described above is located.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13    Nay 0    (03/15/2022)