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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to automated pharmacy systems; amending s. 465.003, F.S.; defining the term "automated pharmacy system" for purposes of the Florida Pharmacy Act; creating s. 465.0235, F.S.; authorizing a pharmacy to provide services to a long-term care facility licensed under ch. 400, F.S., or a state correctional institution operated under ch. 944, F.S., through an automated pharmacy system; providing that drugs dispensed from an automated pharmacy system are considered to have been dispensed by the pharmacy that services a long-term care facility or correctional institution; requiring that the operation of an automated pharmacy system be under the supervision of a pharmacist; requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section 465.003, Florida Statutes, to read:

465.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:
(17) "Automated pharmacy system" means a mechanical system that dispenses prescription drugs and maintains related transaction information.

Section 2. Section 465.0235, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

465.0235 Automated pharmacy systems used by long-term care facilities or state correctional institutions.--

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29 (1) A pharmacy may provide pharmacy services to a long-
 30 term care facility licensed under chapter 400 or a state
 31 correctional institution operated under chapter 944 through the
 32 use of an automated pharmacy system that need not be located at
 33 the same location as the pharmacy.

34 (2) Medicinal drugs stored in bulk or unit of use in an
 35 automated pharmacy system servicing a long-term care facility or
 36 correctional institution are part of the inventory of the
 37 pharmacy providing pharmacy services to that facility or
 38 institution, and drugs dispensed from the automated pharmacy
 39 system are considered to have been dispensed by that pharmacy.

40 (3) The operation of an automated pharmacy system must be
 41 under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. To qualify as a
 42 supervisor for an automated pharmacy system, the pharmacist need
 43 not be physically present at the site of the automated pharmacy
 44 system and may supervise the system electronically.

45 (4) The board shall adopt rules governing the use of an
 46 automated pharmacy system by January 1, 2005, which must
 47 specify:

48 (a) Recordkeeping requirements;

49 (b) Security requirements; and

50 (c) Labeling requirements that permit the use of unit-dose
 51 medications if the facility or institution maintains medication-
 52 administration records that include directions for use of the
 53 medication and the automated pharmacy system identifies:

54 1. The dispensing pharmacy;

55 2. The prescription number;

56 3. The name of the patient; and

57 4. The name of the prescribing practitioner.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.