

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and
Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to automated pharmacy systems;
3 amending s. 465.003, F.S.; defining the term
4 "automated pharmacy system" for purposes of the
5 Florida Pharmacy Act; creating s. 465.0235,
6 F.S.; authorizing a pharmacy to provide
7 services to a long-term care facility or
8 hospice licensed under ch. 400, F.S., or a
9 state correctional institution operated under
10 ch. 944, F.S., through an automated pharmacy
11 system; providing that drugs dispensed from an
12 automated pharmacy system are considered to
13 have been dispensed by the pharmacy that
14 services a long-term care facility, hospice, or
15 correctional institution; requiring that the
16 operation of an automated pharmacy system be
17 under the supervision of a pharmacist;
18 requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules;
19 providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section
24 465.003, Florida Statutes, to read:
25 465.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
26 term:

27 (17) "Automated pharmacy system" means a mechanical
28 system that dispenses prescription drugs and maintains related
29 transaction information.

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

1 465.0235 Automated pharmacy systems used by long-term
2 care facilities or state correctional institutions.--

3 (1) A pharmacy may provide pharmacy services to a
4 long-term care facility or hospice licensed under chapter 400
5 or a state correctional institution operated under chapter 944
6 through the use of an automated pharmacy system that need not
7 be located at the same location as the pharmacy.

8 (2) Medicinal drugs stored in bulk or unit of use in
9 an automated pharmacy system servicing a long-term care
10 facility, hospice, or correctional institution are part of the
11 inventory of the pharmacy providing pharmacy services to that
12 facility or institution, and drugs dispensed from the
13 automated pharmacy system are considered to have been
14 dispensed by that pharmacy.

15 (3) The operation of an automated pharmacy system must
16 be under the supervision of a pharmacist. To qualify as a
17 supervisor for an automated pharmacy system, the pharmacist
18 need not be physically present at the site of the automated
19 pharmacy system and may supervise the system electronically.

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

23 (a) Recordkeeping requirements;

24 (b) Security requirements; and

25 (c) Labeling requirements that permit the use of
26 unit-dose medications if the facility or institution maintains
27 medication-administration records that include directions for
28 use of the medication and the automated pharmacy system
29 identifies:

30 1. The dispensing pharmacy;

31 2. The prescription number;

1 3. The name of the patient; and

2 4. The name of the prescribing practitioner.

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

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 Senate Bill 1294

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9 The Committee Substitute adds hospices to the entities in
10 which a pharmacy may provide pharmacy services through the use
11 of an automated pharmacy system.

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