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An act relating to the dispensing of drugs; creating s. 765.5225, F.S.; prohibiting a pharmacist from dispensing an immunosuppressive drug following an organ transplant which is not the specific formulation or manufactured by the specific manufacturer as prescribed by the practitioner; authorizing a pharmacist to substitute a drug product that is generically equivalent to the prescribed drug only upon obtaining written or oral authorization from the prescribing practitioner; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 765.5225, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

765.5225 Preservation of donated organs.--

- (1) In order to promote the maintenance of donated organs, a pharmacist may not dispense a drug for immunosuppressive therapy following transplant which is not the specific formulation or which is not manufactured by the specific manufacturer as prescribed by the prescribing practitioner.
- (2) A pharmacist may substitute a drug product that is generically equivalent to the drug prescribed for immunosuppressive therapy following transplant only if, before making the substitution, the pharmacist obtains written or oral authorization from the prescribing practitioner.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.