

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to dispensing of controlled substances;  
 3           amending s. 465.0276, F.S.; prohibiting registered  
 4           dispensing practitioners from dispensing more than a  
 5           specified amount of certain controlled substances;  
 6           providing an exception; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 465.0276, Florida  
 11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           465.0276 Dispensing practitioner.--

13           (1) (a) A person may not dispense medicinal drugs unless  
 14   licensed as a pharmacist or otherwise authorized under this  
 15   chapter to do so, except that a practitioner authorized by law  
 16   to prescribe drugs may dispense such drugs to her or his  
 17   patients in the regular course of her or his practice in  
 18   compliance with this section.

19           (b) A practitioner registered under this section may not  
 20   dispense more than a 72-hour supply of a controlled substance  
 21   listed in Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV as provided  
 22   in s. 893.03. This paragraph does not apply to controlled  
 23   substances dispensed in the health care system of the Department  
 24   of Corrections.

25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.