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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
02/26/2016	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 341 and 342

insert:

Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 384.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

384.23 Definitions.—

(3) "Sexually transmissible disease" means a bacterial, viral, fungal, or parasitic disease, determined by rule of the department to be sexually transmissible, to be a threat to the



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11 public health and welfare, and to be a disease for which a
12 legitimate public interest will be served by providing for
13 prevention, elimination, control, regulation and treatment. The
14 department must, by rule, determine ~~In considering~~ which
15 diseases are to be designated as sexually transmissible
16 diseases, ~~the department shall consider such diseases as~~
17 ~~chaneroid, gonorrhoea, granuloma inguinale, lymphogranuloma~~
18 ~~venereum, genital herpes simplex, chlamydia, nongonococcal~~
19 ~~urethritis (NGU), pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)/acute~~
20 ~~salpingitis, syphilis, and human immune deficiency virus~~
21 ~~infection for designation,~~ and shall consider the
22 recommendations and classifications of the Centers for Disease
23 Control and Prevention ~~centers for disease control~~ and other
24 nationally recognized medical authorities in making that
25 determination. Not all diseases that are sexually transmissible
26 need be designated for the purposes of this act.

27 Section 6. Subsection (7) is added to section 384.27,
28 Florida Statutes, to read:

29 384.27 Physical examination and treatment.-

30 (7) (a) A health care practitioner licensed under chapter
31 458 or chapter 459 or certified under s. 464.012 may provide
32 expedited partner therapy if the following requirements are met:

33 1. The patient has a laboratory-confirmed or suspected
34 clinical diagnosis of a sexually transmissible disease;

35 2. The patient indicates that he or she has a partner with
36 whom the patient has engaged in sexual activity before the
37 diagnosis of the sexually transmissible disease; and

38 3. The patient indicates that his or her partner is unable
39 or unlikely to seek clinical services in a timely manner.



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40 (b) A pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 may dispense
41 medication for a person diagnosed with a sexually transmissible
42 disease pursuant to a prescription to treat that person's
43 partner, regardless of whether the person's partner has been
44 personally examined by the prescribing health care practitioner.

45 (c) A pharmacist or health care practitioner must check for
46 potential allergic reactions, in accordance with the prevailing
47 professional standard of care, before dispensing a prescription
48 or providing a medication.

49 (d) The department may adopt rules to implement this
50 subsection.

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52 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete line 21

55 and insert:

56 reporting requirements; amending s. 384.23, F.S.;

57 requiring the department to designate by rule sexually

58 transmissible diseases; deleting references to

59 specific diseases that may be considered sexually

60 transmissible diseases; amending s. 348.27, F.S.;

61 authorizing certain health care practitioners to

62 provide expedited partner therapy under certain

63 circumstances; authorizing licensed pharmacists to

64 dispense medication to a person diagnosed with a

65 sexually transmissible disease under a prescription

66 written for his or her partner, regardless of whether

67 the person for whom the prescription was written has

68 been physically examined by the prescribing



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69 practitioner; requiring that a pharmacist or a health
70 care practitioner check for allergies before
71 dispensing a prescription or providing medication;
72 authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s.
73 401.27, F.S.;