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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to dispensing medicinal drugs;
3 amending s. 465.019, F.S.; authorizing individuals
4 licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a
5 48-hour supply, rather than a 24-hour supply, of such
6 drugs to any patient, including a discharged patient,
7 under certain circumstances; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 465.019, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 465.019 Institutional pharmacies; permits.-

15 (4) Medicinal drugs shall be dispensed in an institutional
16 pharmacy to outpatients only when that institution has secured a
17 community pharmacy permit from the department. However, an
18 individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs in this state
19 may dispense up to a 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ supply of a medicinal drug
20 to any patient of, or patient discharged from, an emergency
21 department of a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III
22 institutional pharmacy, provided that the physician treating the
23 patient in such hospital's emergency department or the
24 discharged patient determines that the medicinal drug is
25 warranted and that community pharmacy services are not readily
26 accessible, geographically or otherwise, to the patient. Such
27 dispensing from the emergency department to any patient,
28 including a discharged patient, must be in accordance with the
29 procedures of the hospital. For any such patient for whom a

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30 medicinal drug is warranted for a period to exceed 48 ~~24~~ hours,
31 an individual licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a
32 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ supply of such drug to the patient and must
33 provide the patient with a prescription for such drug for use
34 after the initial 48-hour ~~24-hour~~ period. The board may adopt
35 rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.