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LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House

The Committee on Appropriations (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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and insert:

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However, an individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs in this state may be dispensed by dispense up to a 24-hour supply of a medicinal drug to any patient of an emergency department of a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy to a patient of the hospital's emergency department or a hospital inpatient upon discharge if a prescriber, as defined



11 in s. 465.025(1), provided that the physician treating the 12 patient in such hospital hospital's emergency department 13 determines that the medicinal drug is warranted and that 14 community pharmacy services are not readily accessible, geographically or otherwise, to the patient. Such prescribing 15 16 and dispensing from the emergency department must be in 17 accordance with the procedures of the hospital must be for a supply of the drug that will last for the greater of the 18 19 following:

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- 2. Through the end of the next business day.
- (b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a) 1., if a state of emergency has been declared and is in effect for an area of the state pursuant to s. 252.36, a supply of a medicinal drug that will last up to 72 hours may be prescribed and dispensed under paragraph (a) in that area For any such patient for whom a medicinal drug is warranted for a period to exceed 24 hours, an individual licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a 24hour supply of such drug to the patient and must provide the patient with a prescription for such drug for use after the initial 24-hour period.
- (c) A prescriber as defined in s. 465.025(1) who prescribes medicinal drugs under this subsection may provide the patient with a prescription for such drug for use beyond the initial prescription period if the prescriber determines that such use is warranted.
 - (d) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement carry

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And the title is amended as follows: Delete lines 3 - 11

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amending s. 465.019, F.S.; authorizing certain hospitals to dispense supplies of prescribed medicinal drugs in a specified amount to emergency department patients or inpatients upon discharge under certain circumstances; authorizing a greater specified supply of medicinal drugs to be prescribed and dispensed in areas in which a state of emergency has been declared and is in effect; authorizing a prescriber to provide a patient with a prescription for medicinal drugs beyond the initial prescription period under certain circumstances; providing an