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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 15, 2018

**H. 4492**

Introduced by Reps. Spires and Jefferson

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Read the first time January 9, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL,**

**MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4492) to amend Section 44‑53‑360, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to prescriptions, so as to change dosage limitations for certain prescribed controlled substances, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 44‑53‑360(e) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(e) Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedule II with the exception of transdermal patches, must not exceed one hundred twenty tablets or capsules, or four hundred eighty milliliters of an opiate containing liquid to be dispensed for a thirty‑one day supply. Prescriptions for Schedule II substances must be dispensed within ninety days of the date of issue, after which time they are void. Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules III through V, inclusive, must not exceed a ninety‑day supply.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LEON HOWARD for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Prefiled on December 13, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

This bill makes changes to the maximum dosage allowed for Schedule II prescription drugs. This requirement does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory activities of DHEC. Hence, new requirements will be enforced by existing department staff. This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑360, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE DOSAGE LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44‑53‑360(e) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(e) Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedule II with the exception of transdermal patches, must not exceed ~~a thirty‑one day supply~~ one hundred twenty tablets or capsules, or four hundred eighty milliliters of an opiate containing liquid. Prescriptions for Schedule II substances must be dispensed within ninety days of the date of issue, after which time they are void. Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules III through V, inclusive, must not exceed a ninety‑day supply.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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