COMMITTEE REPORT

March 1, 2018

**S. 506**

Introduced by Senator Shealy

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**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 506) to amend Section 40-43-170(a) of the 1976 Code, relating to a State of Emergency, prerequisites to Emergency Refills, and the dispensing of medications, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-170(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY, PREREQUISITES TO EMERGENCY REFILLS, AND THE DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACISTS NOT LICENSED IN THIS STATE, TO ALLOW FOR A ONE-TIME, THIRTY-DAY EMERGENCY REFILL DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40-43-170(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40-43-170. (A) When the Governor issues a ‘State of Emergency’:

(1) A pharmacist may work in the affected county and may dispense a one‑time emergency refill of up to a ~~fifteen-day~~ thirty‑day supply of a prescribed medication if:

(a) the pharmacist has all prescription information necessary in order to accurately refill the prescription and;

(b) in the pharmacist’s professional opinion the medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy and;

(c) the pharmacist reduces the information to a written prescription marked ‘Emergency Refill’, files the prescription as required by law and notifies the prescribing physician within fifteen days of the emergency refill and;

(d) the prescription is not for a controlled substance.”

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

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