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**Bill Number:** S. 0016 Amended by the House of Representatives on May 7, 2019

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Subject: Emergency Prescription Refills

Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

RFA Analyst(s): A. Martin Impact Date: June 17, 2019

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill increases the amount of medication that a pharmacist may dispense as part of an emergency refill and adds labeling requirements for the medication packaging. This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency or the Board of Pharmacy.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

## Amended by the House of Representatives on May 7, 2019 State Expenditure

This bill increases the amount of prescription medication that a pharmacist may dispense as part of an emergency refill to a maximum of a 14 day supply. Under current law, a pharmacist may dispense an emergency refill for up to a 10 day supply of the prescribed medication. In addition, the bill requires that the pharmacist label the medication package as an emergency refill. Pharmacists are licensed and monitored by the Board of Pharmacy, which is under the regulation of LLR. LLR indicates that this bill does not create additional responsibilities for the board. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

#### **Local Expenditure and Revenue**

N/A

### Amended by Senate Medical Affairs on January 24, 2019 State Expenditure

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