HOUSE BILL No. 4271

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A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled

"Public health code,"

by amending section 7333 (MCL 333.7333), as amended by 2001 PA 231.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 7333. (1) As used in this section, "good faith" means the prescribing or dispensing of a controlled substance by a practitioner licensed under section 7303 in the regular course of professional treatment to or for an individual who is under treatment by the practitioner for a pathology or condition other than that individual's physical or psychological dependence upon or addiction to a controlled substance, except as provided in this article. Application of good faith to a pharmacist means the dispensing of a controlled substance pursuant to a prescriber's order which, in the professional judgment of the

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pharmacist, is lawful. The pharmacist shall be guided by nationally accepted professional standards including, but not limited to, all of the following, in making the judgment:

(a) Lack of consistency in the doctor-patient relationship.

(b) Frequency of prescriptions for the same drug by 1 prescriber for larger numbers of patients.

(c) Quantities beyond those normally prescribed for the same drug.

(d) Unusual dosages.

(e) Unusual geographic distances between patient, pharmacist, and prescriber.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a practitioner, in good faith, may dispense a controlled substance included in schedule 2 upon receipt of a prescription of a practitioner licensed under section 7303 on a prescription form. A practitioner shall not issue more than 1 prescription for a controlled substance included in schedule 2 on a single prescription form.

(3) In an emergency situation, as described in R 338.3165 of the Michigan administrative code, a controlled substance included in schedule 2 may be dispensed upon the oral prescription of a practitioner if, the prescribing practitioner promptly fills out a prescription form and forwards the prescription form to the dispensing pharmacy within 7 days after the oral prescription is issued. Except for a terminally ill patient whose terminal illness the pharmacist documents pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator, a prescription for a controlled substance

included in schedule 2 shall not be filled more than 60 days after the date on which the prescription was issued. A prescription for a controlled substance included in schedule 2 for a terminally ill patient whose terminal illness the pharmacist documents pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator may be partially filled in increments for not more than 60 days after the date on which the prescription was issued.

(4) A practitioner, in good faith, may dispense a controlled substance included in schedule 3, 4, or 5 that is a prescription drug as determined under section 503(b) of the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act, chapter 675, 52 Stat. 1051, 21 U.S.C. 353, or section 17708, upon receipt of a prescription on a prescription form or an oral prescription of a practitioner. A prescription for a controlled substance included in schedule 3 or 4 shall not be filled or refilled without specific refill instructions noted by the prescriber. A prescription for a controlled substance included in schedule 3 or 4 shall not be filled or refilled later than 6 months after the date of the prescription or be refilled more than 5 times, unless renewed by the prescriber in accordance with rules promulgated by the administrator.

(5) A controlled substance included in schedule 5 shall not be distributed or dispensed other than for a medical purpose, or in any manner except in accordance with rules promulgated by the administrator.

(6) If a prescription is required under this section, the

prescription shall contain the quantity of the controlled substance prescribed in both written and numerical terms. ~~A~~ **Except as otherwise provided, a** prescription is in compliance with this subsection if, in addition to containing the quantity of the controlled substance prescribed in written terms, it contains preprinted numbers representative of the quantity of the controlled substance prescribed next to which is a box or line the prescriber may check. **If a written prescription for a controlled substance is required under this section, the prescription shall be written on a prescription form that is produced on paper that minimizes the potential for forgery and includes, at least, a void pantograph that appears when the prescription form is photocopied. This subsection does not prevent a prescribing practitioner from issuing other written prescriptions on this forgery-resistant paper.**

(7) A prescribing practitioner shall not use a prescription form for a purpose other than prescribing. A prescribing practitioner shall not postdate a prescription form that contains a prescription for a controlled substance. A prescriber may transmit a prescription by facsimile of a printed prescription form and by electronic transmission of a printed prescription form, if not prohibited by federal law. If, with the patient's consent, a prescription is electronically transmitted, it shall be transmitted directly to a pharmacy of the patient's choice by the prescriber or the prescriber's authorized agent, and the data shall not be altered, modified, or extracted in the transmission process.

(8) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (5), a dog pound or animal shelter licensed or registered by the department of agriculture pursuant to 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.331 to 287.340, or a class B dealer may acquire a limited permit only for the purpose of buying, possessing, and administering a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital to practice euthanasia on injured, sick, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets and other animals, if the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer does all of the following:

(a) Applies to the administrator for a permit in accordance with rules promulgated under this part. The application shall contain the name of the individual in charge of the day to day operations of the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer's facilities and the name of the individual responsible for designating employees who will be practicing euthanasia on animals pursuant to this act.

(b) Complies with the rules promulgated by the administrator for the storage, handling, and use of commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital to practice euthanasia on animals. A record of use shall be maintained and shall be available for inspection.

(c) Certifies that an employee of the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer has received, and can document completion of, a minimum of 8 hours of training given by a licensed veterinarian in the use of sodium pentobarbital to practice euthanasia on animals pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator, in consultation with the Michigan board of

veterinary medicine as these rules relate to this training, and that only an individual described in this subdivision or an individual otherwise permitted to use a controlled substance pursuant to this article will administer the commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital according to written procedures established by the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer.

(9) The application described in subsection (8) shall include the names and addresses of all individuals employed by the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer who have been trained as described in subsection (8)(c) and the name of the veterinarian who trained them. The list of names and addresses shall be updated every 6 months.

(10) If a dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer issued a permit pursuant to subsection (8) does not have in its employ an individual trained as described in subsection (8)(c), the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer shall immediately notify the administrator and shall cease to administer any commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital until the administrator is notified that 1 of the following has occurred:

(a) An individual trained as described in subsection (8)(c) has been hired by the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer.

(b) An employee of the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer has been trained as described in subsection (8)(c).

(11) A veterinarian, including a veterinarian who trains

individuals as described in subsection (8)(c), is not civilly or criminally liable for the use of a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital by a dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer unless the veterinarian is employed by or under contract with the dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer and the terms of the veterinarian's employment or the contract require the veterinarian to be responsible for the use or administration of the commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital.

(12) A person shall not knowingly use or permit the use of a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital in violation of this section.

(13) This section does not require that a veterinarian be employed by or under contract with a dog pound or animal shelter or class B dealer to obtain, possess, or administer a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital pursuant to this section.

(14) As used in this section, "class B dealer" means a class B dealer licensed by the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the animal welfare act, Public Law 89-544, 7 U.S.C. 2131 to 2147, 2149, and 2151 to 2159 and the department of agriculture pursuant to 1969 PA 224, MCL 287.381 to 287.395.