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House Bill 4821 (as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 270 of 1967, which governs the release of information for medical research and education, to include in the definition of "review entity" an organization established by a State association of pharmacists.

The Act allows a person, organization, or entity to provide to a review entity information or data relating to the physical or psychological condition of a person, the necessity, appropriateness, or quality of health care rendered to a person, or the qualifications, competence, or performance of a health care provider.

Under the Act, "review entity" means one of the following:

- A duly appointed peer review committee of one of the following: the State; a State or county association of health care professionals; a licensed health facility or agency; a health care association; a health care network, organization, or delivery system composed of licensed health professionals and/or licensed health facilities; or a health plan qualified under the Medicaid program.
- A professional standards review organization qualified under Federal or State law.
- A foundation or organization acting pursuant to the approval of a State or county association of health care professionals.
- A State department or agency whose jurisdiction encompasses the information that may be provided to a review entity.
- An organization established by a State association of hospitals or physicians, or both, that collects and verifies the authenticity of documents and other data concerning the qualifications, competence, or performance of licensed health care professionals and that acts as a health facility's agent under the Federal Health Care Quality Improvement Act.
- A professional corporation, limited liability partnership, or partnership consisting of at least 10 licensed allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, or podiatric physicians and surgeons who practice peer review regularly consistent with the requirements of Article 17 of the Public Health Code (which governs health facilities and agencies).

The bill would expand the definition to include an organization established by a State association of pharmacists that collects and verifies the authenticity of documents and other data concerning the qualifications, competence, or performance of licensed pharmacists and pharmacies.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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