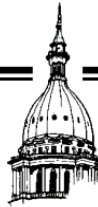




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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 373 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Goeff Hansen
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Permit the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to approve up to 25 pilot projects designed to use new or expanded technology to provide better pharmacy products or more efficient pharmacy services.
- Require LARA, in consultation with the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, to establish and administer a process to receive, review, and accept or deny petitions for proposed pilot projects; and require LARA to designate the individuals who would review petitions.
- Authorize LARA, in consultation with the Board, to grant an exception to a rule to facilitate the conduct of an approved pilot program.
- Require the pharmacist responsible for overseeing an approved project to submit to LARA periodic progress reports, as well as a summary of the results after the project's completion.
- Require the individuals designated to review petitions to review the progress report and the summary and provide a report on the results to LARA, which would have to give a copy to the Board.

An exception to a rule would have to be granted for a specified period of time, which could not exceed 18 months. Upon the Board's consideration of the report, however, the time period could be extended, as long as the total time for conducting the pilot project would not exceed 36 months. If LARA, in consultation with the Board, determined that a project for which an exception had been granted should be extended so that rules could be promulgated to allow the project to be conducted on a permanent basis, LARA could extend the exception for an additional 18 months.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

Proposed MCL 333.17723

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor, but likely negative impact on the Bureau of Health Care Services in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the bill, the Michigan Board of Pharmacy would have to review and approve potential pilot projects. The Department would have to initially review and create a review committee for petitions; this could introduce some new costs, which would be borne by existing resources.

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