

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 174****2015 Regular Session****LeBas**

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Provides with respect to the scheduling of controlled dangerous substances

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Creates exception for dispensing Schedule II and Schedule III opioid prescriptions if the prescription monitoring information from the state of the prescriber may be viewed by the dispensing pharmacist.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the designation of controlled dangerous substances into Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V based upon the substances' potential for addiction and abuse.

Proposed law adds two substances to Schedule IV.

Present law provides that hydrocodone is a Schedule II drug, but is a Schedule III drug when found in combination with other substances.

Proposed law repeals the Schedule III classification for hydrocodone combination products to make La. law consistent with federal scheduling classifications.

Present law provides that a pharmacist cannot dispense more than a 10-day supply at a dosage not to exceed the FDA's approved labeling for the medication if the prescriber for such medication is not licensed by the state of Louisiana, and the medication is an opioid derivative Schedule II or Schedule III controlled dangerous substance. Present law further provides that the dispensing pharmacist must notify the prescriber of the supply dispensed and the cancellation of the remainder of the prescription. Present law further provides that within 60 days of the dispensing of a medication pursuant to present law, such medication cannot be dispensed again for the individual by a prescriber not licensed by the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law retains these provisions of present law and provides that restrictions of present law regarding the dispensing of Schedule II and Schedule III opioids do not apply if the prescription monitoring information from the state of the prescriber may be viewed by the dispensing pharmacist.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:978(E); Adds R.S. 40:964(Schedule IV)(A)(3) and (B)(45.5) and 978(E)(3); Repeals R.S. 40:964(Schedule III)(D)(1)(c) and (d))