

ACT No. 426

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:978(G)(2), relative to prescribing and dispensing of opioid
3 drugs; to institute certain requirements for prescribers of such drugs; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:978(G)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §978. Prescriptions

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11 (2) If, in the professional medical judgment of a medical practitioner, more
12 than a seven-day supply of an opioid is required to treat the adult or minor patient's
13 acute medical condition or is necessary for the treatment of chronic pain
14 management, pain associated with a cancer diagnosis, or for palliative care, the
15 practitioner may issue a prescription for the quantity needed to treat the patient's
16 acute medical condition or pain. The condition triggering the prescription of an
17 opioid for more than a seven-day supply shall be documented in the patient's medical
18 record and the practitioner shall indicate that a nonopioid alternative was not
19 appropriate to address the medical condition. The medical practitioner shall indicate

