

SB144\_L.003

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB23-144 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 5, strike lines 12 through 27.

2 Page 6, strike line 1 and substitute:

3           "(c) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER TREATING A PATIENT WITH  
4 CHRONIC PAIN BY PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING, OR ADMINISTERING ONE OR  
5 MORE SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT  
6 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, OPIOID ANALGESICS SHALL NOT BE  
7 REQUIRED TO TAPER A PATIENT'S MEDICATION DOSAGE SOLELY TO MEET  
8 A PREDETERMINED MORPHINE MILLIGRAM EQUIVALENT DOSAGE  
9 RECOMMENDATION OR THRESHOLD IF THE PATIENT IS STABLE AND  
10 COMPLIANT WITH THE TREATMENT PLAN AND IS NOT EXPERIENCING  
11 SERIOUS HARM FROM THE LEVEL OF MEDICATION CURRENTLY BEING  
12 PRESCRIBED OR PREVIOUSLY PRESCRIBED. A DECISION TO TAPER OR  
13 MAINTAIN MEDICATION MUST INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT  
14 OF THE PATIENT'S CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITION AND TREATMENT PLAN,  
15 THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF MAINTAINING OR TAPERING THE PATIENT'S  
16 MEDICATION, AND A DISCUSSION WITH THE PATIENT."

17 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

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