

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

April 27, 2017
Date

Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB17-1350 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute the following:

3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
4 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

5 (a) Overdose deaths from just one kind of opioid painkiller
6 outnumbered all homicides in Colorado in 2015;

7 (b) In 2015, two hundred fifty-nine people died from overdoses
8 for what health officials call natural prescription opioids like
9 hydrocodone and oxycodone;

10 (c) It is important to create state policy that will limit the amount
11 of opioids that are prescribed to the amount necessary for a patient's
12 treatment;

13 (d) All health care providers who prescribe or dispense opioids
14 should be part of the effort to prevent and reduce addiction to opioids;
15 and

16 (e) The federal "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of
17 2016", (Pub.L. 114-198), includes a provision to allow pharmacists to
18 partially fill a prescription for a controlled substance, such as an opioid.

19 (2) It is the intent of the general assembly to engage stakeholders
20 in a discussion regarding opioid addiction, including partial-fill
21 prescriptions for opioids.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-118, **add**
23 (19) as follows:

24 **12-42.5-118. Compounding - dispensing - sale of drugs and**

1 **devices - dispensing portions of opioid prescriptions - rules -**
2 **definition.** (19) A PHARMACIST MAY PARTIALLY FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR
3 A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, SUCH AS AN OPIOID, IF THE
4 PARTIAL FILL IS REQUESTED BY THE PATIENT OR THE PRESCRIBING
5 PRACTITIONER AND THE TOTAL QUANTITY DISPENSED IN ALL PARTIAL
6 FILLINGS DOES NOT EXCEED THE QUANTITY PRESCRIBED.

7 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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