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Research Note

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Senate Bill 17-033

Sponsors

Senator Aguilar
Representative Lawrence

Short Title

Delegate Dispensing
Over-the-counter Medications

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill and becomes effective on August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Senate Action

Senate Health and Human Services Committee (January 25, 2017). At the hearing, representatives of Jefferson County Open School and the Colorado Association of School Nurses testified in support of the bill. A representative of the Colorado Nurses Association testified in a neutral position on the bill.

The committee adopted amendments L.001 and L.002, and referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. Amendment L.001 clarified that a professional nurse must have written authorization from a health care provider with prescriptive authority in order to delegate dispensing authority of over-the-counter medications to another person. Amendment L.002 was a conforming amendment.

Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee (February 7, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (February 9, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Business, Labor, and Technology Committee reports and passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

Senate third reading (February 10, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment (March 9, 2017). At the hearing, representatives of Colorado Society of Anesthesiologists, the Colorado Association of School Nurses, and the Colorado Nurses Association testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.004 and referred the bill, as amended, to the Committee of the Whole.

Amendment L.004, a strike-below amendment, clarified that a person who has been appropriately trained to dispense an over-the-counter medication to a minor may dispense the medication as long as the person has written instructions from the minor's parent or guardian and a physician's standing medical order.

House second reading (March 14, 2017). The House adopted the House Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment Committee report and passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (March 15, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.