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Sponsors

Senator Jahn
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Short Title

**Access To Prescription Drug
Monitoring Program**

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which became effective on April 6, 2017.

Background

Colorado law requires Colorado pharmacists and licensed prescribers to register an account with the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy's Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The PDMP uses a secure online database to store information about controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients in Colorado. Pharmacies upload prescription data every regular business day for controlled medications listed in the Schedules II to V that are dispensed to Colorado patients. Prescribers and pharmacists with registered accounts may access this information on patients under their care. Others who may obtain information from the PDMP include:

- regulatory boards in the Department of Regulatory Agencies with a valid court order or subpoena;
- law enforcement officers with a valid court order or subpoena;
- practitioners and pharmacists in other states treating Colorado patients through the PDMP Inter-Connect; and
- patients may receive a copy of their own information.

Senate Action

Senate Health and Human Services Committee (February 16, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Office of the Attorney

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General, Colorado Consortium on Prescription Drug Abuse, and the Colorado Physical Therapy Association testified in support of the bill.

The committee referred the bill to the Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

Senate second reading (February 27, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (February 28, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (March 16, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Department of Regulatory Agencies, the Colorado Consortium on Prescription Drug Abuse, the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, the Colorado Senior Lobby, and two members of the public testified in support of the bill.

The committee referred the bill to the Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

House second reading (March 21, 2017). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (March 22, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.