

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 14-1283**

Second Regular Session - Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The bill makes the following modifications to the electronic prescription drug monitoring program:

- ! Authorizes the state board of pharmacy, in consultation with other state boards that oversee prescribing practitioners, to develop criteria for indicators of controlled substance misuse, abuse, and diversion and, based on those criteria, to disseminate unsolicited reports of prescription-specific data to prescribing practitioners and dispensing pharmacies to assist in preventing and reducing prescription drug misuse, abuse, and diversion;
- ! Allows the departments of public health and environment and health care policy and financing to access the electronic database for public health purposes and medicaid patient care coordination, respectively;
- ! Allows an out-of-state pharmacist to access the database in connection with a current patient to whom the pharmacist is dispensing a controlled substance or is providing clinical patient care services;
- ! Adds individual pharmacies as an eligible subject for information requests by law enforcement officials if the request for information is accompanied by a court order or subpoena;
- ! Allows a prescribing practitioner or a pharmacist to delegate authority to access the database to up to 3 designees acting for the practitioner or pharmacist, and requires each designee to register with the program;
- ! Starting January 1, 2015, or by an earlier date determined by the director of the division of professions and occupations, requires prescribing practitioners and pharmacists to register and create user accounts with the program;
- ! Allows federally owned and operated pharmacies to submit data to the database; and
- ! ~~Authorizes~~ *Requires* the executive director of the department of regulatory agencies to create a prescription drug monitoring program task force, or to request assistance from the team assembled by the governor's office to develop a plan to reduce prescription drug abuse, to study the program, *including issues relating to the security of and access to personal information through the program*, and make recommendations to the executive director *and the general assembly* on ways to ensure that the program is effective at reducing prescription drug abuse and misuse.

The bill appropriates \$7,500 from the prescription drug monitoring program to the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies for

computer system changes necessary to implement the bill.

Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.
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