

## CHAPTER 185

## ( HB 64 )

AN ACT relating to pharmacists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

→Section 1. KRS 217.215 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The ~~State~~ Board of Pharmacy, its agents and inspectors shall have the same powers of inspection and enforcement as the cabinet under KRS 217.005 to 217.215, insofar as it relates to drugs in licensed pharmacies.
- (2) The Board of Pharmacy may establish regulations relating to the storage and retrieval of prescription records in licensed pharmacies, including regulations regarding computerized recordkeeping systems.
- (3) (a) No prescription for any drug may be refilled by a pharmacist unless authorized by the prescribing practitioner, except that ***in emergency situations in which such authorization may not be readily or easily obtained from the practitioner***~~the board of pharmacy may promulgate rules and regulations to permit~~ a pharmacist ~~may~~~~to~~:
  - 1.~~(a)~~ Dispense up to a seventy-two (72) hour supply of maintenance medication~~in emergency situations in which such authorization may not be readily or easily obtained from the practitioner~~; ~~and~~
  2. ***Dispense greater than a seventy-two (72) hour supply of maintenance medication if:***
    - a. ***The standard unit of dispensing for the drug exceeds a seventy-two (72) hour supply;***
    - b. ***The pharmacist dispenses a supply of the drug that is equal to the standard unit of dispensing for the drug; and***
    - c. ***The drug is used for insulin therapy or the treatment of chronic respiratory diseases; and***
  - 3.~~(b)~~ Dispense up to a thirty (30) day supply of maintenance medication in emergency situations as authorized by KRS 315.500.
- (b)~~(4)~~ ~~Such~~ Emergency refills ***dispensed under this subsection*** shall not be authorized for any controlled substance or for any drug which is not essential to maintenance of life or continuation of therapy in chronic disease conditions.
- (c) ***The Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of this subsection.***

Signed by Governor March 26, 2019.