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HOUSE BILL No. 2587

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by John Monroe on behalf of Catalyst

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to the regulation of certain drugs; authorizing a licensed private psychiatric hospital to maintain a stock supply of emergency medication kits for pharmaceutical emergencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) A licensed private psychiatric hospital that utilizes the services of a pharmacist may stock and maintain an emergency medication kit approved by such hospital's medical staff and pharmacist.

(b) The emergency medication kit shall be used only in emergency cases under the supervision and direction of a prescriber and a pharmacist who shall have supervisory responsibility of maintaining such kit.

(c) Drugs in an emergency medication kit shall be maintained under the control of the pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy from which the kit came until administered to the patient upon the proper order of a practitioner.

(d) Drugs contained within the emergency medication kit may include controlled substances, but in such a case, a pharmaceutical services committee shall be responsible for specifically limiting the type and quantity of controlled substance to be placed in each emergency kit.

(e) Administration of controlled substances contained within the emergency medication kit shall be in compliance with the provisions of the uniform controlled substances act.

(f) The pharmacist-in-charge of the licensed private psychiatric hospital shall be responsible for developing procedures, proper control and accountability for the emergency kit and maintain complete and accurate records.

(g) The secretary and the state board of pharmacy shall jointly adopt such rules and regulations that are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the contents of the emergency medication kit, procedures for the control and accountability of the emergency medication kit, recordkeeping and storage of the emergency medication kit.

(h) ~~**An emergency medication kit used by a licensed private psychiatric hospital shall be consistent with kits used by state psychiatric hospitals.**~~

~~**(i)**~~ As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medication kit" means a stock supply of such drugs as are required to meet the immediate therapeutic needs of patients when the drug is not available from another source in sufficient time to prevent harm;

(2) "licensed private psychiatric hospital" means an institution, excluding state institutions as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, that is primarily engaged in providing services, by and under the supervision of qualified professionals, for the diagnosis and treatment of mentally ill individuals that is licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-2008, and amendments thereto;

(3) "pharmacist" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto;

(4) "pharmacist-in-charge" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto;

(5) "practitioner" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto;

(6) "prescriber" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto; and

(7) "secretary" means the secretary ~~for aging and disability services~~ **of health and environment**.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after ~~January 1, 2027, and~~ its publication in the statute book.