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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 63

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 63, were it to be enacted, would amend a statute that is a part of The Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas. The bill would delete authority for the refill of a prescription written to authorize refills "at will" after the expiration of one year from the time the prescription was issued if the prescriber determines continued refilling does not present a medical risk to the patient for whom the prescription was written. The authority to refill a prescription would be limited to the date stated by the prescriber or one year from the date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

SB 63 would become effective on publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

SB 63 was supported during the Committee hearing by a member of the Senate Committee, a representative of the Board of Healing Arts, a representative of the Board of Pharmacy, and a representative of the Kansas Medical Society. The Committee was told the amendment would cause the statute to reflect the actual practice in handling prescriptions that are written to allow refills "as necessary" and the requirements of third party payers. According to the conferees, a pharmacist will contact the prescriber for authorization to refill if a prescription refill is requested after the expiration of one year from the date of issuance. The prescriber can then renew the prescription if appropriate. No one appeared in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Committee agreed to request inclusion of the bill on the Consent Calendar in the Senate.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates no fiscal effect.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>