

**PRESCRIPTION EYE DROP GUIDELINES**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers**

House Sponsor: John R. Westwood

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Pharmacy Practice Act related to prescription eye drops.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to dispense a refill of a prescription for a liquid legend drug administered to the eye once an amount of time has passed after which a patient should have used  $\hat{S} \rightarrow [50\%] \underline{70\%} \leftarrow \hat{S}$  of the dosage units of the drug according to a practitioner's instructions; and

- ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-17b-608.1**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 166

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-17b-608.1** is amended to read:

**58-17b-608.1. Refills of legend drug prescriptions.**



28           (1) If a prescription for a legend drug includes authorization for one or more refills, a  
29 pharmacist or pharmacy intern may dispense one or more of the refills at the time the drug is  
30 dispensed, if:

31           ~~[(1)]~~ (a) the drug is not a controlled substance;

32           ~~[(2)]~~ (b) the prescription does not include "Dispense quantity written," or some other  
33 notation having similar meaning;

34           ~~[(3)]~~ (c) the total dosage units dispensed, including the units for both the prescription  
35 and any refills, do not exceed a 100-day supply; and

36           ~~[(4)]~~ (d) in the professional judgment of the pharmacist or pharmacy intern, the refill~~[-]~~  
37 or refills~~[-]~~ should be dispensed at the time the prescription is dispensed.

38           (2) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern may dispense a refill of a prescription for a liquid  
39 legend drug administered to the eye once an amount of time has passed after which a patient  
40 should have used ~~50%~~ 70% ~~of~~ of the dosage units of the drug according to a practitioner's  
instructions.

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