

**MEDICATION DISPENSER AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions relating to the dispensing of drugs by a licensed prescriber.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ enacts requirements for licensure as a licensed dispensing practice;
- ▶ permits a prescriber who practices at a licensed dispensing practice to dispense certain drugs to the prescriber's patients;
- ▶ authorizes the division to perform administrative inspections of a licensed dispensing practice;
- ▶ requires the division to make certain rules regarding the operating standards of a licensed practice; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-17b-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, First Special Session, Chapter 5

**58-17b-309**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 207

ENACTS:

- 29 **58-88-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 30 **58-88-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 31 **58-88-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 32 **58-88-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 33 **58-88-205**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

36 Section 1. Section **58-17b-302** is amended to read:

37 **58-17b-302. License required -- License classifications for pharmacy facilities.**

38 (1) A license is required to act as a pharmacy, except:

39 (a) as specifically exempted from licensure under Section **58-1-307**; [and]

40 (b) for the operation of a medical cannabis pharmacy under Title 26, Chapter 61a, Utah

41 Medical Cannabis Act[-]; and

42 (c) to operate a licensed dispensing practice under Chapter 88, Part 2, Dispensing

43 Practice.

44 (2) The division shall issue a pharmacy license to a facility that qualifies under this  
45 chapter in the classification of a:

46 (a) class A pharmacy;

47 (b) class B pharmacy;

48 (c) class C pharmacy;

49 (d) class D pharmacy;

50 (e) class E pharmacy; or

51 (f) dispensing medical practitioner clinic pharmacy.

52 (3) (a) Each place of business shall require a separate license.

53 (b) If multiple pharmacies exist at the same address, a separate license shall be required  
54 for each pharmacy.

55 (4) (a) The division may further define or supplement the classifications of pharmacies.

56 (b) The division may impose restrictions upon classifications to protect the public  
57 health, safety, and welfare.

58 (5) Each pharmacy shall have a pharmacist-in-charge, except as otherwise provided by  
59 rule.

60 (6) Whenever an applicable statute or rule requires or prohibits action by a pharmacy,  
61 the pharmacist-in-charge and the owner of the pharmacy shall be responsible for all activities  
62 of the pharmacy, regardless of the form of the business organization.

63 Section 2. Section **58-17b-309** is amended to read:

64 **58-17b-309. Exemptions from licensure.**

65 In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section [58-1-307](#), the following  
66 individuals may engage in the acts or practices described in this section without being licensed  
67 under this chapter:

68 (1) a person selling or providing contact lenses in accordance with Section [58-16a-801](#);

69 (2) an animal shelter that:

70 (a) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian, stores, handles, or administers a  
71 drug used for euthanising an animal; and

72 (b) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who is under contract with the  
73 animal shelter, stores, handles, or administers a rabies vaccine; ~~and~~

74 (3) an overdose outreach provider, as defined in Section [26-55-102](#), that obtains,  
75 stores, or furnishes an opiate antagonist in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 55, Opiate  
76 Overdose Response Act~~[-]~~; and

77 (4) a dispensing practitioner, as defined in Section [58-88-201](#), dispensing a drug under  
78 Chapter 88, Part 2, Dispensing Practice.

79 Section 3. Section **58-88-201** is enacted to read:

80 **CHAPTER 88. GENERAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

81 **Part 2. Dispensing Practice**

82 **58-88-201. Definitions.**

83 As used in this part:

84 (1) (a) "Dispense" means the delivery by a prescriber of a prescription drug or device to  
85 a patient, including the packaging, labeling, and security necessary to prepare and safeguard the  
86 drug or device for supplying to a patient.

87 (b) "Dispense" does not include:

88 (i) prescribing or administering a drug or device; or

89 (ii) delivering to a patient a sample packaged for individual use by a licensed  
90 manufacturer or re-packager of a drug or device.

91 (2) "Dispensing practitioner" means an individual who:

92 (a) is currently licensed as:

93 (i) a physician and surgeon under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

94 (ii) an osteopathic physician and surgeon under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical  
95 Practice Act;

96 (iii) an advanced practice registered nurse under Subsection [58-31b-301\(2\)\(d\)](#); or

97 (iv) a physician assistant under Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act;

98 (b) is authorized by state law to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of  
99 professional practice; and

100 (c) practices at a licensed dispensing practice.

101 (3) "Drug" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-17b-102](#).

102 (4) "Health care practice" means:

103 (a) a health care facility as defined in Section [26-21-2](#); or

104 (b) the offices of one or more private prescribers, whether for individual or group  
105 practice.

106 (5) "Licensed dispensing practice" means a health care practice that is licensed as a  
107 dispensing practice under Section [58-88-202](#).

108 Section 4. Section **58-88-202** is enacted to read:

109 **58-88-202. Dispensing practice -- Drugs that may be dispensed -- Limitations and**

110 exceptions.

111 (1) Notwithstanding Section 58-17b-302, a dispensing practitioner may dispense a drug  
112 at a licensed dispensing practice if the drug is:

113 (a) packaged in a fixed quantity per package by:

114 (i) the drug manufacturer;

115 (ii) a pharmaceutical wholesaler or distributor; or

116 (iii) a pharmacy licensed under Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;

117 (b) dispensed:

118 (i) at a licensed dispensing practice at which the dispensing practitioner regularly  
119 practices; and

120 (ii) under a prescription issued by the dispensing practitioner to the dispensing  
121 practitioner's patient;

122 (c) for a condition that is not expected to last longer than 30 days; and

123 (d) for a condition for which the patient has been evaluated by the dispensing  
124 practitioner on the same day on which the dispensing practitioner dispenses the drug.

125 (2) A dispensing practitioner may not dispense:

126 (a) a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;

127 (b) a drug or class of drugs that is designated by the division under Subsection  
128 58-88-205(2);

129 (c) gabapentin; or

130 (d) a supply of a drug under this part that exceeds a 30-day supply.

131 (3) A dispensing practitioner may not make a claim against workers' compensation or  
132 automobile insurance for a drug dispensed under this part for outpatient use unless the  
133 dispensing practitioner is contracted with a pharmacy network established by the claim payor.

134 (4) When a dispensing practitioner dispenses a drug to the patient under this part, a  
135 dispensing practitioner shall:

136 (a) disclose to the patient verbally and in writing that the patient is not required to fill

137 the prescription through the licensed dispensing practice and that the patient has a right to fill  
138 the prescription through a pharmacy; and

139 (b) if the patient will be responsible to pay cash for the drug, disclose:

140 (i) that the patient will be responsible to pay cash for the drug; and

141 (ii) the amount that the patient will be charged by the licensed dispensing practice for  
142 the drug.

143 (5) This part does not:

144 (a) require a dispensing practitioner to dispense a drug under this part;

145 (b) limit a health care prescriber from dispensing under Chapter 17b, Part 8,

146 Dispensing Medical Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy; or

147 (c) apply to a physician who dispenses:

148 (i) a drug sample, as defined in Section 58-17b-102, to a patient in accordance with  
149 Section 58-1-501.3 or Section 58-17b-610;

150 (ii) a prescription drug or device to a patient for a patient's immediate need in an  
151 emergency department in accordance with Section 58-17b-610.5; or

152 (iii) a drug in an emergency situation as defined by the division in rule under Chapter  
153 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act.

154 Section 5. Section 58-88-203 is enacted to read:

155 **58-88-203. Application for licensure as a licensed dispensing practice --**

156 **Requirements -- Notification -- Dispensing.**

157 (1) An applicant for licensure as a dispensing practice shall:

158 (a) submit a written application in the form prescribed by the division;

159 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; and

160 (c) provide any additional information required by the division by rule.

161 (2) (a) A dispensing practice shall designate at least one responsible dispensing  
162 practitioner who is responsible for all activities of the licensed dispensing practice related to  
163 the dispensing of drugs under this part.

- 164 (b) A responsible dispensing practitioner for the licensed dispensing practice shall:  
165 (i) be currently licensed to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of professional  
166 practice;  
167 (ii) practice at the licensed dispensing practice;  
168 (iii) accept responsibility for the operation of the licensed dispensing practice related to  
169 the dispensing of drugs under this part and in accordance with all laws and rules relating to the  
170 dispensing of drugs at the licensed dispensing practice; and  
171 (iv) be personally in full and actual charge of the operation of the licensed dispensing  
172 practice related to the dispensing of drugs under this part.
- 173 (c) Whenever an applicable statute or rule requires or prohibits action by a licensed  
174 dispensing practice, the responsible dispensing practitioner or practitioners and the owner of  
175 the licensed dispensing practice shall be responsible for all activities of the licensed dispensing  
176 practice, regardless of the form of the business or entity.
- 177 (3) (a) Each license issued under this section shall be issued for a single, specific  
178 address, and is not transferable or assignable.
- 179 (b) Each license issued under this section shall be issued in accordance with a two-year  
180 renewal cycle established by the division by rule.
- 181 (c) The division may extend or shorten a renewal period for a period of up to one year  
182 to maintain established renewal cycles or to change an established renewal cycle.
- 183 (d) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license  
184 unless the license is renewed by the licensee in accordance with Section [58-1-308](#).
- 185 (4) (a) A licensed dispensing practice shall report in writing to the division not later  
186 than 10 business days before the date of:  
187 (i) a permanent closure of the licensed dispensing practice;  
188 (ii) a change of name or ownership of the licensed dispensing practice;  
189 (iii) a change of location of the licensed dispensing practice; and  
190 (iv) any matter or occurrence that the division requires by rule to be reported.

191 (b) As defined by the division by rule, a licensed dispensing practice shall report in  
192 writing to the division:

193 (i) theft of a drug, immediately after the licensed dispensing practice is aware that theft  
194 has occurred; and

195 (ii) a disaster, accident, or emergency that may affect the purity or labeling of a drug,  
196 medication, device, or other material used in the diagnosis or treatment of injury, illness, or  
197 disease immediately upon the occurrence of the disaster, accident, or emergency.

198 (c) A reporting licensed dispensing practice shall maintain a copy of any notification  
199 required by this Subsection (4) for two years and make a copy of the notification available to  
200 the division for inspection at the division's request.

201 Section 6. Section **58-88-204** is enacted to read:

202 **58-88-204. Administrative inspections of a dispensing practice -- Penalties.**

203 (1) The division shall conduct audits and inspections of licensed dispensing practices  
204 in accordance with standards established by the division by rule.

205 (2) Penalties for a violation of this part, including fines and citations, shall be issued by  
206 the division under:

207 (a) Section [58-1-502](#); and

208 (b) the dispensing practitioner's respective licensing chapter.

209 Section 7. Section **58-88-205** is enacted to read:

210 **58-88-205. Operating standards -- Rulemaking.**

211 (1) The division shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
212 Administrative Rulemaking Act, regarding the operating standards for a licensed dispensing  
213 practice licensed under this part which shall include, but is not limited to, standards for:

214 (a) security;

215 (b) labeling;

216 (c) storage;

217 (d) supervision;



218           (e) inventory control; and

219           (f) patient counseling.

220           (2) The division may designate individual medications and classes of medications that  
221 may not be dispensed at a licensed dispensing practice under this chapter.

222           (3) When making rules under this part, the division shall consult with a group  
223 consisting of:

224           (a) two members of the Physicians Licensing Board created in Section [58-67-201](#); and

225           (b) two members of the Utah State Board of Pharmacy created in Section [58-17b-201](#).