

Pharmacy Act—Three Month Prescription Fill Exception; SB 211

SB 211 amends the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas to add a second exception to the requirement that pharmacists fill all prescriptions in strict conformity with the directions of the prescriber. The new exception allows a pharmacist to provide up to a three-month supply of a prescription drug that is not a controlled substance or a psychotherapeutic drug when a practitioner has written a drug order to be filled with a smaller supply, but the prescription includes enough refills to fill a three-month supply.

The only statutory exception prior to this bill allows a pharmacist who receives a prescription order for a brand name drug to substitute a different brand in order to achieve a lesser cost to the purchaser, unless the prescriber has instructed that the prescription be dispensed as written or as communicated, or the federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that the generic prescription medication is not bioequivalent to the prescribed brand name prescription medication. As stated, this bill adds a second exception.