

## Senate Public Health and \_\_\_\_Welfare Committee\_\_\_\_

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## Summary SB 472 PN 417

This legislation amends The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act to require that controlled substances be prescribed only on an official state prescription form.

The Secretary of Health may issue forms in groups of 25 or 100 and such forms must be serially numbered. The Secretary may develop rules and regulations regarding the use and issuance of the forms to ensure they are properly secured and can be effectively used without risk of fraud. Upon receipt of notification from a practitioner that forms have been lost, destroyed, stolen or used by someone other than the practitioner, the Secretary shall take appropriate action including notifying the Attorney General. Prescription forms are not transferable and must be used by the practitioner to which they are issued.

Practitioners are required to:

- maintain adequate safeguards to protect the official State prescription forms from loss, destruction, theft, or unauthorized use;
- maintain a record of the disposition of all forms; and
- notify the department immediately of loss, destruction, theft or unauthorized use as well as the failure to receive official state prescription forms within a reasonable time after ordering them

## Amendment A01188

- Clarifies that prescriptions may be done electronically
- Adds schedule v controlled substances to align with current reporting requirements in the prescription drug monitoring program
- Clarifies terminology and deletes redundant provisions
- Adds a new section 5 which excludes veterinarians from the requirements of the legislation

## **Effective Date**

This act shall take effect in 60 days.