



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 655 Printer's No. 775

Prime Sponsor: Yaw
Committee: Health and Human Services

SYNOPSIS:

Amends The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act by requiring the Secretary of Health to promulgate regulations regarding opioid prescription guidelines.

SUMMARY:

Requires the Secretary of Health to promulgate regulations relating to the prescription of opioids. The regulations will govern:

1. Opioids for chronic noncancer pain
2. Emergency department pain treatment
3. Opioids in dentistry
4. Dispensing guidelines
5. Obstetrics and gynecology pain
6. Geriatric pain
7. Addiction treatment medications regarding pregnant patients
8. Benzodiazepines for anxiety and insomnia
9. Opioids in orthopedics and sports medicine

The regulations promulgated shall have the force of law and shall be subject to sanctions by licensing boards.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, May 2, 2017

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