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Introduced by
Representative Weninger

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1910, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1910, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1910. Emergencies; continued provision of services; rules

5 A. If a natural disaster or terrorist attack occurs and, as a
6 consequence of the natural disaster or terrorist attack, a state of
7 emergency is declared by the governor or by a county, city or town
8 pursuant to its authority and the declared state of emergency results in
9 individuals being unable to refill existing prescriptions, the board shall
10 cooperate with this state and the county, city or town to ensure the
11 provision of drugs, devices and professional services to the public.

12 B. If a natural disaster or terrorist attack occurs in another
13 state and, as a consequence of the natural disaster or terrorist attack, a
14 state of emergency is declared by the governor of that state and the
15 declared state of emergency results in individuals being temporarily
16 relocated to Arizona and unable to refill existing prescriptions, the
17 board shall cooperate with this state to ensure the provision of drugs,
18 devices and professional services to the relocated individuals.

19 C. ~~When~~ IF a state of emergency has been declared pursuant to this
20 section, a pharmacist may work in the affected county, city or town and
21 may dispense a ~~one-time~~ ONETIME emergency refill prescription of up to a
22 thirty-day supply of a prescribed medication if both of the following
23 apply:

24 1. In the pharmacist's professional opinion the medication is
25 essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy.

26 2. The pharmacist makes a good faith effort to reduce the
27 information to a written prescription marked "emergency prescription" and
28 then files and maintains the prescription as required by law.

29 D. If the state of emergency declared pursuant to this section
30 continues for at least twenty-one days after the pharmacist dispenses an
31 emergency prescription pursuant to subsection C ~~OF THIS SECTION~~, the
32 pharmacist may dispense one additional emergency refill prescription of up
33 to a ~~thirty-day~~ THIRTY-DAY supply of the prescribed medication.

34 E. A pharmacist who is not licensed in this state, but who is
35 currently licensed in another state, may dispense prescription medications
36 in those affected counties, cities or towns in this state during the time
37 that a declared state of emergency exists pursuant to this section if both
38 of the following apply:

39 1. The pharmacist has proof of licensure in another state.

40 2. The pharmacist is engaged in a legitimate relief effort during
41 the period of time an emergency has been declared pursuant to this
42 section.

1 F. The board may adopt rules for the provision of pharmaceutical
2 care and drug and device delivery during a declared emergency that is the
3 consequence of a natural disaster or terrorist attack, including the use
4 of temporary or mobile pharmacy facilities and nonresident licensed
5 pharmacy professionals. THE RULES SHALL ALLOW PHARMACIES THAT ARE OWNED
6 BY A HEALTH SYSTEM TO COMPOUND AND REPACKAGE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON A
7 NON-PATIENT SPECIFIC BASIS FOR THE PATIENTS OF THAT HEALTH SYSTEM.

8 G. A pharmacist's authority to dispense, COMPOUND OR REPACKAGE
9 prescriptions pursuant to this section ends when the declared state of
10 emergency is terminated.