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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 153

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY REFILL OF PRESCRIPTION  
BY PHARMACISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY REFILL OF  
PRESCRIPTION BY PHARMACISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-102(d), concerning the one-time emergency refill of a prescription, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In the event a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription refill and the pharmacist is unable to obtain refill authorization from the prescriber, the pharmacist may dispense a one-time emergency refill ~~of up to a seventy-two hour supply~~ of the prescribed medication, provided that:

- (1) The prescription is not for a medicinal drug listed in Schedule II as defined in § 5-64-205;
- (2) The medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy;
- (3) In the pharmacist's professional judgment, the interruption of therapy might reasonably produce undesirable health consequences or may cause physical or mental discomfort;
- (4) The pharmacist properly records the dispensing; and
- (5) The dispensing pharmacist notifies the prescriber of the emergency dispensing within a reasonable time after the one-time emergency refill dispensing.



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