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Senate Bill 166 (S-1) as reported from House committee

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Sponsor: Sen. Curtis S. VanderWall House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 166 would modify the provisions in Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code under which a pharmacist may fill a prescription.

Currently, a pharmacist may dispense certain prescriptions from a physician prescriber, dentist prescriber, or veterinarian prescriber in another state. A pharmacist also may dispense certain prescriptions from a physician licensed in Canada or a health professional acting under the physician's direction.

Under the bill, a pharmacist could dispense certain drugs or devices pursuant to a prescription from a prescriber in another state or a province of Canada.

Additionally, the bill would allow a pharmacist to dispense a drug or device pursuant to a prescription from an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) prescriber or physician's assistant (PA) prescriber in another state or province of Canada without determining if the APRN or PA is authorized under the laws of the other state or province of Canada to do so.

MCL 333.16106, 333.17708, and 333.17751

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 166 would not have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bill (4-29-21):

- ProMedica
- Meijer
- Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- American College of Nurse Midwives–Michigan Affiliate (4-29-21)
- Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners (4-29-21)
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association (4-29-21)

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- Michigan Retailers Association (4-29-21)
- Michigan Pharmacists Association (4-29-21)
- American Telemedicine Association (11-4-21)

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