

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5678**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 7303a (MCL 333.7303a), as amended by 2017 PA  
249.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 7303a. (1) A prescriber who holds a controlled substances  
2 license may administer or dispense a controlled substance listed in  
3 schedules 2 to 5 without a separate controlled substances license  
4 for those activities.

5           (2) Except as otherwise provided in rules promulgated under  
6 section 16204e, beginning March 31, 2018, a licensed prescriber  
7 shall not prescribe a controlled substance listed in schedules 2 to  
8 5 unless the prescriber is in a bona fide prescriber-patient

1 relationship with the patient for whom the controlled substance is  
2 being prescribed. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
3 if a licensed prescriber prescribes a controlled substance under  
4 this subsection, the prescriber shall provide follow-up care to the  
5 patient to monitor the efficacy of the use of the controlled  
6 substance as a treatment of the patient's medical condition. If the  
7 licensed prescriber is unable to provide follow-up care, he or she  
8 shall refer the patient to the patient's primary care provider for  
9 follow-up care or, if the patient does not have a primary care  
10 provider, he or she shall refer the patient to another licensed  
11 prescriber who is geographically accessible to the patient for  
12 follow-up care.

13 (3) Before prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to  
14 a patient, a licensed prescriber shall ask the patient about other  
15 controlled substances the patient may be using. The prescriber  
16 shall record the patient's response in the patient's medical or  
17 clinical record.

18 (4) Beginning June 1, 2018, before prescribing or dispensing  
19 to a patient a controlled substance in a quantity that exceeds a 3-  
20 day supply, a licensed prescriber shall obtain and review a report  
21 concerning that patient from the electronic system for monitoring  
22 schedule 2, 3, 4, and 5 controlled substances established under  
23 section 7333a. This subsection does not apply under any of the  
24 following circumstances:

25 (a) If the dispensing occurs in a hospital or freestanding  
26 surgical outpatient facility licensed under article 17 and the  
27 controlled substance is administered to the patient in that

1 hospital or facility.

2 (b) If the patient is an animal as that term is defined in  
3 section 18802, the dispensing occurs in a veterinary hospital or  
4 clinic and the controlled substance is administered to the patient  
5 in that hospital or clinic.

6 (c) If the controlled substance is prescribed by a licensed  
7 prescriber who is a veterinarian and the controlled substance will  
8 be dispensed by a pharmacist.

9 (5) Beginning June 1, 2018, before prescribing or dispensing a  
10 controlled substance to a patient, a licensed prescriber shall  
11 register with the electronic system for monitoring schedule 2, 3,  
12 4, and 5 controlled substances established under section 7333a.

13 (6) A licensed prescriber who dispenses controlled substances  
14 shall maintain all of the following records separately from other  
15 prescription records:

16 (a) All invoices and other acquisition records for each  
17 controlled substance acquired by the prescriber for not less than 5  
18 years after the date the prescriber acquires the controlled  
19 substance.

20 (b) A log of all controlled substances dispensed by the  
21 prescriber for not less than 5 years after the date the controlled  
22 substance is dispensed.

23 (c) Records of all other dispositions of controlled substances  
24 under the licensee's control for not less than 5 years after the  
25 date of the disposition.

26 (7) The requirement under section 7303 for a license is waived  
27 in the following circumstances:

1 (a) When a controlled substance listed in schedules 2 to 5 is  
2 administered on the order of a licensed prescriber by an individual  
3 who is licensed under article 15 as a practical nurse or a  
4 registered professional nurse.

5 (b) When methadone or a methadone congener is dispensed on the  
6 order of a licensed prescriber in a methadone treatment program  
7 licensed under article 6 or when a controlled substance listed in  
8 schedules 2 to 5 is dispensed on the order of a licensed prescriber  
9 in a hospice rendering emergency care services in a patient's home  
10 as described in section 17746 by a registered professional nurse  
11 licensed under article 15.

12 (8) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" means a  
14 treatment or counseling relationship between a prescriber and a  
15 patient in which both of the following are present:

16 (i) The prescriber has reviewed the patient's relevant medical  
17 or clinical records and completed ~~a full~~**AN** assessment of the  
18 patient's medical history and current medical condition, including  
19 a relevant medical evaluation of the patient conducted in person or  
20 ~~via~~**THROUGH telehealth OR BY AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE**  
21 **15 TO WHOM THE PRESCRIBER HAS DELEGATED THE AUTHORITY TO PERFORM**  
22 **THE EVALUATION UNDER SECTION 16215.**

23 (ii) The prescriber has created and maintained records of the  
24 patient's condition in accordance with medically accepted  
25 standards.

26 (b) "Telehealth" means that term as defined in section 16283.