

SENATE BILL No. 275

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-20-10.

Synopsis: Public health medication. Allows certain local health department employees to administer or dispense public health medication under the standing order of a local health officer.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

Breaux

January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Provider Services.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-212 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 212. "Local health
3 officer", for purposes of **IC 16-20**, IC 16-22, and IC 16-37, means a
4 local health officer as referred to in ~~IC 16-20~~: **appointed by the local**
5 **health department under IC 16-20-2-16 or IC 16-22-8.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-298.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 298.7. "Public health**
9 **medication", for purposes of IC 16-20-10, has the meaning set**
10 **forth in IC 16-20-10-1.**

11 SECTION 3. IC 16-20-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2016]:

Chapter 10. Administration of Public Health Medication

15 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "public health medication"**
16 **refers to the following categories of nonhabit forming medication:**

17 **(1) Medication dispensed or administered for the treatment or**



- 1 **prevention of the following:**
 2 **(A) A communicable disease.**
 3 **(B) The spread of disease during a public health**
 4 **emergency.**
 5 **(2) Prophylaxis.**
 6 **(3) Immunizations.**
 7 **Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other law, the following employees**
 8 **of a local health department may dispense, as part of the**
 9 **employee's employment, a public health medication under the**
 10 **standing order of a local health officer:**
 11 **(1) A registered nurse licensed under IC 25-23.**
 12 **(2) A licensed practical nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1.2).**
 13 **(3) A disease intervention specialist.**
 14 **Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other law, the following employees**
 15 **of a local health department may administer a public health**
 16 **medication under the standing order of a local health officer:**
 17 **(1) A registered nurse licensed under IC 25-23.**
 18 **(2) A licensed practical nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1.2).**
 19 **Sec. 4. A standing order issued by a local health officer under**
 20 **this chapter must include the following:**
 21 **(1) The immunization or medication covered under the order.**
 22 **(2) The appropriate procedures for administering or**
 23 **dispensing the medication.**
 24 **(3) The appropriate procedures to respond to an adverse**
 25 **reaction to the medication, including any medication or**
 26 **category of medication to be administered in the event of an**
 27 **adverse reaction.**
 28 **(4) The:**
 29 **(A) signature of the local health officer, or the local health**
 30 **officer's designee; and**
 31 **(B) date the standing order is issued.**

