



Tennessee Senate

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 935

SENATE BILL NO. 2139

By Reeves, Haile, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2358

By Carringer, Sherrell, Terry, Hazlewood, Helton-Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to dispensing prescription drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-310, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h)(1) The board has the authority to register any mechanical or electronic systems that operate solely on the premises of a hematology or oncology clinic in this state and that perform the storage, control, and dispensing of commercially-available drug products pursuant to a valid patient-specific prescription, as part of the operations of a licensed pharmacy. The pharmacy responsible for the operations of the mechanical or electronic system shall maintain the collection, control, and maintenance of all transaction information and the security, control, and accountability for such commercially-available drug products.

(2) Controlled substances, as defined in § 39-17-402, and compounded drug products must not be stocked or placed inside such mechanical or electronic system.

(3) The mechanical or electronic system shall not engage in the administration of any drug product.

(4) Only a physician licensed under chapter 6 or 9 of this title, a nurse licensed under chapter 7 of this title, and a pharmacist or pharmacy technician licensed under this chapter, may have access to the mechanical or electronic system as an agent of the patient.

(5) The mechanical or electronic system must be stocked only by a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician acting under the supervision of a pharmacist.

(6) The mechanical or electronic system must be nonmobile in nature and must be placed in a secure location behind a locked door at the hematology or oncology clinic.

(7) Each patient who receives a commercially-available drug product pursuant to a valid patient-specific prescription from the mechanical or electronic system must receive counseling in accordance with the rules of the board of pharmacy.

(8) The board shall establish fees necessary to carry out this section pursuant to § 63-10-312.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR