

**PHARMACY DISTRIBUTION AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, by amending the definition of a cosmetic drug.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the definition of a "cosmetic drug;"
- ▶ states that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing shall consult with the Utah State Board of Pharmacy and the Online, Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Board to adopt administrative rules to regulate:
  - labeling, record keeping, patient counseling, and storage requirements; and
  - which prescription drugs may be dispensed as a cosmetic drug or weight loss drug without licensure;
- ▶ states that an individual who violates a provision of the section may be subject to discipline under the Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Act; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 **58-17b-309**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 76



31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **58-17b-309** is amended to read:

33 **58-17b-309. Exemptions from licensure.**

34 (1) For purposes of this section:

35 (a) "Cosmetic drug":

36 (i) means a prescription drug that is:

37 (A) for the purpose of promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance of an  
38 individual; and

39 (B) listed as a cosmetic drug subject to the exemption under this section by the division  
40 by administrative rule~~[; and]~~ or has been expressly approved for online dispensing, whether or  
41 not it is dispensed online or through a physician's office; and

42 (ii) does not include a prescription drug that is:

43 (A) a controlled substance; or

44 (B) compounded by the physician~~[; or]~~.

45 ~~[(C) prescribed or used for the patient for the purpose of diagnosing, curing, mitigating,~~  
46 ~~treating, or preventing a disease.]~~

47 (b) "Injectable weight loss drug":

48 (i) means an injectable prescription drug:

49 (A) prescribed to promote weight loss; and

50 (B) listed as an injectable prescription drug subject to exemption under this section by  
51 the division by administrative rule; and

52 (ii) does not include a prescription drug that is a controlled substance.

53 (c) "Prescribing practitioner" means an individual licensed under:

54 (i) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, as an advanced practice registered nurse with  
55 prescriptive practice;

56 (ii) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

57 (iii) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

58 (iv) Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act.

59 (2) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following  
60 individuals may engage in the acts or practices described in this section without being licensed  
61 under this chapter:

62 (a) a person selling or providing contact lenses in accordance with Section 58-16a-801;

63 (b) an individual engaging in the practice of pharmacy technician under the direct  
64 personal supervision of a pharmacist while making satisfactory progress in an approved  
65 program as defined in division rule;

66 (c) a prescribing practitioner who prescribes and dispenses a cosmetic drug or an  
67 injectable weight loss drug to the prescribing practitioner's patient in accordance with  
68 Subsection (4); and

69 (d) an optometrist, as defined in Section 58-16a-102, acting within the optometrist's  
70 scope of practice as defined in Section 58-16a-601, who prescribes and dispenses a cosmetic  
71 drug to the optometrist's patient in accordance with Subsection (4).

72 (3) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-303(1)(a), an individual exempt under  
73 Subsection (2)(b) must take all examinations as required by division rule following completion  
74 of an approved curriculum of education, within the required time frame. This exemption  
75 expires immediately upon notification of a failing score of an examination, and the individual  
76 may not continue working as a pharmacy technician even under direct supervision.

77 (4) A prescribing practitioner or optometrist is exempt from licensing under the  
78 provisions of this part if the prescribing practitioner or optometrist:

79 (a) (i) writes a prescription for a drug the prescribing practitioner or optometrist has the  
80 authority to dispense under Subsection (4)(b); and

81 (ii) informs the patient:

82 (A) that the prescription may be filled at a pharmacy or dispensed in the prescribing  
83 practitioner's or optometrist's office;

84 (B) of the directions for appropriate use of the drug;

85 (C) of potential side-effects to the use of the drug; and

86 (D) how to contact the prescribing practitioner or optometrist if the patient has  
87 questions or concerns regarding the drug;

88 (b) dispenses a cosmetic drug or injectable weight loss drug only to the prescribing  
89 practitioner's patients or for an optometrist, dispenses a cosmetic drug only to the optometrist's

90 patients; and

91 (c) follows labeling, record keeping, patient counseling, and storage requirements  
92 established by administrative rule adopted by the division in consultation with the boards listed  
93 in Subsection (5)(a).

94 (5) (a) The division, in consultation with the board under this chapter[;] and the  
95 relevant professional board, including the Physician Licensing Board, the Osteopathic  
96 Physician Licensing Board, the Physician Assistant Licensing Board, the Board of Nursing,  
97 [~~and~~] the Optometrist Licensing Board, or the Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation  
98 Board, shall adopt administrative rules pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
99 Rulemaking Act to designate:

100 (i) the prescription drugs that may be dispensed as a cosmetic drug or weight loss drug  
101 under this section; and

102 (ii) the requirements under Subsection (4)(c).

103 (b) When making a determination under Subsection (1)(a), the division and boards  
104 listed in Subsection (5)(a), may consider any federal Food and Drug Administration indications  
105 or approval associated with a drug when adopting a rule to designate a prescription drug that  
106 may be dispensed under this section.

107 (c) The division may inspect the office of a prescribing practitioner or optometrist who  
108 is dispensing under the provisions of this section, in order to determine whether the prescribing  
109 practitioner or optometrist is in compliance with the provisions of this section. If a prescribing  
110 practitioner or optometrist chooses to dispense under the provisions of this section, the  
111 prescribing practitioner or optometrist consents to the jurisdiction of the division to inspect the  
112 prescribing practitioner's or optometrist's office and determine if the provisions of this section  
113 are being met by the prescribing practitioner and optometrist.

114 (d) If a prescribing practitioner or optometrist violates a provision of this section, the  
115 prescribing practitioner or optometrist may be subject to discipline under:

116 (i) this chapter; and

117 (ii) (A) Chapter 16a, Utah Optometry Practice Act;

118 (B) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

119 (C) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

120 (D) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; [~~or~~]

- 121 (E) Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act[-]; or
- 122 (F) Chapter 83, Online Prescribing, Dispensing, and Facilitation Act.
- 123 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), this section does not restrict or limit the
- 124 scope of practice of an optometrist or optometric physician licensed under Chapter 16a, Utah
- 125 Optometry Practice Act.

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