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Governor's Action: May 15, 2018, Signed

Summary: State of emergency, prescription refills by pharmacists

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date	Body	Action Description with journal page number
3/7/2017	Senate	Introduced and read first time ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 5</a> )
3/7/2017	Senate	Referred to Committee on <b>Medical Affairs</b> ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 5</a> )
3/1/2018	Senate	Committee report: Favorable <b>Medical Affairs</b> ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 11</a> )
3/2/2018		Scrivener's error corrected
3/13/2018	Senate	Read second time ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 22</a> )
3/13/2018	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 22</a> )
3/14/2018	Senate	Read third time and sent to House ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 13</a> )
3/20/2018	House	Introduced and read first time ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 104</a> )
3/20/2018	House	Referred to Committee on <b>Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs</b> ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 104</a> )
4/25/2018	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment <b>Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs</b> ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 85</a> )
4/26/2018		Scrivener's error corrected
5/2/2018	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-3-18 ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 93</a> )
5/3/2018	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-8-18 ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 9</a> )
5/8/2018	House	Read second time ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 39</a> )
5/8/2018	House	Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-0 ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 40</a> )
5/9/2018	House	Read third time and enrolled
5/14/2018		Ratified R 204
5/15/2018		Signed By Governor
5/24/2018		Effective date 05/15/18
5/31/2018		Act No. 187

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(A187, R204, S506)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE A ONE-TIME REFILL OF A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF SUCH A REFILL FROM A FIFTEEN-DAY SUPPLY TO A THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Emergency refills, quantity increased**

SECTION 1. Section 40-43-170(A)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) When the Governor issues a ‘State of Emergency’:

(1) A pharmacist may work in the affected county and may dispense a one-time emergency refill of up to a thirty-day supply of a prescribed medication if:

(a) the pharmacist has all prescription information necessary in order to accurately refill the prescription;

(b) in the pharmacist’s professional opinion the medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy;

(c) the pharmacist reduces the information to a written prescription marked ‘Emergency Refill’, files the prescription as required by law, and notifies the prescribing physician within fifteen days of the emergency refill; and

(d) the prescription is not for a controlled substance.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

Approved the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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