



2015 SENATE BILL 709

February 9, 2016 – Introduced by Senator VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT and NYGREN. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 450.11 (5); and **to repeal and recreate** 450.11
2 (5) (title) of the statutes; **relating to:** prescription refills.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows a pharmacist to dispense prescribed drugs in quantities and fills that vary from the quantities and fills specified in a prescribing practitioner's prescription order, unless the prescriber specifies that adherence to the prescription order is medically necessary.

Under current law, no prescription may be renewed except as designated on a prescription order. This bill deletes this provision and instead provides that a pharmacist may exercise his or her professional judgment to dispense varying quantities of the prescribed drug per fill up to the total number of dosage units as authorized by the prescriber in the original prescription including any refills, unless the prescriber has specified in the prescription order that dispensing a prescribed drug in an initial amount followed by periodic refills as specified in the prescription order is medically necessary. The bill does not affect provisions in current law that prohibit or limit refills of controlled substances.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 450.11 (5) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

