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2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 842

January 16, 2026 - Introduced by Representatives VANDERMEER, KRUG, ARMSTRONG, DITTRICH, GOEBEN, GREEN, GUNDRUM, MURPHY and KNODL, cosponsored by Senator JAMES. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

AN ACT ***to repeal*** 450.09 (2) (b) 1. a. to d.; ***to renumber*** 450.09 (2) (b) 2. b.; ***to renumber and amend*** 450.09 (2) (b) 2. a.; ***to consolidate, renumber and amend*** 450.09 (2) (b) 1. (intro.) and 2. (intro.); ***to amend*** 450.01 (21c), 450.02 (5) and 450.09 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** remote dispensing sites under the pharmacy practice law.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, pharmacies at certain locations, including health care facilities, health care practitioners' offices, correctional facilities such as jails and state prisons, and juvenile justice facilities, may be operated as remote dispensing sites, in which case a pharmacist is not required to be present at the pharmacy but must supervise it remotely. Current law allows the Pharmacy Examining Board to promulgate rules governing pharmacies operated as remote dispensing sites, which may exempt pharmacies operated as remote dispensing sites at these locations from rules that apply to other pharmacies.

This bill eliminates the restrictions on the facilities at which pharmacies may be operated as remote dispensing sites and instead refers to them as remotely supervised pharmacies, thereby allowing any pharmacy to be operated as a remotely supervised pharmacy if the pharmacist complies with the board's rules.

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

SECTION 1. 450.01 (21c) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.01 **(21c)** ~~"Remote dispensing site"~~ "Remotely supervised pharmacy" means a pharmacy governed by s. 450.09 (2) (b) ~~2~~.

SECTION 2. 450.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.02 **(5)** The board may promulgate rules governing pharmacies that are operated as ~~remote dispensing sites~~ remotely supervised pharmacies. Rules promulgated under this subsection may exempt pharmacies operated as ~~remote dispensing sites~~ remotely supervised pharmacies from requirements governing pharmacies that are not operated as ~~remote dispensing sites~~ remotely supervised pharmacies.

SECTION 3. 450.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.09 **(1)** (a) Every pharmacy shall be under the control of the managing pharmacist who signed the pharmacy license application, the most recent license renewal application or the most recent amended schedule of operations. The managing pharmacist shall be responsible for the professional operations of the pharmacy. A pharmacist may be the managing pharmacist of not more than one community and one institutional pharmacy at any time and shall be engaged in the practice of pharmacy at each location he or she supervises. The board shall by rule define community pharmacy and institutional pharmacy for the purposes of this section, but a pharmacy that is operated exclusively as a ~~remote dispensing site~~ remotely supervised pharmacy shall not be considered a community pharmacy or institutional pharmacy for the purposes of this paragraph.

SECTION 4. 450.09 (2) (b) 1. (intro.) and 2. (intro.) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 450.09 (2) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:

450.09 **(2)** (b) (intro.) ~~A~~ If pharmaceutical services are to be provided without a pharmacist ~~is not required to be~~ being present in ~~a~~ the pharmacy ~~if the pharmacy is any of the following locations: 2. Whenever a pharmacist is not present at the pharmacy when allowed under subd. 1.~~, all of the following shall apply:

SECTION 5. 450.09 (2) (b) 1. a. to d. of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 6. 450.09 (2) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is renumbered 450.09 (2) (b) 1m. and amended to read:

450.09 **(2)** (b) 1m. The pharmacy shall be considered a ~~remote dispensing site~~ remotely supervised pharmacy and shall be subject to and governed by any rules promulgated under s. 450.02 (5).

SECTION 7. 450.09 (2) (b) 2. b. of the statutes are renumbered 450.09 (2) (b) 2m.

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