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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-3303, 54.1-3401, 54.1-3408, 54.1-3410, 54.1-3411, 54.1-3422, 54.1-3426, 54.1-3435.2, 54.1-3446, and 54.1-3463 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Drug Control Act.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-3303, 54.1-3401, 54.1-3408, 54.1-3410, 54.1-3411, 54.1-3422, 54.1-3426, 54.1-3435.2, 54.1-3446, and 54.1-3463 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3303. Prescriptions to be issued and drugs to be dispensed for medical or therapeutic purposes only.

A. A prescription for a controlled substance may be issued only by a practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or veterinary medicine who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances. The prescription shall be issued for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose and may be issued only to persons or animals with whom the practitioner has a bona fide physician practitioner-patient relationship.

For purposes of this section, a bona fide physician practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship is one in which a physician practitioner prescribes, and a pharmacist dispenses, controlled substances in good faith to his patient for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose within the course of his professional practice. Any practitioner who prescribes any controlled substance with the knowledge that the controlled substance will be used otherwise than medicinally or for therapeutic purposes shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided in § 18.2-248 for violations of the provisions of law relating to the distribution or possession of controlled substances.

B. No prescription shall be filled which does not result from a bona fide physician practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship. A prescription not issued in the usual course of treatment or for authorized research is not a valid prescription.

In order to determine whether a prescription which appears questionable to the pharmacist results from a bona fide physician practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship, the pharmacist shall contact the prescribing physician practitioner or his agent and verify the identity of the patient and name and quantity of the drug prescribed. The person knowingly filling an invalid prescription shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided in § 18.2-248 for violations of the provisions of law relating to the sale, distribution or possession of controlled substances.

C. A pharmacist may dispense a controlled substance pursuant to a prescription of an out-of-state practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or veterinary medicine authorized to issue such prescription if the prescription complies with the requirements of this chapter and Chapter 34 (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.) of this title, known as the "Drug Control Act-," except that out-of-state prescriptions are not required to comply with the provisions of subsection C of § 54.1-3408 which establishes a prescription blank format accommodating the Virginia Voluntary Formulary.

D. A licensed nurse practitioner who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01 may issue prescriptions for Schedule VI controlled substances and devices as set forth in Chapter 34 of this title in good faith to his patient for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose within the scope of his professional practice.

E. A licensed physician's assistant who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1 may issue prescriptions for Schedule VI controlled substances and devices as set forth in Chapter 34 of this title in good faith to his patient for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose within the scope of his professional practice.

§ 54.1-3401. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Administer" means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by (i) a practitioner or by his authorized agent and under his direction, or (ii) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner.

"Advertisement" means all representations disseminated in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or which are likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of drugs or devices.

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60 "Anabolic steroid" means any drug or hormonal substance, chemically and pharmacologically related  
61 to testosterone, other than estrogens, progestins, and corticosteroids, that promotes muscle growth.

62 "Animal" means any nonhuman animate being endowed with the power of voluntary action.

63 "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer,  
64 distributor, or dispenser. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or  
65 employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

66 "Board" means the Board of Pharmacy.

67 "Compound" means the taking of two or more ingredients and fabricating them into a single  
68 preparation, usually referred to as a dosage form.

69 "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance or immediate precursor in Schedules I through VI of  
70 this chapter. The term shall not include distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or tobacco as those terms  
71 are defined or used in Title 3.1 or Title 4.1.

72 "Cosmetic" means all articles intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed on, introduced into  
73 or otherwise applied to the human body for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness or altering  
74 the appearance, and articles intended for use as a component of any such articles except soap.

75 "DEA" means the Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, or its  
76 successor agency.

77 "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of any item regulated by  
78 this chapter, whether or not there exists an agency relationship.

79 "Device" means instruments, apparatus, and contrivances, including their components, parts and  
80 accessories, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in  
81 man or animals or to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals.

82 "Dispense" means to deliver a drug to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the  
83 lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing and administering, packaging, labeling or  
84 compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery.

85 "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

86 "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance.

87 "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

88 "Drug" means (i) articles or substances recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia  
89 National Formulary or official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to  
90 any of them; (ii) articles or substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or  
91 prevention of disease in man or animals; (iii) articles or substances, other than food, intended to affect  
92 the structure or any function of the body of man or animals; or (iv) articles or substances intended for  
93 use as a component of any article specified in clause (i), (ii) or (iii). "Drug" does not include devices or  
94 their components, parts or accessories.

95 "Hashish oil" means any oily extract containing one or more cannabinoids, but shall not include any  
96 such extract with a tetrahydrocannabinol content of less than twelve percent by weight.

97 "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the Board of Pharmacy has found to be and by  
98 regulation designates as being the principal compound commonly used or produced primarily for use,  
99 and which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a  
100 controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit manufacture.

101 "Label" means a display of written, printed or graphic matter upon the immediate container of any  
102 article. A requirement made by or under authority of this chapter that any word, statement or other  
103 information appear on the label shall not be considered to be complied with unless such word, statement  
104 or other information also appears on the outside container or wrapper, if any, of the retail package of  
105 such article, or is easily legible through the outside container or wrapper.

106 "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed or graphic matter on an article or any of its  
107 containers or wrappers, or accompanying such article.

108 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion or  
109 processing of any item regulated by this chapter, either directly or indirectly by extraction from  
110 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of  
111 extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or  
112 labeling or relabeling of its container. This term does not include the preparing, compounding,  
113 packaging or labeling of a controlled substance by a practitioner as an incident to his administering or  
114 dispensing of a controlled substance or marijuana in the course of his professional practice, or by a  
115 practitioner, or by his authorized agent under his supervision, for the purpose of, or as an incident to,  
116 research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale.

117 "Manufacturer" means every person who manufactures.

118 "Marijuana" means any part of a plant of the genus Cannabis whether growing or not, its seeds or  
119 resin; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds,  
120 or its resin. Marijuana shall not include any oily extract containing one or more cannabinoids unless  
121 such extract contains less than twelve percent of tetrahydrocannabinol by weight, or the mature stalks of

122 such plant, fiber produced from such stalk, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other  
 123 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake,  
 124 or the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination.

125 "Medical equipment supplier" means any person, as defined in § 1-13.19, engaged in the delivery to  
 126 the ultimate consumer, pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, of hypodermic syringes and  
 127 needles, medicinal oxygen, Schedule VI controlled devices, and those Schedule VI controlled substances  
 128 with no medicinal properties which are used for the operation and cleaning of medical equipment.

129 "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction  
 130 from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a  
 131 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (i) opium, opiates, and any salt, compound, derivative,  
 132 or preparation of opium or opiates; (ii) any salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation thereof  
 133 which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in clause (i), but not  
 134 including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy and poppy straw; (iv) coca leaves and  
 135 any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, and any salt, compound, isomer,  
 136 derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these  
 137 substances, but not including decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves which do not contain  
 138 cocaine or ecgonine.

139 "New drug" means: (i) any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing  
 140 a new animal drug, the composition of which is such that such drug is not generally recognized, among  
 141 experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of drugs,  
 142 as safe and effective for use under the conditions prescribed, recommended, or suggested in the labeling,  
 143 except that such a drug not so recognized shall not be deemed to be a "new drug" if at any time prior  
 144 to the enactment of this chapter it was subject to the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as  
 145 amended, and if at such time its labeling contained the same representations concerning the conditions  
 146 of its use; or (ii) any drug, except a new animal drug or an animal feed bearing or containing a new  
 147 animal drug, the composition of which is such that such drug, as a result of investigations to determine  
 148 its safety and effectiveness for use under such conditions, has become so recognized, but which has not,  
 149 otherwise than in such investigations, been used to a material extent or for a material time under such  
 150 conditions.

151 "Official compendium" means the official United States Pharmacopoeia National Formulary, official  
 152 Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to any of them.

153 "Official written order" means an order written on a form provided for that purpose by the United  
 154 States Drug Enforcement Administration, under any laws of the United States making provision therefor,  
 155 if such order forms are authorized and required by federal law, and if no such order form is provided  
 156 then on an official form provided for that purpose by the Board of Pharmacy.

157 "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to  
 158 morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or  
 159 addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under  
 160 Article 4 (§ 54.1-3437 et seq.) of this chapter, the dextrorotatory isomer of  
 161 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan). It does include its racemic and  
 162 levorotatory forms.

163 "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof.

164 "Original package" means the unbroken container or wrapping in which any drug or medicine is  
 165 enclosed together with label and labeling, put up by or for the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor  
 166 for use in the delivery or display of such article.

167 "Person" means both the plural and singular, as the case demands, and includes individual,  
 168 partnership, corporation, association, governmental agency, trust, or other institution or entity.

169 "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing.

170 "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, licensed nurse practitioner pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01,  
 171 licensed physician's assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1, veterinarian, scientific investigator, or other  
 172 person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, prescribe and administer, or  
 173 conduct research with respect to, a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research  
 174 in this Commonwealth.

175 "*Prescriber*" means a practitioner who is authorized pursuant to § 54.1-3303 to issue a prescription.

176 "Prescription" means an order for drugs or medical supplies, written or signed or transmitted by word  
 177 of mouth, telephone, telegraph or other means of communication to a pharmacist by a duly licensed  
 178 physician, dentist, veterinarian or other practitioner, authorized by law to prescribe and administer such  
 179 drugs or medical supplies.

180 "Prescription drug" means any drug required by federal law or regulation to be dispensed only  
 181 pursuant to a prescription, including finished dosage forms and active ingredients subject to § 503 (b) of  
 182 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

183 "Production" or "produce" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing or harvesting of a  
184 controlled substance or marijuana.

185 "Proprietary medicine" means a completely compounded nonprescription drug in its unbroken,  
186 original package which does not contain any controlled substance or marijuana as defined in this chapter  
187 and is not in itself poisonous, and which is sold, offered, promoted or advertised directly to the general  
188 public by or under the authority of the manufacturer or primary distributor, under a trademark, trade  
189 name or other trade symbol privately owned, and the labeling of which conforms to the requirements of  
190 this chapter and applicable federal law. However, this definition shall not include a drug which is only  
191 advertised or promoted professionally to licensed practitioners, a narcotic or drug containing a narcotic,  
192 a drug which may be dispensed only upon prescription or the label of which bears substantially the  
193 statement "Warning - may be habit-forming," or a drug intended for injection.

194 "Sale" includes barter, exchange, or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any  
195 person, whether as individual, proprietor, agent, servant or employee.

196 "Warehouser" means any person, other than a wholesale distributor, engaged in the business of  
197 selling or otherwise distributing prescription drugs or devices to any person who is not the ultimate user  
198 or consumer. No person shall be subject to any state or local tax by reason of this definition.

199 "Wholesale distribution" means distribution of prescription drugs to persons other than consumers or  
200 patients, subject to the exceptions set forth in § 54.1-3401.1.

201 "Wholesale distributor" means any person engaged in wholesale distribution of prescription drugs  
202 including, but not limited to, manufacturers; repackers; own-label distributors; private-label distributors;  
203 jobbers; brokers; warehouses, including manufacturers' and distributors' warehouses, chain drug  
204 warehouses conducting wholesale distributions, and wholesale drug warehouses; independent wholesale  
205 drug traders; and retail pharmacies conducting wholesale distributions. No person shall be subject to any  
206 state or local tax as a wholesale merchant by reason of this definition.

207 The words "drugs" and "devices" as used in Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) of this title and in this  
208 chapter shall not include surgical or dental instruments, physical therapy equipment, X-ray apparatus or  
209 glasses or lenses for the eyes.

210 The terms "pharmacist," "pharmacy" and "practice of pharmacy" as used in this chapter shall be  
211 defined as provided in Chapter 33 of this title unless the context requires a different meaning.

212 § 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.

213 A. A practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or dentistry, a licensed nurse practitioner  
214 pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01 or a licensed physician's assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1 shall only  
215 prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances in good faith for medicinal or therapeutic  
216 purposes within the course of his professional practice. The practitioner may prescribe, on a written  
217 prescription or on oral prescription as authorized by this chapter, and administer drugs and devices, or  
218 he may cause them to be administered by a nurse or intern under his direction and supervision, or a  
219 practitioner may prescribe and cause drugs and devices to be administered to patients in state-owned or  
220 state-operated hospitals or facilities licensed as hospitals by the Board of Health or psychiatric hospitals  
221 licensed by the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board by other  
222 persons who have been trained to properly administer drugs and who administer drugs only under the  
223 control and supervision of the practitioner or a pharmacist.

224 A practitioner may authorize registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to possess epinephrine  
225 for administration in treatment of emergency medical conditions pursuant to an oral or written order or  
226 standing protocol issued by a practitioner within the course of his professional practice.

227 A dentist may cause Schedule VI topical drugs to be administered under his direction and  
228 supervision by either a dental hygienist or by an authorized agent certified by the Board of Dentistry  
229 who has satisfactorily completed a training program for this purpose that is approved by the Board of  
230 Dentistry.

231 No written prescription order form shall include more than one prescription. This provision shall not  
232 apply, however, to the entry of any order on a patient's chart in any hospital or any long-term care  
233 facility, as defined in Board regulations, in Virginia or to a prescription ordered through the pharmacy  
234 operated by the Department of Corrections, the central pharmacy of the Department of Health, or the  
235 central outpatient pharmacy operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
236 Substance Abuse Services.

237 Such a prescription shall be written, dated, and signed by the person prescribing on the day when  
238 issued, and shall bear the full name and address of the patient for whom the drug is prescribed, and the  
239 full name, address, and registry number under the federal laws of the person prescribing, if he is  
240 required by those laws to be so registered.

241 This section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person who has satisfactorily  
242 completed a training program for this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and who administers  
243 such drugs in accordance with a physician's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of  
244 administration, when the drugs administered would be normally self-administered by (i) a resident of a

245 facility licensed or certified by the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse  
 246 Services Board; (ii) a resident of any adult care residence which is licensed by the Department of Social  
 247 Services; (iii) a resident of the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind; (iv) a resident of a facility  
 248 approved by the Board or Department of Youth and Family Services for the placement of children in  
 249 need of services or delinquent or alleged delinquent youth; or (v) a program participant of an adult day  
 250 care center licensed by the Department of Social Services.

251 This section shall not interfere with any ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* issuing prescriptions in compliance  
 252 with the provisions of this section to a Board agent for use pursuant to subsection G of § 18.2-258.1.  
 253 Such prescriptions issued by such ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* shall be deemed to be valid prescriptions. This  
 254 section shall not prohibit a ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* from using preprinted prescriptions for drugs classified  
 255 in Schedule VI if all requirements concerning dates, signatures, and other information specified above  
 256 are otherwise fulfilled.

257 B. The written prescription referred to in subsection A of this section shall be written with ink or  
 258 individually typed and each prescription shall be manually signed by the ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber*. The  
 259 prescription may be prepared by an agent for his signature. The prescription shall contain the name,  
 260 address, telephone number, and federal controlled substances registration number assigned to the  
 261 prescriber. The prescriber's information shall be either preprinted upon the prescription blank,  
 262 typewritten, rubber stamped, or printed by hand.

263 C. Pursuant to § 32.1-87, the prescription form shall include two boxes, one labelled "Voluntary  
 264 Formulary Permitted" and the other labelled "Dispense As Written." A prescriber may indicate his  
 265 permission for the dispensing of a drug product included in the Formulary upon signing a prescription  
 266 form and marking the box labelled "Voluntary Formulary Permitted." A Voluntary Formulary product  
 267 shall be dispensed if the prescriber fails to indicate his preference. If no Voluntary Formulary product is  
 268 immediately available, or if the patient objects to the dispensing of a generic drug, the pharmacist may  
 269 dispense a brand name drug. On and after July 1, 1993, printed prescription forms shall provide:

270  Dispense As Written

271  Voluntary Formulary Permitted

272 .....

273 Signature of prescriber

274 If neither box is marked, a Voluntary Formulary product must be dispensed."

275 D. ~~Practitioners'~~ *Prescriber's* orders, whether written as chart orders or prescriptions, for Schedules  
 276 II, III, IV and V controlled drugs to be administered to (i) patients or residents of long-term care  
 277 facilities served by a Virginia pharmacy from a remote location or (ii) patients receiving parenteral,  
 278 intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intraspinal infusion therapy and served by a home infusion  
 279 pharmacy from a remote location, may be transmitted to that remote pharmacy by an electronic  
 280 communications device over telephone lines which send the exact image to the receiver in hard-copy  
 281 form, and such facsimile copy shall be treated as a valid, original prescription order.

282 § 54.1-3410. When pharmacist may sell and dispense drugs.

283 A. A pharmacist, acting in good faith, may sell and dispense drugs and devices to any person  
 284 pursuant to a prescription of a ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* as follows:

285 1. A drug listed in Schedule II shall be dispensed only upon receipt of a written prescription that is  
 286 properly executed, dated and signed by the person prescribing on the day when issued and bearing the  
 287 full name and address of the patient for whom, or of the owner of the animal for which, the drug is  
 288 dispensed, and the full name, address, and registry number under the federal laws of the person  
 289 prescribing, if he is required by those laws to be so registered. If the prescription is for an animal, it  
 290 shall state the species of animal for which the drug is prescribed;

291 2. In emergency situations, Schedule II drugs may be dispensed pursuant to an oral prescription in  
 292 accordance with the Board's regulations;

293 3. Whenever a pharmacist dispenses any drug listed within Schedule II on a prescription issued by a  
 294 ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber*, he shall affix to the container in which such drug is dispensed, a label showing  
 295 the prescription serial number or name of the drug; the date of initial filling; his name and address, or  
 296 the name and address of the pharmacy; the name of the patient or, if the patient is an animal, the name  
 297 of the owner of the animal and the species of the animal; the name of the ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* by  
 298 whom the prescription was written; and such directions as may be stated on the prescription.

299 B. A drug controlled by Schedules III through VI or a device controlled by Schedule VI shall be  
 300 dispensed upon receipt of a written or oral prescription as follows:

301 1. If the prescription is written, it shall be properly executed, dated and signed by the person  
 302 prescribing on the day when issued and bear the full name and address of the patient for whom, or of  
 303 the owner of the animal for which, the drug is dispensed, and the full name and address of the person  
 304 prescribing. If the prescription is for an animal, it shall state the species of animal for which the drug is  
 305 prescribed.

306 2. If the prescription is oral, the ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* shall furnish the pharmacist with the same  
307 information as is required by law in the case of a written prescription for drugs and devices, except for  
308 the signature of the prescriber.

309 A pharmacist who dispenses a Schedule III through VI drug or device shall label the drug or device  
310 as required in subdivision A 3 of this section.

311 C. A drug controlled by Schedule VI may be refilled without authorization from the prescriber if,  
312 after reasonable effort has been made to contact him, the pharmacist ascertains that he is not available  
313 and the patient's health would be in imminent danger without the benefits of the drug. The refill shall be  
314 made in compliance with the provisions of § 54.1-3411.

315 If the written or oral prescription is for a Schedule VI drug or device and does not contain the  
316 address or registry number of the prescriber, or the address of the patient, the pharmacist need not  
317 reduce such information to writing if such information is readily retrievable within the pharmacy.

318 D. Pursuant to authorization of the prescriber, an agent of the prescriber on his behalf may orally  
319 transmit a prescription for a drug classified in Schedules III through VI if, in such cases, the written  
320 record of the prescription required by this subsection specifies the full name of the agent of the  
321 prescriber transmitting the prescription.

322 § 54.1-3411. When prescriptions may be refilled.

323 Prescriptions may be refilled as follows:

324 1. A prescription for a drug in Schedule II may not be refilled.

325 2. A prescription for a drug in Schedules III or IV may not be filled or refilled more than six months  
326 after the date on which such prescription was issued and no such prescription may be authorized to be  
327 refilled, nor be refilled, more than five times, except that any prescription for such a drug after six  
328 months from the date of issue, or after being refilled five times, may be renewed by the ~~practitioner~~  
329 *prescriber* issuing it either in writing, or orally, if promptly reduced to writing and filed by the  
330 pharmacist filling it.

331 3. A prescription in Schedule VI may not be refilled, unless authorized by the ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber*  
332 either on the face of the original prescription or orally by the ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* except as provided  
333 in subdivision 4 of this section. Oral instructions shall be reduced promptly to writing by the pharmacist  
334 and filed on or with the original prescription.

335 4. A prescription for a drug controlled by Schedule VI may be refilled without authorization from the  
336 prescriber if: reasonable effort has been made to communicate with the prescriber, and the pharmacist  
337 has determined that he is not available and the patient's health would be in imminent danger without the  
338 benefits of the drug. The pharmacist shall inform the patient of the prescriber's unavailability and that  
339 the refill is being made without his authorization. The pharmacist shall promptly inform the prescriber of  
340 such refill. The date and quantity of the refill, the prescriber's unavailability and the rationale for the  
341 refill shall be noted on the reverse side of the prescription.

342 § 54.1-3422. Controlled substances registration certificate required in addition to other requirements;  
343 exemptions.

344 A. Every person who manufactures, distributes or dispenses any substance which is controlled in  
345 Schedules I through V or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of any  
346 such controlled substance except licensed pharmacies and those persons who are licensed pharmacists  
347 shall obtain annually a controlled substances registration certificate issued by the Board. This registration  
348 shall be in addition to other licensing or permitting requirements enumerated in this chapter or otherwise  
349 required by law.

350 B. Registration under this section and under all other applicable registration requirements shall entitle  
351 the registrant to possess, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or conduct research with those substances to  
352 the extent authorized by this registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this chapter.

353 C. The following persons need not register and may possess controlled substances in Schedules I  
354 through V:

355 1. An agent or employee of any holder of a controlled substance registration certificate if he is acting  
356 in the usual course of his business or employment;

357 2. A common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or his employee, whose possession is in the usual  
358 course of business or employment; or

359 3. An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order  
360 of a ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* or in lawful possession of a Schedule V substance.

361 D. A separate registration is required at each principal place of business or professional practice  
362 where the applicant manufactures, distributes, or dispenses controlled substances.

363 § 54.1-3426. Regulations for special packaging.

364 A. The Board shall adopt standards for special packaging consistent with those promulgated pursuant  
365 to the federal Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970. The Board may exempt any drug from the  
366 requirements of special packaging and shall exempt any drug exempted pursuant to the Poison  
367 Prevention Packaging Act of 1970.

368 B. A ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* or a purchaser may direct that a drug, which is subject to being  
 369 dispensed in special packaging, be dispensed in other than special packaging.

370 § 54.1-3435.2. Permit to act as medical equipment supplier; storage; limitation; regulations.

371 A. Unless otherwise authorized by this chapter or Chapter 33 (§ 54.1-3300 et seq.) of this title, it  
 372 shall be unlawful for any person to act as a medical equipment supplier, as defined in § 54.1-3401, in  
 373 this Commonwealth without a valid unrevoked permit issued by the Board. The applicant for a permit to  
 374 act as a medical equipment supplier in this Commonwealth shall apply to the Board for a permit, using  
 375 such form as the Board may furnish; renew such permit, if granted, annually on or before January 1 of  
 376 each year; and remit a fee as determined by the Board.

377 B. Prescription drugs received, stored, and distributed by authority of this section shall be limited to  
 378 those Schedule VI controlled substances with no medicinal properties which are used for the operation  
 379 and cleaning of medical equipment.

380 C. Distribution of any Schedule VI drug or device or of any hypodermic needle or syringe, or  
 381 medicinal oxygen by authority of this section is limited to delivery to the ultimate user upon lawful  
 382 order by a ~~practitioner~~ *prescriber* authorized to prescribe such drugs and devices.

383 D. The Board may promulgate such regulations relating to the storage, handling, and distribution of  
 384 prescription drugs, devices and controlled paraphernalia by medical equipment suppliers as it deems  
 385 necessary to implement this section, to prevent diversion of prescription drugs and devices and  
 386 controlled paraphernalia, and to protect the public.

387 § 54.1-3446. Schedule I.

388 The controlled substances listed in this section are included in Schedule I:

389 1. Any of the following opiates, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,  
 390 esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers  
 391 and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation:

392 Acetylmethadol;

393 Allylprodine;

394 Alphamethylfentanyl;

395 Alphacetylmethadol (except levo-alphacetylmethadol, also known as levo-alpha-acetylmethadol,  
 396 levomethadyl acetate, or LAAM);

397 Alphameprodine;

398 Alphamethadol;

399 Benzethidine;

400 Betacetylmethadol;

401 Betameprodine;

402 Betamethadol;

403 Betaprodine;

404 Clonitazene;

405 Dextromoramide;

406 Diampromide;

407 Diethylthiambutene;

408 Difenoxin;

409 Dimenoxadol;

410 Dimepheptanol;

411 Dimethylthiambutene;

412 Dioxaphetylbutyrate;

413 Dipipanone;

414 Ethylmethylthiambutene;

415 Etonitazene;

416 Etoxidine;

417 Furethidine;

418 Hydroxypethidine;

419 Ketobemidone;

420 Levomoramide;

421 Levophenacetylmorphan;

422 Morpheridine;

423 Noracetylmethadol;

424 Norlevorphanol;

425 Normethadone;

426 Norpipanone;

427 Phenadoxone;

428 Phenampromide;

- 429 Phenomorphan;
- 430 Phenoperidine;
- 431 Piritramide;
- 432 Proheptazine;
- 433 Properidine;
- 434 Propiram;
- 435 Racemoramide;
- 436 Trimeperidine.
- 437 2. Any of the following opium derivatives, their salts, isomers and salts of isomers, unless
- 438 specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible
- 439 within the specific chemical designation:
- 440 Acetorphine;
- 441 Acetyldihydrocodeine;
- 442 Benzylmorphine;
- 443 Codeine methylbromide;
- 444 Codeine-N-Oxide;
- 445 Cyprenorphine;
- 446 Desomorphine;
- 447 Dihydromorphine;
- 448 Drotebanol;
- 449 Etorphine;
- 450 Heroin;
- 451 Hydromorphanol;
- 452 Methyldesorphine;
- 453 Methyldihydromorphine;
- 454 Morphine methylbromide;
- 455 Morphine methylsulfonate;
- 456 Morphine-N-Oxide;
- 457 Myrophine;
- 458 Nicocodeine;
- 459 Nicomorphine;
- 460 Normorphine;
- 461 Phoclodine;
- 462 Thebacon.
- 463 3. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture,
- 464 or preparation, which contains any quantity of the following hallucinogenic substances, or which
- 465 contains any of its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers,
- 466 and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation (for purposes of this subdivision
- 467 only, the term "isomer" includes the optical, position, and geometric isomers):
- 468 *Alpha-ethyltryptamine (some trade or other names: Monase;a-ethyl-1H-indole-3-ethanamine;*
- 469 *3-[2-aminobutyl] indole; a-ET; AET);*
- 470 *4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (some trade or other names:*
- 471 *2-[4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl]-1-aminoethane;alpha-desmethyl DOB;2C-B; Nexus);*
- 472 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
- 473 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
- 474 3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine;
- 475 Bufotenine;
- 476 Diethyltryptamine;
- 477 Dimethyltryptamine;
- 478 4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine;
- 479 2,5-dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine (DOET);
- 480 Ibogaine;
- 481 Lysergic acid diethylamide;
- 482 Mescaline;
- 483 Parahexyl (some trade or other names: 3-Hexyl-1-hydroxy-7, 8, 9, 10- tetrahydro-6, 6,
- 484 9-trimethyl-6H-dibenzo [b,d] pyran; Synhexyl);
- 485 Peyote;
- 486 N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 487 N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 488 Psilocybin;
- 489 Psilocyn;
- 490 Tetrahydrocannabinols, except as present in marijuana and dronabinol in sesame oil and encapsulated

- 491 in a soft gelatin capsule in a drug product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
- 492 Hashish oil (~~Some~~ *some* trade or other names: hash oil; liquid marijuana; liquid hashish);
- 493 2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (~~Some~~ *some* trade or other names: 2,5-dimethoxy-a-methylphenethylamine;
- 494 2,5-DMA);
- 495 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (~~Some~~ *some* trade or other names:
- 496 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-a-methylphenethylamine; 4-bromo-2,5-DMA);
- 497 4-methoxyamphetamine (~~Some~~ *some* trade or other names: 4-methoxy-a-methylphenethylamine;
- 498 paramethoxyamphetamine; PMA);
- 499 N-ethyl analog of phencyclidine;
- 500 Pyrrolidine analog of phencyclidine;
- 501 Thiophene analog of phencyclidine.
- 502 4. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture
- 503 or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a depressant effect on the
- 504 central nervous system, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such
- 505 salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:
- 506 Mecloqualone;
- 507 Methaqualone.
- 508 5. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture
- 509 or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect on the
- 510 central nervous system, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers:
- 511 *Aminorex* (*some* trade or other names; *aminoxaphen*; *2-amino-5-phenyl-2-oxazoline*; *4,*
- 512 *5-dihydro-5-phenyl-2-oxazolamine*);
- 513 Fenethylamine;
- 514 Ethylamphetamine;
- 515 Cathinone (some trade or other names: 2-amino-1-phenyl-1-propanone;; alpha-aminopropiophenone;;
- 516 2-aminopropiophenone;; and norephedrone);
- 517 Methcathinone (some other names: 2-(methylamino)-propiofenone; alpha-(methylamino)
- 518 propiofenone; 2-(methylamino)-1-phenylpropan-1-one; alpha-N-methylaminopropiophenone;
- 519 monomethylpropion; ephedrone; N-methylcathinone; methylcathinone; AL-464; AL-422; AL-463 and UR
- 520 1432).
- 521 6. Any material, compound, mixture or preparation containing any quantity of the following
- 522 substances:
- 523 3-methylfentanyl-(N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]N-phenylpropanamide) , its optical and
- 524 geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers;
- 525 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), its optical, positional and geometric isomers, salts
- 526 and salts of isomers;
- 527 1-methyl-4-phenyl-4-propionoxypiperidine (MPPP), its optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 528 1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-4-acetyloxypiperidine (PEPAP), its optical isomers, salts and salts of
- 529 isomers;
- 530 N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylacetamide (acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl), its
- 531 optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 532 N-[1-(1-methyl-2-2-thienyl)ethyl-4 piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (alpha-methylthiofentanyl), its
- 533 optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 534 N-[1-benzyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (benzylfentanyl), its optical isomers, salts and salts of
- 535 isomers;
- 536 N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl) ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (beta- hydroxyfentanyl), its
- 537 optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 538 N-[3-methyl-1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide
- 539 (beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl), its optical and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 540 N-[3-methyl-1-(2-2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (3-methylthiofentanyl), its optical
- 541 and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers;
- 542 N-[1-(2-thienyl)methyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide(thenylfentanyl), its optical isomers, salts
- 543 and salts of isomers;
- 544 N-[1-(2-2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide(thiofentanyl), its optical isomers, salts and
- 545 salts of isomers.
- 546 § 54.1-3463. Exemption of drugs dispensed by filling or refilling prescription.
- 547 A. Any drug dispensed by filling or refilling a written or oral prescription of a ~~practitioner licensed~~
- 548 ~~by law to administer such drug prescriber~~ shall be exempt from the requirements of § 54.1-3462 except
- 549 subdivisions 1, 9, and 10, and the packaging requirements of subdivision 7, if the drug bears a label
- 550 containing the name and address of the dispenser, the serial number and date of the prescription or of its
- 551 filling, the name of the prescriber and the name of the patient, and the directions for use and cautionary

552 statements, if any, contained in such prescription.

553 B. This section shall not be construed to relieve any person from any requirement prescribed by or  
554 under authority of law with respect to drugs now included or which may hereafter be included within  
555 the classifications of narcotic drugs or marijuana as defined in the applicable federal and state laws  
556 relating to narcotic drugs and marijuana.