

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1768 – SB 1786

February 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense varying quantities of medication up to the total number of dosage units as authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription including any refills, unless the prescriber has specified on the prescription that dispensing a prescription for a maintenance medication in an initial amount followed by periodic refills is medically necessary, and unless it applies to controlled substances or to any medications for which a report to the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database is required.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012190): Adds language to the original bill which establishes that a pharmacist may not dispense quantities of medication, including any refills, which exceed a 90-day supply.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

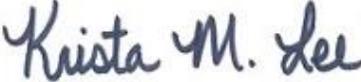
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on the current policies of the Board of Pharmacy.
- The Department of Health confirms this bill will have no significant impact on the Department.
- According to TennCare, the current five-script limit per month, in conjunction with post dispensing audits, and drug utilization analysis will prevent TennCare from paying more than one-month supply at each prescription fill regardless of how a pharmacist dispenses a prescription.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Benefits Administration, this legislation will have no significant impact on the current policies of the state's contracted pharmacy benefits manager; therefore, no significant impact to state or local healthcare plans administered by the Division.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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