

**SENATE BILL NO. 2221**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the powers of the state board of pharmacy, ~~and~~; to amend and  
3 reenact section 43-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice of  
4 pharmacy; and to declare an emergency.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **43-15-01. Definitions.**

9 In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 10 1. "Administration" means the direct application of a drug to the body of a patient. The  
11 term includes:
- 12 a. The emergency maintenance of a drug delivery device used in home infusion  
13 therapy by a qualified home pharmacist if nursing service is not available;
  - 14 b. ~~Upon~~ Immunization and vaccination by injection of an individual who is at least  
15 three years of age upon an order by a practitioner authorized to prescribe such a  
16 drug or by written protocol with a physician or nurse practitioner and  
17 subsequently reported as a childhood immunization and other information if  
18 required to the state's immunization information system pursuant to section  
19 23-01-05.3;:
  - 20 ~~(1) Immunization and vaccination by injection of an individual who is at least~~  
21 ~~eleven years of age; and~~
  - 22 ~~(2) Influenza vaccination by injection or by live, attenuated influenza vaccine of~~  
23 ~~an individual who is at least five years of age;~~

- 1           c. Provision of other drugs to an individual who is at least ~~eighteen~~three years of  
2           age upon the order of a practitioner authorized to prescribe such a drug; and
- 3           d. Provision of drugs to an individual receiving emergency services in a health care  
4           facility upon an order or by established written protocol.
- 5           2. "Automated dispensing system" means a mechanical system that performs operations  
6           or activities, other than compounding or administration, relative to the storage,  
7           packaging, counting, labeling, and dispensing of medications and which collects,  
8           controls, and monitors all transaction information.
- 9           3. "Board" means the state board of pharmacy.
- 10          4. "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, or labeling of  
11          a drug or device:
- 12          a. As the result of a practitioner's prescription drug order or initiative based on the  
13          practitioner, patient, and pharmacist relationship in the course of professional  
14          practice; or
- 15          b. For the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis  
16          and not for sale or dispensing.
- 17          Compounding also includes the preparation of drugs or devices in anticipation of  
18          prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns.
- 19          5. "Confidential information" means individually identifiable health information maintained  
20          by the pharmacist in the patient's records or which is communicated to the patient as  
21          part of a patient counseling.
- 22          6. "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of a drug  
23          or device from one person to another, whether or not for a consideration.
- 24          7. "Device" means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant,  
25          in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including any component part or  
26          accessory, which is required under federal or North Dakota law to be prescribed by a  
27          practitioner and dispensed by a pharmacist.
- 28          8. "Dispense" or "dispensing" means the preparation and delivery of a prescription drug,  
29          pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner or a nurse licensed under chapter 43-12.1  
30          who is authorized by the practitioner to orally transmit the order that has been reduced  
31          to writing in the patient's record, in a suitable container appropriately labeled for

- 1 subsequent administration to or use by a patient or other individual entitled to receive  
2 the prescription drug.
- 3 9. "Distribute" means the delivery of a drug other than by dispensing or administering.  
4 10. "Drug" or "drugs" means:
- 5 a. Articles recognized as drugs in the official United States pharmacopeia, official  
6 national formulary, official homeopathic pharmacopeia, other drug compendium,  
7 or any supplement to any of them;
- 8 b. Articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or  
9 prevention of disease in man or other animal;
- 10 c. Articles other than food intended to affect the structure or any function of the  
11 body of man or other animals; and
- 12 d. Articles intended for use as a component of any articles specified in  
13 subdivision a, b, or c.
- 14 11. "Drug regimen review" includes the following activities:
- 15 a. Evaluation of the prescription drug orders and patient records for:
- 16 (1) Known allergies;
- 17 (2) Rational therapy-contraindications;
- 18 (3) Reasonable dose and route of administration; and
- 19 (4) Reasonable directions for use.
- 20 b. Evaluation of the prescription drug orders and patient records for duplication of  
21 therapy.
- 22 c. Evaluation of the prescription drug orders and patient records for interactions:
- 23 (1) Drug-drug;
- 24 (2) Drug-food;
- 25 (3) Drug-disease; and
- 26 (4) Adverse drug reactions.
- 27 d. Evaluation of the prescription drug orders and patient records for proper  
28 utilization, including overutilization or underutilization, and optimum therapeutic  
29 outcomes.
- 30 12. "Emergency pharmacy practice" means in the event a pharmacist receives a request  
31 for a prescription refill and the pharmacist is unable to obtain refill authorization from

- 1           the prescriber, the pharmacist may dispense and bill using a pharmacist national  
2           provider identifier a one-time emergency refill of up to a ~~seventy-two-hour~~thirty-day  
3           supply of the prescribed medication, provided that:
- 4           a.    The prescription is not for a controlled substance listed in schedule II;
- 5           b.    The pharmaceutical is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation  
6           of therapy;
- 7           c.    In the pharmacist's professional judgment, the interruption of therapy might  
8           reasonably produce undesirable health consequences or may cause physical or  
9           mental discomfort;
- 10          d.    The pharmacist properly records the dispensing; and
- 11          e.    The dispensing pharmacist notifies the prescriber of the emergency dispensing  
12          within a reasonable time after the one-time emergency refill dispensing.
- 13    13.    "Labeling" means the process of preparing and affixing of a label to any drug container  
14          exclusive, however, of the labeling by a manufacturer, packer, or distributor of a  
15          nonprescription drug or commercially packaged legend drug or device. Any label shall  
16          include all information required by federal and North Dakota law or regulation.
- 17    14.    "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding,  
18          conversion, or processing of a device or a drug, either directly or indirectly by  
19          extraction from substances of natural origin or independently by means of chemical  
20          synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis and includes any  
21          packaging or repackaging of the substances or labeling or relabeling of its container,  
22          except that this term does not include the preparation or compounding of a drug by an  
23          individual for the individual's own use or the preparation, compounding, packaging, or  
24          labeling of a drug:
- 25          a.    By a pharmacist or practitioner as an incident to dispensing or administering of a  
26          drug in the course of the person's professional practice; or
- 27          b.    By a practitioner or by the practitioner's authorization under supervision for the  
28          purpose of or as an incident to research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not  
29          for sale.
- 30    15.    "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the manufacture of drugs in facilities  
31          located within North Dakota.

- 1       16. "Medicine" means a drug or combination of drugs, used in treating disease in man or  
2       other animals.
- 3       17. "Nonprescription drugs" means medicines or drugs which may be sold without a  
4       prescription and which are prepackaged for use by the consumer and labeled in  
5       accordance with the requirements of the statutes and regulations of this state and the  
6       federal government.
- 7       18. "Original package" means the original carton, case, can, box, vial, bottle, or other  
8       receptacle, put up by the manufacturer or wholesaler or distributor, with label attached,  
9       making one complete package of the drug article.
- 10      19. "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,  
11      association, or any other legal entity.
- 12      20. "Pharmaceutical care" is the provision of drug therapy and other pharmaceutical  
13      patient care services intended to achieve outcomes related to the cure or prevention of  
14      a disease, elimination or reduction of a patient's symptoms, or arresting or slowing of a  
15      disease process as defined in the rules of the board.
- 16      21. "Pharmacist" means a person to whom the board has issued a license to practice the  
17      profession of pharmacy whose license has not expired or been suspended.
- 18      22. "Pharmacy" or "drugstore" means every store or shop where drugs, medicines, or  
19      chemicals are dispensed, displayed for sale, or sold, at retail for medicinal purposes,  
20      or where prescriptions are compounded, and which is duly registered by the board.
- 21      23. "Pharmacy technician" means a person registered by the board who is employed by a  
22      pharmacy to assist licensed pharmacists in the practice of pharmacy by performing  
23      specific tasks delegated by and under the immediate personal supervision and control  
24      of a licensed pharmacist, as permitted by the board.
- 25      24. "Practice of pharmacy" means the interpretation, evaluation, and monitoring of  
26      prescription orders and patient drug therapy; the compounding, dispensing, labeling of  
27      drugs and devices except labeling by a manufacturer, packer, or distributor of  
28      nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices; the  
29      participation in drug selection, drug monitoring, drug administration, drug regimen  
30      review, the provision of these acts or services necessary as a primary health care  
31      provider of pharmaceutical care, and drug utilization evaluations; the proper and safe

1 storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records for this storage;  
2 the responsibility for advising, consulting, and educating if necessary or if regulated,  
3 patients, public, and other health care providers on the rational, safe, and  
4 cost-effective use of drugs including therapeutic values, content, hazards, and  
5 appropriate use of drugs and devices; the participation in interpreting and applying  
6 pharmacokinetic data and other pertinent laboratory data to design safe and effective  
7 drug dosage regimens; if appropriate and if regulated, the participation in drug  
8 research either scientific or clinical as investigator or in collaboration with other  
9 investigators for the purposes of studying the effects of drugs on animals or human  
10 subjects, with other drugs or chemicals, and with drug delivery devices; emergency  
11 pharmacy practice; prescriptive practices as limited under this chapter; the  
12 performance of laboratory tests to provide pharmaceutical care services which are  
13 waived under the Federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988 [Pub. L.  
14 100-578, section 2; 102 Stat. 2903; 42 U.S.C. 263a et seq.], as amended; and the  
15 offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in  
16 the conduct, operation, management, and control of pharmacy.

- 17 25. "Practitioner" means an individual licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized by the  
18 jurisdiction in which the individual is practicing to prescribe drugs in the course of  
19 professional practice.
- 20 26. "Prescription" means any order for drugs or medical supplies, if such order is written or  
21 signed or transmitted by word of mouth, telephone, telegram, or other means of  
22 communication by a duly licensed physician, optometrist, dentist, veterinarian, or other  
23 practitioner, licensed by law to prescribe and administer such drugs or medical  
24 supplies intended to be filled, compounded, or dispensed by a pharmacist or any order  
25 for drugs or medical supplies transmitted orally by a nurse licensed under chapter  
26 43-12.1 as written and signed by such a duly licensed physician, optometrist, dentist,  
27 veterinarian, or other practitioner.
- 28 27. "Prescription drug or legend drug" means a drug which, under federal law is required,  
29 prior to being dispensed or delivered, to be labeled with one of the following:  
30 a. "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription";

- 1           b. "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed  
2           veterinarian"; or
- 3           c. Rx only;  
4           or a drug which is required by any applicable federal or North Dakota law or rule to be  
5           dispensed on prescription only or is restricted to use by practitioners only.
- 6       28. "Public health issues" include immunizations, tobacco cessation, and other issues  
7       deemed appropriate by the board.
- 8       29. "Radiopharmaceutical service" means, but is not limited to, the compounding,  
9       dispensing, labeling, and delivery of radiopharmaceuticals; the participation in  
10      radiopharmaceutical selection and radiopharmaceutical utilization reviews; the proper  
11      and safe storage and distribution of radiopharmaceuticals; the maintenance of  
12      radiopharmaceutical quality assurance; the responsibility for advising, where  
13      necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, hazards, and use of  
14      radiopharmaceuticals; and the offering or performing of those acts, services,  
15      operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and  
16      control of radiopharmaceuticals.
- 17   29-30. "Wholesaler" means a person with facilities located in this state who buys for resale  
18      and distribution to persons other than consumers.

19       **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 43-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20      created and enacted as follows:

21           To establish limited prescriptive authority through a statewide protocol for public health  
22           issues within the scope of practice for a pharmacist. The board shall adopt rules to  
23           establish standards of care.

24      **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.