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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1039**

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**Introduced by Senator Hernandez**

February 18, 2014

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An act to amend Sections 4052.6 and 4115 of, and to add Sections 4119.6 and 4119.7 to, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Sections 11150 and 11210 of, and to add Section 1250.06 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to pharmacy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1039, as amended, Hernandez. Pharmacy.

(1) Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, the violation of which is a crime, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, intern pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians by the California State Board of Pharmacy. The Pharmacy Law authorizes an intern pharmacist to perform all functions of a pharmacist, and authorizes a pharmacy technician to perform packaging, manipulative, repetitive, or other nondiscretionary tasks, in each case under supervision of a pharmacist, as specified.

This bill would authorize a pharmacy technician to perform packaging, manipulative, repetitive, or other nondiscretionary tasks only while

assisting and while under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist, as specified. This bill would also authorize, in a licensed health care facility, as defined, a pharmacy technician's duties to include, among other things, sealing emergency containers for use in the health care facility.

(2) Existing law authorizes a pharmacy to furnish a dangerous drug or dangerous device to a licensed health care facility for storage in a secured emergency pharmaceutical supplies container maintained within the facility in accordance with facility regulations of the State Department of Public Health and other existing law requirements, as specified.

This bill would authorize an intern pharmacist, under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist, to stock, replenish, and inspect the drugs maintained in the emergency pharmaceutical supplies container and the emergency medical system supplies of a licensed general acute care hospital, as defined.

This bill would authorize an intern pharmacist to inspect the drugs maintained in a licensed health care facility, as defined, pursuant to policies and procedures of the health care facility. This bill would also authorize a licensed health care facility to dispense or furnish dangerous drugs and dangerous devices to inpatients and patients upon discharge pursuant to preprinted or electronic standing orders, order sets, and protocols, as specified. This bill would require licensed health care facilities to store and maintain drugs in accordance with national standards regarding the storage area and refrigerator or freezer temperature and in accordance with the manufacturers' guidelines.

Because a violation of certain provisions of the bill would be a crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

(3) Existing law authorizes a pharmacist recognized by the board as an advanced practice pharmacist to perform specified functions, including performing patient assessments *and ordering and interpreting drug therapy-related tests, and requires a pharmacist who orders and interprets those tests to ensure that the ordering of those tests is done in coordination with the patient's primary care provider or diagnosing prescriber.*

This bill would also authorize a pharmacist recognized by the board as an advanced practice pharmacist to order patient assessments *and would require a pharmacist that orders and performs patient assessments to ensure that the ordering of those assessments is done*

*in coordination with the patient’s primary care provider or diagnosing prescriber.*

(4) Existing law authorizes a pharmacist to initiate or adjust the drug regimen of a patient under specified circumstances. Existing law authorizes specified practitioners, including a pharmacist acting within the scope of an authorized pilot project, to prescribe, furnish, or administer controlled substances to a patient suffering from a disease, ailment, injury, or infirmity, but only when in good faith he or she believes the disease, ailment, injury, or infirmity requires the treatment, and only in the quantity and for the length of time as reasonably necessary.

This bill would modify that list of practitioners to include a pharmacist initiating or adjusting the drug regimen of a patient as authorized under existing law.

(5) Existing law provides for the licensure and inspection of health facilities, including general acute care hospitals, by the State Department of Public Health. Existing regulations require a hospital to have a pharmacy on the premises or a pharmacy license, as specified. Existing regulations also require the hospital to consult the pharmacist on the proper methods of, among other things, repackaging and labeling bulk cleaning agents.

This bill would instead provide that a licensed general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital, as defined, is not required to consult a pharmacist regarding repackaging and labeling of bulk cleaning agents, solvents, chemicals, and nondrug hazardous substances except for areas where sterile compounding is performed.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4052.6 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4052.6. (a) A pharmacist recognized by the board as an
- 4 advanced practice pharmacist may do all of the following:

- 1 (1) Order and perform patient assessments.
- 2 (2) Order and interpret drug therapy-related tests.
- 3 (3) Refer patients to other health care providers.
- 4 (4) Participate in the evaluation and management of diseases
- 5 and health conditions in collaboration with other health care
- 6 providers.
- 7 (5) Initiate, adjust, or discontinue drug therapy in the manner
- 8 specified in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 4052.2.
- 9 (b) A pharmacist who adjusts or discontinues drug therapy shall
- 10 promptly transmit written notification to the patient’s diagnosing
- 11 prescriber or enter the appropriate information in a patient record
- 12 system shared with the prescriber, as permitted by that prescriber.
- 13 A pharmacist who initiates drug therapy shall promptly transmit
- 14 written notification to, or enter the appropriate information into,
- 15 a patient record system shared with the patient’s primary care
- 16 provider or diagnosing provider, as permitted by that provider.
- 17 (c) This section shall not interfere with a physician’s order to
- 18 dispense a prescription drug as written, or other order of similar
- 19 meaning.
- 20 (d) Prior to initiating or adjusting a controlled substance therapy
- 21 pursuant to this section, a pharmacist shall personally register with
- 22 the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.
- 23 (e) A pharmacist who orders *and performs patient assessments*
- 24 *pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)* and interprets tests
- 25 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall ensure that the
- 26 ordering of those *assessments or tests* is done in coordination with
- 27 the patient’s primary care provider or diagnosing prescriber, as
- 28 appropriate, including promptly transmitting written notification
- 29 to the patient’s diagnosing prescriber or entering the appropriate
- 30 information in a patient record system shared with the prescriber,
- 31 when available and as permitted by that prescriber.
- 32 SEC. 2. Section 4115 of the Business and Professions Code is
- 33 amended to read:
- 34 4115. (a) A pharmacy technician may perform packaging,
- 35 manipulative, repetitive, or other nondiscretionary tasks, only while
- 36 assisting, and while under the direct supervision and control of a
- 37 pharmacist. The pharmacist shall be responsible for the duties
- 38 performed under his or her supervision by a technician.

1 (b) This section does not authorize the performance of any tasks  
2 specified in subdivision (a) by a pharmacy technician without a  
3 pharmacist on duty.

4 (c) This section does not authorize a pharmacy technician to  
5 perform any act requiring the exercise of professional judgment  
6 by a pharmacist.

7 (d) The board shall adopt regulations to specify tasks pursuant  
8 to subdivision (a) that a pharmacy technician may perform under  
9 the supervision of a pharmacist. Any pharmacy that employs a  
10 pharmacy technician shall do so in conformity with the regulations  
11 adopted by the board.

12 (e) No person shall act as a pharmacy technician without first  
13 being licensed by the board as a pharmacy technician.

14 (f) (1) A pharmacy with only one pharmacist shall have no  
15 more than one pharmacy technician performing the tasks specified  
16 in subdivision (a). The ratio of pharmacy technicians performing  
17 the tasks specified in subdivision (a) to any additional pharmacist  
18 shall not exceed 2:1, except that this ratio shall not apply to  
19 personnel performing clerical functions pursuant to Section 4116  
20 or 4117. This ratio is applicable to all practice settings, except for  
21 an inpatient of a licensed health facility, a patient of a licensed  
22 home health agency, as specified in paragraph (2), an inmate of a  
23 correctional facility of the Department of Corrections and  
24 Rehabilitation, and for a person receiving treatment in a facility  
25 operated by the State Department of State Hospitals, the State  
26 Department of Developmental Services, or the Department of  
27 Veterans Affairs.

28 (2) The board may adopt regulations establishing the ratio of  
29 pharmacy technicians performing the tasks specified in subdivision  
30 (a) to pharmacists applicable to the filling of prescriptions of an  
31 inpatient of a licensed health facility and for a patient of a licensed  
32 home health agency. Any ratio established by the board pursuant  
33 to this subdivision shall allow, at a minimum, at least one pharmacy  
34 technician for a single pharmacist in a pharmacy and two pharmacy  
35 technicians for each additional pharmacist, except that this ratio  
36 shall not apply to personnel performing clerical functions pursuant  
37 to Section 4116 or 4117.

38 (3) A pharmacist scheduled to supervise a second pharmacy  
39 technician may refuse to supervise a second pharmacy technician  
40 if the pharmacist determines, in the exercise of his or her

1 professional judgment, that permitting the second pharmacy  
2 technician to be on duty would interfere with the effective  
3 performance of the pharmacist's responsibilities under this chapter.  
4 A pharmacist assigned to supervise a second pharmacy technician  
5 shall notify the pharmacist in charge in writing of his or her  
6 determination, specifying the circumstances of concern with respect  
7 to the pharmacy or the pharmacy technician that have led to the  
8 determination, within a reasonable period, but not to exceed 24  
9 hours, after the posting of the relevant schedule. No entity  
10 employing a pharmacist may discharge, discipline, or otherwise  
11 discriminate against any pharmacist in the terms and conditions  
12 of employment for exercising or attempting to exercise in good  
13 faith the right established pursuant to this paragraph.

14 (g) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), the board shall  
15 by regulation establish conditions to permit the temporary absence  
16 of a pharmacist for breaks and lunch periods pursuant to Section  
17 512 of the Labor Code and the orders of the Industrial Welfare  
18 Commission without closing the pharmacy. During these temporary  
19 absences, a pharmacy technician may, at the discretion of the  
20 pharmacist, remain in the pharmacy but may only perform  
21 nondiscretionary tasks. The pharmacist shall be responsible for a  
22 pharmacy technician and shall review any task performed by a  
23 pharmacy technician during the pharmacist's temporary absence.  
24 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to authorize a  
25 pharmacist to supervise pharmacy technicians in greater ratios  
26 than those described in subdivision (f).

27 (h) The pharmacist on duty shall be directly responsible for the  
28 conduct of a pharmacy technician supervised by that pharmacist.

29 (i) In a health care facility licensed under subdivision (a) of  
30 Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, a pharmacy  
31 technician's duties may include any of the following.

32 (1) Packaging emergency supplies for use in the health care  
33 facility and the hospital's emergency medical system as authorized  
34 under Section 4119.

35 (2) Sealing emergency containers for use in the health care  
36 facility.

37 (3) Performing monthly checks of the drug supplies stored  
38 throughout the health care facility. Irregularities shall be reported  
39 within 24 hours to the pharmacist in charge and the director or

1 chief executive officer of the health care facility in accordance  
2 with the health care facility’s policies and procedures.

3 SEC. 3. Section 4119.6 is added to the Business and Professions  
4 Code, to read:

5 4119.6. An intern pharmacist under the direct supervision and  
6 control, as defined in Section 4023.5, of a pharmacist may stock,  
7 replenish, and inspect the emergency pharmaceutical supplies  
8 container and the emergency medical system supplies of a licensed  
9 general acute care hospital, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section  
10 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

11 SEC. 4. Section 4119.7 is added to the Business and Professions  
12 Code, to read:

13 4119.7. (a) A health care facility licensed under subdivision  
14 (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, may administer,  
15 dispense, or furnish dangerous drugs and dangerous devices to  
16 inpatients or patients upon discharge pursuant to preprinted or  
17 electronic standing orders, order sets, and protocols established  
18 under the policies and procedures of the health care facility, if the  
19 order is dated, timed, and authenticated in the medical record of  
20 the patient to whom the dangerous drug or dangerous device will  
21 be provided.

22 (b) A health care facility licensed under subdivision (a) of  
23 Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code shall store and  
24 maintain drugs in accordance with national standards regarding  
25 the storage area and refrigerator or freezer temperature, and  
26 otherwise pursuant to the manufacturer’s guidelines. The health  
27 care facility’s policies and procedures shall specify these storage  
28 parameters.

29 (c) An intern pharmacist under the direct supervision and  
30 control, as defined in Section 4023.5, of a pharmacist, shall inspect  
31 the drugs maintained in the health care facility at least once per  
32 month. The health care facility shall establish specific written  
33 policies and procedures for inspections pursuant to this paragraph.

34 SEC. 5. Section 1250.06 is added to the Health and Safety  
35 Code, immediately following Section 1250.05, to read:

36 1250.06. A licensed general acute care hospital, as defined  
37 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1250, or an acute psychiatric  
38 hospital, as defined pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1250,  
39 is not required to consult a pharmacist regarding repackaging and  
40 labeling of bulk cleaning agents, solvents, chemicals, and nondrug

1 hazardous substances used throughout the hospital except for areas  
2 where sterile compounding is performed.

3 SEC. 6. Section 11150 of the Health and Safety Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 11150. No person other than a physician, dentist, podiatrist,  
6 or veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor acting pursuant to Section  
7 3640.7 of the Business and Professions Code, or pharmacist acting  
8 within the scope of a project authorized under Article 1  
9 (commencing with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of  
10 Division 107 or within the scope of Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or  
11 4052.6 of the Business and Professions Code, a registered nurse  
12 acting within the scope of a project authorized under Article 1  
13 (commencing with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of  
14 Division 107, a certified nurse-midwife acting within the scope of  
15 Section 2746.51 of the Business and Professions Code, a nurse  
16 practitioner acting within the scope of Section 2836.1 of the  
17 Business and Professions Code, a physician assistant acting within  
18 the scope of a project authorized under Article 1 (commencing  
19 with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107 or  
20 Section 3502.1 of the Business and Professions Code, a  
21 naturopathic doctor acting within the scope of Section 3640.5 of  
22 the Business and Professions Code, or an optometrist acting within  
23 the scope of Section 3041 of the Business and Professions Code,  
24 or an out-of-state prescriber acting pursuant to Section 4005 of the  
25 Business and Professions Code shall write or issue a prescription.

26 SEC. 7. Section 11210 of the Health and Safety Code is  
27 amended to read:

28 11210. A physician, surgeon, dentist, veterinarian, naturopathic  
29 doctor acting pursuant to Section 3640.7 of the Business and  
30 Professions Code, or podiatrist, or pharmacist acting within the  
31 scope of a project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with  
32 Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107 or within  
33 the scope of Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or 4052.6 of the Business and  
34 Professions Code, or registered nurse acting within the scope of a  
35 project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with Section  
36 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107, or physician  
37 assistant acting within the scope of a project authorized under  
38 Article 1 (commencing with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part  
39 3 of Division 107, or naturopathic doctor acting within the scope  
40 of Section 3640.5 of the Business and Professions Code, or an

1 optometrist acting within the scope of Section 3041 of the Business  
2 and Professions Code may prescribe for, furnish to, or administer  
3 controlled substances to his or her patient when the patient is  
4 suffering from a disease, ailment, injury, or infirmities attendant  
5 upon old age, other than addiction to a controlled substance.

6 The physician, surgeon, dentist, veterinarian, naturopathic doctor  
7 acting pursuant to Section 3640.7 of the Business and Professions  
8 Code, or podiatrist, or pharmacist acting within the scope of a  
9 project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with Section  
10 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107 or within the scope  
11 of Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or 4052.6 of the Business and  
12 Professions Code, or registered nurse acting within the scope of a  
13 project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with Section  
14 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107, or physician  
15 assistant acting within the scope of a project authorized under  
16 Article 1 (commencing with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part  
17 3 of Division 107, or naturopathic doctor acting within the scope  
18 of Section 3640.5 of the Business and Professions Code, or an  
19 optometrist acting within the scope of Section 3041 of the Business  
20 and Professions Code shall prescribe, furnish, or administer  
21 controlled substances only when in good faith he or she believes  
22 the disease, ailment, injury, or infirmity requires the treatment.

23 The physician, surgeon, dentist, veterinarian, or naturopathic  
24 doctor acting pursuant to Section 3640.7 of the Business and  
25 Professions Code, or podiatrist, or pharmacist acting within the  
26 scope of a project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with  
27 Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107 or within  
28 the scope of Section 4052.1, 4052.2, or 4052.6 of the Business and  
29 Professions Code, or registered nurse acting within the scope of a  
30 project authorized under Article 1 (commencing with Section  
31 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 107, or physician  
32 assistant acting within the scope of a project authorized under  
33 Article 1 (commencing with Section 128125) of Chapter 3 of Part  
34 3 of Division 107, or a naturopathic doctor acting within the scope  
35 of Section 3640.5 of the Business and Professions Code, or an  
36 optometrist acting within the scope of Section 3041 of the Business  
37 and Professions Code shall prescribe, furnish, or administer  
38 controlled substances only in the quantity and for the length of  
39 time as are reasonably necessary.

1 SEC. 8. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
2 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
3 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
4 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
5 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
6 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
7 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
8 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
9 Constitution.

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