

Automated Pharmacy Systems HB687

- This legislation will allow for a community pharmacy to provide outpatient dispensing through the use of automated pharmacy systems
- The automated pharmacy system has to be under the control of the pharmacy
- The community pharmacy has to notify the Board of Pharmacy where the automated system is located
- The automated pharmacy system need not be located in the same location as the community pharmacy
- The automated pharmacy system must be under control of a pharmacy who is available to provide consultation
- The automated pharmacy system cannot contain any controlled substances
- The automated system must maintain a record of who the responsible pharmacist who must verify the accuracy of the system and providing patient counseling
- The automated system must ensure confidentiality of personal health information
- The language in the bill removes a requirement for the pharmacist to be Florida licensed and instead replaces it with language that requires the pharmacist to be licensed in this state.

CONCERNS OF THIS LEGISLATION

- This legislation may allow for the installation of an automated pharmacy dispensing system remotely from the location of the controlling pharmacy
- An automated pharmacy system should be within the confines of a pharmacy permit.
- Current laws require automated pharmacy systems within facilities that have other health care providers on premises. This legislation allows for automated pharmacy systems to be located anywhere including areas where there are no health care providers.
- Automated pharmacy systems will have to be restocked. If located in remote areas this will create a security issue for staff charged with the responsibility for restocking.
- It would be difficult for a pharmacist to ensure confidentiality of patient information if the consulting pharmacist is one county and the automated system is in another.
- This legislation would allow for a pharmacist who might be licensed in Florida but living in another state to oversee and be responsible for the integrity and operation of the automated pharmacy system.

- The automated pharmacy system should be in close proximity of the controlling pharmacy and the responsible pharmacist.