

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 234** be amended on page 1, in line 5, by striking all after "(a)"; by striking all in lines 6 through 17; in line 18, by striking all before the period and inserting "Every prescription order issued for a controlled substance in schedules II-V that contains an opiate, as described in the uniform controlled substances act, shall be transmitted electronically, unless:

(1) Electronic prescription orders are not possible due to technological or electronic system failures;

(2) electronic prescribing is not available to the prescriber due to economic hardship or technological limitations that are not reasonably within the control of the prescriber, or other exceptional circumstances exist as demonstrated by the prescriber;

(3) the prescription order is for a compounded preparation containing two or more components or requires information that makes electronic submission impractical, such as complicated or lengthy instructions for use;

(4) the prescription order is issued by a licensed veterinarian;

(5) the prescriber reasonably determines that it would be impractical for the patient to obtain the substances prescribed by electronic prescription in a timely manner, and such delay would adversely impact the patient's medical condition;

(7) the prescription order is issued pursuant to drug research or drug therapy protocols;

(8) the prescription order is by a prescriber who issues 50 or fewer prescription orders per year for controlled substances that contain opiates; or

(9) the United States food and drug administration requires the prescription order to contain elements that are not compatible or possible with electronic prescriptions";

Also on page 1, in line 35, by striking all after "(c)"; by striking all in line 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 and 2; in line 3, by striking "(d)"; in line 6, by striking "January 1, 2020" and inserting "July 1, 2021"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____ Chairperson