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HOUSE BILL 793

Short Title: STOP Act Amendment.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Sasser.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 4, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT FURTHER LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF OPIOIDS THAT MAY BE
3 PRESCRIBED FOR THE INITIAL CONSULTATION AND TREATMENT OF A
4 PATIENT FOR ACUTE PAIN.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-106(a3) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a3) Limitation on Prescriptions Upon Initial Consultation for Acute Pain. – A practitioner
8 shall not prescribe more than a ~~five-day~~three-day supply of any targeted controlled substance
9 upon the initial consultation and treatment of a patient for acute pain, unless the prescription is
10 for post-operative acute pain relief for use immediately following a surgical procedure. A
11 practitioner shall not prescribe more than a seven-day supply of any targeted controlled substance
12 for post-operative acute pain relief immediately following a surgical procedure. Upon any
13 subsequent consultation for the same pain, the practitioner may issue any appropriate renewal,
14 refill, or new prescription for a targeted controlled substance. This subsection does not apply to
15 prescriptions for controlled substances issued by a practitioner who orders a controlled substance
16 to be wholly administered in a hospital, nursing home licensed under Chapter 131E of the General
17 Statutes, hospice facility, or residential care facility, as defined in G.S. 14-32.2(i). This
18 subsection does not apply to prescriptions for controlled substances issued by a practitioner who
19 orders a controlled substance to be wholly administered in an emergency facility, veterinary
20 hospital, or animal hospital, as defined in G.S. 90-181.1. A practitioner who acts in accordance
21 with the limitation on prescriptions as set forth in this subsection is immune from any civil
22 liability or disciplinary action from the practitioner's occupational licensing agency for acting in
23 accordance with this subsection."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021.



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