

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, No. 1195

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator MADDEN)

ADOPTED: JUNE 22, 2006

This bill currently provides that if a pharmacy practice site (pharmacy) does not have in stock a prescription drug or device that it carries, and a patient presents a prescription for that drug or device, the pharmacy shall offer to order the drug or device, or locate a pharmacy of the patient's choice that has the drug or device and transfer the prescription to that pharmacy.

These amendments extend the requirement to assist a patient in those cases in which the pharmacy does not carry the prescribed drug or device. The amendments require that if a patient presents a prescription for a drug or device that the pharmacy does not carry, the pharmacy shall offer to locate a pharmacy that is reasonably accessible to the patient and has the drug or device in stock.

The amendments also conform the wording in subsection b. of section 1 of the bill to the new language of the amendment by deleting the phrase "locate a pharmacy of the patient's choice" and replacing that phrase with "locate a pharmacy this is reasonably accessible to the patient."