

HB 471 -- Wholesale Distributors of Prescription Drugs

Sponsor: Hunter

This bill changes the laws regarding wholesale distribution of prescription drugs. The bill:

- (1) Requires all wholesalers of prescription drugs to be licensed by the Missouri State Board of Pharmacy;
- (2) Requires all applicants for licensure to provide under oath a minimum amount of information regarding themselves and their wholesale business;
- (3) Establishes certain criteria which all applicants must meet prior to being issued a license as a wholesale distributor;
- (4) Requires licensees to be bonded and authorizes the board to create a fund for these bonds;
- (5) Establishes a minimum percentage of prescription drugs which a distributor must sell monthly;
- (6) Allows pharmacies to return prescription drugs to the drug manufacturer or wholesale distributor where they originally purchased them;
- (7) Requires manufacturers and wholesalers to distribute only to persons licensed by the board;
- (8) Requires manufacturers and wholesalers to deliver prescription drugs only to the premises listed on the license;
- (9) Requires manufacturers and wholesalers to accept payment for the purchase of prescription drugs only from the pharmacy owner of record;
- (10) Requires persons engaged in the wholesale of a prescription drug to provide a pedigree or electronic file identifying each sale, trade, or transfer of a prescription drug;
- (11) Authorizes the board to promulgate rules relating to the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs prior to December 1, 2006; and
- (12) Authorizes the board to suspend and revoke licenses and issue orders requiring the appropriate person to cease distribution of prescription drugs.