

HCS SCS SB 718 -- MAINTENANCE MEDICATION

SPONSOR: Eigel

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, dispensing of maintenance medication based on refills authorized by the physician or prescriber on the prescription is limited to no more than a 90 day supply of the medication and the patient must have already been prescribed the medication for three months. This bill provides that the supply limitations shall not apply if the prescription is issued by a practitioner located in another state or dispensed to a patient who is a member of the United States Armed Forces serving outside the United States (Section 338.202, RSMo).

This bill removes the termination date of statute that requires a health carrier to provide coverage for early refills of an eye drop prescription (Section 376.1237).

This bill is similar to SB 533 (2017) and HB 1837 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will help those who order from online pharmacies or the military who are overseas.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Eigel and RX Outreach.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.