

HB 2422 -- REMOTE DISPENSING SITE PHARMACIES

SPONSOR: Stephens (128)

This bill creates a license within the Board of Pharmacy for a "remote dispensing site pharmacy" which is a location staffed by one or more qualified pharmacy technicians or intern pharmacists whose activities are supervised by a pharmacist at a supervising pharmacy through a continuous real-time audio and video link.

All counseling shall be done by a supervising pharmacist at the supervising pharmacy via a HIPAA-compliant continuous real-time video and audio link before a drug or medical device is released to the patient. Also, the supervising pharmacy is responsible for ensuring appropriate practices are followed for the safety and accuracy of prescriptions.

A remote dispensing site pharmacy shall be located at least 10 miles from an existing retail pharmacy unless it is:

- (1) Part of a community mental health center, federally qualified health center, hospital, rural health clinic, or outpatient clinic;
- (2) In a city with a population of 5,000 or more inhabitants; or
- (3) The site demonstrates to the board how the proposed remote dispensing site pharmacy will promote public health.

The remote dispensing site pharmacy shall be within 50 miles of its supervising pharmacy, be staffed by a pharmacist for at least eight hours a month, and the average number of prescriptions dispensed over a 90 day period shall not exceed 150 prescriptions per day.