

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 795

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE INGLE.

1634H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to guidelines for opioid prescriptions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.985, to read as follows:

192.985. 1. Before December 31, 2025, the department of health and senior services shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding tapering a patient off opioids for all health care professionals with the authority to prescribe opioids consistent with the most recent guidelines for prescribing opioids issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Thereafter, the department shall review such rules and regulations every five years and update them as necessary. The department's rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Instruction on when to decrease opioid doses or taper versus continuation;**
- (2) Tapering protocols;**
- (3) Tapering strategies; and**
- (4) Any other consideration for tapering opioids.**

2. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August**
19 **28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.**

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