

HB 1978 -- RX CARES FOR MO PROGRAM

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Currently, there is a program called the "RX Cares for Missouri Program" to promote medication safety and to prevent prescription drug abuse in Missouri. The Board of Pharmacy, within the Division of Professional Registration, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health, can allocate funds to public or private entities for relevant programs or education. However, funds cannot be used for state prescription drug monitoring programs. The Board, in consultation with the Department, manages the program and can also enter interagency agreements to assist in the program's management or operation.

The program is currently set to expire on August 28, 2026.

This bill removes that expiration date.

This bill is similar to HB 1445 (2025).