

HB 3223 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits a mail-order, specialty, or online pharmacy from transferring prescription drugs intended for dispensation to a patient unless the receiving pharmacy agrees to the transfer. It requires a transferring pharmacy to compensate the receiving pharmacy for all costs incurred in the transfer. The measure prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from requiring a pharmacy to receive and dispense transferred prescription drugs. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

REVENUE: *May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Some prescription drugs (e.g. biologics) require special handling and/or administration. These drugs often get categorized as "specialty drugs" that have unique provisions governing the drugs' coverage by health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). The specialty drug category of prescription drug has been growing in both size and spending having grown from a handful of drugs in the 1990s to several hundred today that make up more than half of pharmaceutical spending.

House Bill 3223 limits when a mail-order, specialty, or online pharmacy from transferring prescription drugs intended for dispensation to a patient.