



S.F. No. 1785 – Modifying medication repository program procedures; appropriating money

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Bill Overview

S.F. No. 1785 amends portions of the medication repository program, which allows donors to donate unopened drugs (prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications) and medical supplies to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements. Donated items are received by a repository and inspected by a pharmacist or an authorized practitioner to ensure the donated items have not been tampered with or misbranded. The items may then be provided to individuals receiving donated drugs or supplies.

Section Summaries

Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 151.555, subd. 6; Standards and procedures for accepting donations of drugs and supplies) This section adds that the central repository for donated drugs may purchase a drug from a wholesaler licensed by the Board of Pharmacy if the repository does not have a sufficient supply of donated drugs to fill a prescription. The repository may use excess purchased drugs to fill other eligible patients' prescriptions, but must use donated drugs if possible.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 151.55, subd. 10; Distribution of donated drugs and supplies) This section provides that a local repository accepting donated drugs and medical supplies must transfer donated drugs and supplies that are suitable for donation and dispensing to the central repository when the local repository elects not to dispense donated drugs and supplies. This section also requires disposal of drugs and supplies not suitable for donation or dispensing.

Section 3 (Appropriation) This section appropriates \$900,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Board of Pharmacy for the medication repository program. This section further provides that the base for this appropriation is \$900,000 in fiscal year 2028 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2029.



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