

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 15.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/15.3 new)

7 Sec. 15.3. Emergency prescription refills.

8 (a) A pharmacist may exercise professional judgment to  
9 dispense an emergency supply of medication for a chronic  
10 disease or condition if the pharmacist is unable to obtain  
11 refill authorization from the prescriber when:

12 (1) in the pharmacist's professional judgment,  
13 interruption of therapy might reasonably produce  
14 undesirable consequences or cause patient suffering;

15 (2) the pharmacy previously dispensed or refilled a  
16 prescription from the prescriber for the same patient and  
17 medication;

18 (3) the prescription is not for a controlled substance;

19 (4) the pharmacist informs the patient or the patient's  
20 agent at the time of dispensing that prescriber  
21 authorization is required for future refills; notification  
22 may be made verbally, electronically, or in writing; and

23 (5) the emergency dispensing is documented in the

1       patient's prescription record and the pharmacist informs  
2       the prescriber of the emergency refill.

3       (b) The emergency supply must be limited to the amount  
4       needed for the emergency period as determined by the pharmacist  
5       within his or her professional judgment. However, the total  
6       amount dispensed shall not exceed a 30-day supply.

7       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8       becoming law.