A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION SAFETY LAW
6	§ −1 Long-acting opioid painkillers; emergency rooms.
7	No physician, nurse, or physician's assistant, in providing
8	emergency services at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe
9	any long-acting opioid painkillers, including but not limited to
10	extended-release oxycodone, fentanyl, fentanyl patches, MS
11	contin, oxycontin, or methadone.
12	§ -2 Other opioid painkillers; emergency rooms. No
13	physician, nurse, or physician's assistant, in providing
14	emergency services at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe
15	more than a seven-day supply of opioid painkillers other than
16	long-acting opioid painkillers.
17	§ -3 Prescription refills; emergency rooms. No
18	physician, nurse, or physician's assistant, in providing

- 1 emergency services at any hospital in the State, shall refill
- 2 any prescription for any opioid painkiller that has been lost,
- 3 stolen, or destroyed.
- 4 § -4 Exemptions. (a) This chapter shall not apply to
- 5 emergency room treatment of:
- 6 (1) Any serious illness, disease, or condition such as
- 7 cancer; or
- **8** (2) Any other illness, disease, or condition that requires
- 9 palliative care.
- 10 (b) This chapter shall not apply to prescriptions made
- 11 outside of an emergency room.
- 12 § -5 Penalties. Any person who violates this chapter
- 13 shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than
- 14 one year, or both."
- 15 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Prescriptions; Hospitals; Emergency Rooms

Description:

Prohibits doctors, nurses, and physician's assistants from prescribing long-acting opioid painkillers in emergency rooms. Prohibits doctors, nurses, and physician's assistants in emergency rooms from prescribing more than a seven-day supply of opioid painkillers other than long-acting opioid painkillers. Prohibits doctors, nurses, and physician's assistants in emergency rooms from refilling prescriptions for opioid painkillers that have been lost, stolen, or destroyed. Establishes exceptions. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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