THE SENATE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 892

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.

### 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; other opioid S 7 painkillers; emergency rooms. (a) No physician, advanced 8 practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant

9 to section 457-8.6, or physician assistant, in providing 10 emergency services at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe 11 any long-acting opioid painkillers, including but not limited to 12 extended-release oxycodone, fentanyl patches, or methadone.

(b) No physician, advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant to section 457-8.6, or physician assistant, in providing emergency services at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe more than a seven-day supply of any other opioid painkillers.



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1 S -2 Prescription refills; emergency rooms. Pursuant to section 329-28(a)(3), no physician, advanced practice registered 2 3 nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant to section 457-8.6, or physician assistant, in providing emergency services at any 4 5 hospital in the State, shall refill any prescription for opioid 6 painkillers. 7 **Exemptions.** (a) This chapter shall not apply to S -3 8 emergency room treatment of: 9 Any serious illness, disease, or condition such as (1)10 cancer; or Any other illness, disease, or condition that requires 11 (2)12 palliative care. (b) This chapter shall not apply to prescriptions made 13 14 outside of an emergency room. 15 Penalties. Any person who violates this chapter S -4 shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than 16 17 one year, or both." 18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 19

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#### Report Title:

Prescriptions; Emergency Rooms; Long-acting Opioid Painkillers; Other Opioid Painkillers

#### Description:

Prohibits doctors, advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority, and physician assistants, when providing emergency services at a hospital from: prescribing any longacting opioid painkiller, prescribing more than a seven-day supply of any other opioid painkiller, or refilling prescriptions for opioid painkillers. Provides exceptions. Establishes penalties.

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