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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that allowing post office  
2 boxes and rural and highway contract route boxes to be used for  
3 prescriptions, as long as the physical address is readily  
4 accessible, would save pharmacists time because they would not  
5 have to take the required steps to change the post office box  
6 number to a physical address.

7       The legislature further finds that allowing post office  
8 boxes and rural and highway contract route boxes to be used for  
9 prescriptions makes good use of technology and results in a more  
10 efficient workflow.

11       The purpose of this Act is to amend the definition of  
12 "address" in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329,  
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make post office boxes and rural and  
14 highway contract route boxes permissible if a physical address  
15 is readily accessible.



SECTION 2. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "address" to read as follows:

"Address" means, with respect to prescriptions, the physical location where an individual resides such as:

- (1) Street address, city, and state;
- (2) Tax map key number; or
- (3) The description of a physical location.

Unless the context dictates otherwise, for purposes of this chapter, "address" also includes a post office box, rural route box, or highway contract route box; provided that the pharmacy dispensing the prescription has on file the physical location where an individual resides."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

Electronic Prescription Filing Systems; Controlled Substances

**Description:**

Allows the utilization of post office boxes, rural route boxes, and highway contract route boxes for controlled substances prescriptions by amending the definition of "address" for purposes of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Effective 1/1/2023. (SD2)

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