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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1211

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1211, as currently written, amends the Automated Medication Systems Act to authorize a licensed pharmacy to operate an automated medication system as a prescription pickup kiosk when the system is located on property owned or leased by the licensed pharmacy, whether within the interior of the pharmacy building or affixed to, or situated on, the exterior of the building.

The bill amends section 71-2449 to permit automated medication distribution machines to be operated in connection with a licensed pharmacy, subject to the requirements of section 71-2447 and a new section created by the bill. The bill retains existing provisions governing the packaging, labeling, and handling of drugs placed in an automated medication distribution machine.

LB 1211 creates a new section requiring that an automated medication system operated by or under the authority of a licensed pharmacy be licensed annually by the Division of Public Health. The bill requires submission of an application, payment of a licensure fee set by the Board of Pharmacy, and inspection of the automated medication system by a pharmacy inspector. A separate license is required for each location at which an automated medication system is operated.

The bill assigns responsibility for the operation of the automated medication system to the pharmacist in charge of the licensed pharmacy and requires compliance with statutory provisions related to prescription verification, pharmacist review prior to dispensing, labeling, record keeping, storage, and the availability of pharmacist care.

LB 1211 establishes environmental and physical security requirements applicable to automated medication systems that are located outside a fully enclosed building. The bill also prohibits any automated medication system operated under the new section from storing, dispensing, or otherwise making available a controlled substance, regardless of location.

LB1211 does not apply to long-term care automated pharmacies or automated medication systems operated in long-term care facilities.

Principal Introducer: _____

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