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## 2025 SENATE BILL 137

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives MURPHY, SORTWELL, BEHNKE, DITTRICH and KNODL. Referred to Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 450.095 (1) (a); **to amend** 50.36 (6), 450.095 (title), 450.095  
2           (2) (intro.), 450.095 (2) (a), 450.095 (2) (b) and 450.095 (2) (c); **to create**  
3           450.095 (1) (am), 450.095 (2) (am), 450.095 (2m) and 632.865 (6m) of the  
4           statutes; **relating to:** the duty of a pharmacist to dispense lawfully prescribed  
5           drugs and devices.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a pharmacy has a duty to dispense lawfully prescribed contraceptive drugs and devices without delay unless certain factors apply, including that the prescription contains an obvious or known error or contains inadequate instructions, the prescription is contraindicated for the patient, the prescription is incompatible with another drug or device prescribed for the patient, or the prescription is potentially fraudulent. This bill expands that duty to require pharmacies to dispense any lawfully prescribed drug or device without delay. However, if any pharmacist at a pharmacy refuses to dispense a drug or device for reasons of conscience such that the pharmacy cannot fulfill the prescription order without delay, then the bill requires the pharmacy to transfer the prescription order to a different pharmacy, at the direction of the patient, that will dispense the prescribed drug or device without delay. The bill also specifies that a pharmacy

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may not dispense a lawfully prescribed drug or device if there is an absolute contraindication for the prescribed drug or device, rather than just a contraindication. Under the bill, “absolute contraindication” is defined to mean any condition present in a patient that makes a particular drug or device inadvisable under any circumstances.

Further, the bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from penalizing in any way a pharmacy or pharmacist from dispensing a prescribed drug or device that is prescribed for a use other than a use approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration if the prescribed drug or device is dispensed pursuant to a valid prescription order.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 50.36 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           50.36 (6) If the department receives a credible complaint that a pharmacy  
3 located in a hospital has violated its duty to dispense ~~contraceptive~~ drugs and  
4 devices under s. 450.095 (2), the department shall refer the complaint to the  
5 department of safety and professional services.

6           **SECTION 2.** 450.095 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           **450.095 (title) Duty to dispense ~~contraceptives~~.**

8           **SECTION 3.** 450.095 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

9           **SECTION 4.** 450.095 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

10          450.095 (1) (am) “Absolute contraindication” means any condition present in  
11 a patient that renders a particular drug or device not safe to be used as prescribed  
12 under any circumstance because of the severe or potentially life-threatening risks  
13 involved.

14          **SECTION 5.** 450.095 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          450.095 (2) (intro.) Unless ~~one or more~~ any of the following applies, except as

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1 provided in sub. (2m), a pharmacy shall dispense any lawfully prescribed  
2 ~~contraceptive drugs and devices~~ drug or device and shall deliver ~~contraceptive~~  
3 ~~drugs and devices restricted to distribution by a pharmacy~~ the drug or device to ~~a~~  
4 the patient without delay:

5 **SECTION 6.** 450.095 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 450.095 (2) (a) The prescription or prescription order contains an obvious or  
7 known error or contains inadequate instructions.

8 **SECTION 7.** 450.095 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

9 450.095 (2) (am) A pharmacist determines after reviewing the prescription  
10 order and the patient's medical records that there is an absolute contraindication  
11 for the prescribed drug or device.

12 **SECTION 8.** 450.095 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 450.095 (2) (b) The ~~prescription is contraindicated for the patient,~~ prescribed  
14 drug or device is incompatible with another drug or device prescribed for the  
15 patient, or is prohibited by state or federal law.

16 **SECTION 9.** 450.095 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 450.095 (2) (c) The prescription or prescription order is potentially  
18 fraudulent.

19 **SECTION 10.** 450.095 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

20 450.095 (2m) If any pharmacist at a pharmacy refuses to dispense a lawfully  
21 prescribed drug or device for reasons of conscience such that the pharmacy cannot  
22 fulfill a prescription or prescription order without delay, then the pharmacy shall  
23 transfer the prescription or prescription order to a different pharmacy, at the

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1 direction of the patient, that will dispense the prescribed drug or device without  
2 delay.

3 **SECTION 11.** 632.865 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 632.865 **(6m)** OFF-LABEL THERAPIES. No pharmacy benefit manager may in  
5 any way penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist for dispensing a prescribed drug or  
6 device that is prescribed for a use other than a use approved by the federal food and  
7 drug administration if the prescribed drug or device is dispensed pursuant to a  
8 valid prescription order, as defined in s. 450.01 (21).

9 **(END)**