

2013 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2089

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee Red River Room, State Capitol


SB 2089

1/16/13

Recording Job Number: 17296

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature:



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to state board of pharmacy prescription monitoring programs.

Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Chairman Lee opens hearing on SB 2089.

Mark Hardy, PharmD, Assistant Executive Director of the ND State Board of Pharmacy, testifies first in support of SB 2089.

See attached testimony #1.

Floor is opened from questions from the committee.

Chairman Lee asks Mr. Hardy to explain how the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) addresses doctor/pharmacy shopping.

Mr. Hardy explains that there is an Advisory board that is made up of practitioners from the Medical Association, State Board of Medical Examiners, Nurse Practitioners Association, rep from Medicaid, rep from Bureaucratic Criminal Investigation, and rep from the Board of Pharmacy. It's in place for guidance on how program needs to move forward and help set standards for actions the PDMP take to enhance patient care and utilization of the program in general.

Senator Dever asks if information adhered to a national standard is shared across state lines.

Mr. Hardy explains that they participate in the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy interconnect project which connects various states that have the regulatory framework in place that allows them to report to multiple states. ND is one of the first states to be involved and there are currently about 10-12 states participating.

No further questions from the committee to Mr. Hardy.

No further testimony in favor or opposition.

Chairman Lee closes hearing on SB 2089.

Hearing is re-opened for further testimony from **Jim Fleming**, Director of Child Support for the Department of Human Services. He did not initially step up to the podium to present his information since Senator Anderson was not present during the hearing.

Mr. Fleming and Senator Anderson visited prior to hearing regarding the government agencies that have access to the database of those who participate in the PDMP. Senator Anderson expressed an interest in considering an amendment that would add child support to the list of entities that were covered. There is already a DHS exception so he put together some additional language for Senator Anderson to review (see attachment #2). All that is being requested is access to just the addresses and names.

Senator Larsen asks Mr. Fleming the type of collection shortfall they are at yearly.

Mr. Fleming explains that the primary area that this would be used for is when they don't have an order at all. 89% of their cases have a child support order which leaves 11% not having an order due to the fact that they can't find the individual.

No further questions from the committee for Mr .Fleming.

Chairman Lee closes re-opened hearing on SB 2089.

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Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2089

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Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature:



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to state board of pharmacy prescription monitoring programs.

Minutes:

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Committee discussion on SB 2089.

Committee discusses with the law intern the language that needs to be drafted for the amendment. Senator Anderson needs to visit with Jim Fleming a little more to figure out more specifics but the gives the okay to proceed with drafting the amendment.

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Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2089

1/21/13

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Conference Committee

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to state board of pharmacy prescription monitoring programs.

Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Committee discussion #2 on SB 2089.

Committee reviews Jim Fleming's proposed amendment (see attachment #2).

Senator Anderson moves to adopt the amendment.

Senator Axness asks if this amendment covers the confidentiality issues they discussed.

Senator Anderson states that the three amendments he had the law intern draft all mentioned that, however, he doesn't have a problem with this new language because it says, "for the purpose of," and only the information that is needed with be available.

Committee feels comfortable with that and there is no further discussion.

Senator Larsen seconds.

Roll call vote: 5-0, motion to adopt amendment passes.

Senator Larsen moves Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Dever seconds.

Roll call vote: 5-0, Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Anderson carries the Bill to the floor.

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/23/2013

Amendment to: SB 2089

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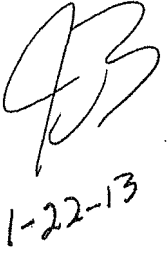
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Date Prepared: 01/30/2013

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Adopted by the Human Services Committee

January 21, 2013



Handwritten signature and date: 1-22-13

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2089

Page 1, line 1, after "19-03.5-02" insert "and subdivision e of subsection 3 of section 19-03.5-03"

Page 1, line 2, after "programs" insert "and access to prescription drug information"

Page 1, after line 21, insert:

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Re-number accordingly

Date: 1/21/13
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2089**

Senate Human Services Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 13.8009.01001

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment
 Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Anderson Seconded By Sen. Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Judy Lee	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Vice Chairman Oley Larsen	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				
Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1/21/13
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2089

Senate Human Services Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 13. 2009. 01001

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment
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Motion Made By Sen. Larsen Seconded By Sen. Dever

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
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Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Anderson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2089: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2089 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2013 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

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2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2089
March 19, 2013
Job #20129

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to state board of pharmacy prescription monitoring programs and access to prescription drug information.

Minutes:

See Testimonies #1 and 2

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on SB 2089.

Jenna Wahlstrom: PharmD intern with the ND State Board of Pharmacy testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #1)

5:14

Jim Fleming: Director of Child Support Division of the DHS testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #2)

6:48

Chairman Weisz: The language is going into 19-03.5-03 subsection 3e, correct?

Fleming: Correct. Child Support has a mandated section of code that says, notwithstanding any provision of law making, records, confidential, child support can have access. That is what we use every day to interact with other agencies like the Game and Fish Dept. for license suspension. But, e is part of a long list of very specific exceptions to confidentiality that the Board of Pharmacy has with regard to this program. You have a statutory conflict that got in the way of the sharing under our normal provision. So, hence this amendment to allow us to share with the board on a manner similar to what we share with many other agencies.

Rep. Mooney: May I ask a question of Ms. Wahlstrom?

Chairman Weisz: Sure.

Rep. Mooney: Is this data available to physicians now?

Wahlstrom: Yes. This information is available to any practitioner in the state. They can submit an application for direct online access or a fax request to us.

Rep. Mooney: This would be a separate data base?

Walstrom: That is correct.

NO OPPOSITION

Chairman Weisz closed the hearing.

Chairman Weisz: Let's take up 2089.

Rep. Porter: We have over the years been very supportive of allowing child support access to data bases in order to track down non-compliant individuals. If they think they can find a few more people inside of this data base, I don't have a big issue of allowing them in.

Rep. Fehr: I move a Do Pass on 2089

Rep. Laning: Second.

Rep. Mooney: We voted on 2190 yesterday regarding making the doctors aware of any substitutions made with biosimilars, so does this address that?

Chairman Weisz: No.

Rep. Porter: This is specific to the drug monitoring program.

Rep. Mooney: Two different things.

Chairman Weisz: This does not apply to the other prescriptions. This is strictly the controlled substances.

Rep. Oversen: We are not changing rules, just allowing them to update them?

Chairman Weisz: Right.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12 y 0 n 1 absent

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Bill Carrier: Rep. Laning

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2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2089

House Human Services Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Fehr Seconded By Rep. Laning

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ	✓		REP. MOONEY	✓	
VICE-CHAIRMAN HOFSTAD	✓		REP. MUSCHA	✓	
REP. ANDERSON	✓		REP. OVERSEN	✓	
REP. DAMSCHEN	✓				
REP. FEHR	✓				
REP. KIEFERT	✓				
REP. LANING	✓				
REP. LOOYSEN	✓				
REP. PORTER	✓				
REP. SILBERNAGEL	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Laning

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2089, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2089 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2013 TESTIMONY

SB 2089



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SB 2089 – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Senate Human Services Committee – Red River Room

9:30 – Wednesday January 16, 2013

Chairperson Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, for the record I am Mark J. Hardy, PharmD, Assistant Executive Director of the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy. I appreciate the opportunity to be here to speak to you today regarding a change to the statute NDCC 19-03.5-02, which addresses the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP].

Essentially, this change removes the specific requirement that is codified in this section and allows the Board of Pharmacy to establish by rule, the version of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy [ASAP] Based Standard to which dispensers must adhere when submitting dispensing history to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP]. Versions ASAP standards are updated regularly to ensure the proper information is captured by the data base and the highest quality of data is being reported. In this packet, I have included an American Society for Automation in Pharmacy announcing a recently released new standard.

The Board of Pharmacy would like to be able to keep pace with the changing standards and enhancements necessary to maintain the highest quality of data to ensure the highest level of patient safety and care. Initially, when the PDMP Legislation was passed it was requested that the specific standard be placed in the law, so the affected would have more certainty in their implementation of a reporting system as PDMPs were a new concept.

As you may know, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP] is a secure and HIPPA compliant online data base that is used to improve patient therapy and the state's ability to identify and inhibit the diversion of controlled substances and medications of concern in an efficient and cost effective manner, which should not impede the appropriate utilization of these medications for legitimate medical purposes. There are now 49 states in our nation that have a PDMPs in place and studies are showing their ever increasing effectiveness. They are intended to enhance patient care and protect public safety. Data in the PDMP is submitted by dispensers and is available in a patient specific format to practitioners, pharmacists, licensed addiction counselors in a state licensed program, Medicaid, Workforce Safety for their clients and law enforcement pursuant to an active investigation. Individuals, or their parents or guardians may also request information on themselves.

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Prescribers and practitioners may acquire direct access, which is 24/7 access to the PDMP data base, so the healthcare professionals can make the most informed decision on the patient's care.

North Dakota's PDMP requires daily dispensing reporting, which is a stricter reporting standard, as most states only require weekly reporting or even monthly data submission. We feel this stricter requirement gives our healthcare practitioners and users the most current and up-to-date information to help allow for the best decisions for patient care.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this change and do appreciate the time you have given me today.

Thank you.

ASAP

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January 8, 2013

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ASAP Announces New Standard for Connectivity to Prescription Monitoring Programs

The new standard from the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) is designed to facilitate bidirectional connections between pharmacies, prescribers, and prescription monitoring programs (PMPs).

The standard uses a Web service to activate queries directly from a pharmacy management or EHR system. This avoids having to step out of the workflow to check on a person of interest. The standard also eliminates the need for a prescription monitoring program to send out alerts via email, fax, or regular mail. This is accomplished through an automated poll of the PMP on a daily basis directly from the pharmacy management or EHR system to see if there is anyone who has reached the state's threshold for an alert.

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Work on the Web service standard involved the participation of 25 individuals, representing a range of stakeholders.

The *Implementation Guide for the ASAP Prescription Monitoring Program Web Service Standard* rounds out the suite of ASAP standards for prescription monitoring programs. In addition to the ASAP standard used in every state for reporting to PMPs, ASAP developed a Zero Report standard and an Error Report standard.

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As is the custom of ASAP, the new standard is available to prescription monitoring programs at no charge upon request. Other organizations and companies can purchase the new standard by going to asapnet.org.

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Attachment #2

Jim Fleming

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Prepared by the North Dakota
Department of Human Services
Child Support Division
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SB 2089 – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

House Human Services Committee – Fort Union Room

9:15 am – Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, for the record I am Jenna M. Wahlstrom, PharmD Candidate and intern with the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today regarding two changes to the NDCC 19-03.5 which addresses the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP], specifically sections 19-03.5-02 and 19-03.5-03.

The change to section 19-03.5-02 removes the specific version of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy [ASAP] Based Standard to which dispensers must adhere when submitting dispensing history to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program [PDMP] and allows the Board of Pharmacy to establish by rule which version to use. Versions of the ASAP standards are updated regularly to ensure the proper information is reported and captured by the database. In this packet, I have included an ASAP notification announcing a recently released new standard. North Dakota's PDMP requires daily reporting of dispensing, which is a stricter reporting standard, as most states only require weekly or even monthly data submission. We feel this stricter requirement gives our healthcare practitioners and users the most up-to-date information to help allow for the best decisions for patient care.

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Testimony
Engrossed Senate Bill 2089 – Department Of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman
March 19, 2013

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Jim Fleming, Director of the Child Support Division of the Department of Human Services (Child Support). I am here to support Engrossed Senate Bill 2089.

In June 2011, Child Support requested access from the Board of Pharmacy for information from the prescription drug monitoring program. It was determined that the current confidentiality law regarding the program did not allow the Board to share the information.

The Senate amended Senate Bill 2089 to give Child Support access to the address information. The address information maintained by the prescription drug monitoring program would be very helpful to Child Support in trying to locate parents who owe child support, distributing child support collections, and establishing paternity and child support obligations. Any information obtained by Child Support under the bill would remain confidential and only be used for purposes authorized by law.

Chairman Weisz and members of the committee, this concludes my testimony on Engrossed Senate Bill 2089, and I would be glad to answer any questions the committee may have.