

HB 1577 -- Tampering with Pharmaceuticals

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Verbatim:

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows:

This bill creates the crime of tampering with pharmaceuticals. Tampering with pharmaceuticals includes purposely changing the chemical formula or diluting a pharmaceutical without the consent of the doctor who prescribed it and dispensing it with the knowledge that the chemical change or dilution may impair its effectiveness, misrepresenting a diluted pharmaceutical as being undiluted, selling pharmaceuticals provided to physicians as samples, selling misbranded pharmaceuticals, or selling pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a prescription. Tampering with pharmaceuticals is a class B felony. If death or serious injury occurs as a result of tampering with a pharmaceutical, it is a class A felony. In addition to criminal penalties, tampering with pharmaceuticals is also considered an unfair merchandising practice under section 407.020 RSMo. Individuals who violate this section must be reported to the appropriate licensing board, and if the violation involved changing a chemical formula or diluting pharmaceuticals, improper

substitution of pharmaceuticals or the sale of misbranded pharmaceuticals or physician samples, the individual's professional license must be revoked immediately.

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