CCS HCS SB 284 -- PHARMACIES

This bill changes the laws regarding pharmacies.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (Section 144.030, RSMo)

The bill authorizes a state and local sales tax exemption for the rental of medical oxygen, home respiratory equipment and accessories, hospital beds and accessories, ambulatory aids, wheelchairs, stairway lifts, Braille writers, scooters, reading machines, electronic print enlargers, communication devices; items used solely to modify vehicles to accommodate a disability; and for a drug required by the federal Food and Drug Administration to meet specified over-the-counter drug product labeling requirements that is prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner.

BOARD OF PHARMACY (Section 338.055)

The Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration is authorized to refuse to issue a certificate of registration, permit, or license to an applicant for a pharmacy or drug distributor license if the designated pharmacist-in-charge, manager-in-charge, or any office owner, manager, or controlling shareholder of the applicant has committed an act which would be grounds for discipline.

WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTORS (Sections 338.330)

The bill defines "legend drug" as it relates to regulating wholesale drug distributors as any drug or biological product that is subject to Section 503(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; is required under federal law to be labeled in certain ways; or is required by law or regulation to be dispensed by prescription only or that is restricted to use by practitioners only. Any investigational new drug or a drug product being used for conducting a clinical trial or investigation under specified situations is exempt from this provision.

The bill contains an emergency clause for the provisions regarding wholesale drug distributors.