

Konrad Jackson

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Subject: House Bill 259; Pharmacy Audit Bill

Konrad Jackson,

I wanted to send a letter of support for the Pharmacy Audit Bill; House bill 259.

Audits can be an important mechanism for monitoring pharmacies and ensuring safe pharmacy practice, but they need to be standardized and conducted in a way that does not interfere with health care services provided by pharmacists. I support HB 259 which brings fairness to the unregulated and expanding practice of pharmacy audits. Right now auditors do not have to give prior notice of the audit nor do they have a time frame in which they can audit. HB 259 establishes a time frame for the announcement of an audit to allow proper retrieval of records under review. Pharmacies have the highest patient volume the first week of the month and audits should not occur during this week, so that patient care is not disrupted, unless the pharmacy and auditor agree otherwise. HB 259 will allow pharmacists to spend less time on paperwork and more time focusing on their patient's health and welfare.

Thank you,

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