STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation will clarify in law that there are limited and very specific situations where it is appropriate for a health care provider to write a prescription for an individual with whom that provider does not have an established provider-patient relationship. There are seven specific situations set forth in this legislation. One example would be when a provider needs to distribute doses of medicine quickly to prevent a public outbreak of a serious infectious disease (e.g., when there is a case of meningitis in a college dormitory). The specific situations outlined in this legislation follow well-established methods of care in the health care community, as well as best practices established by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

FISCAL NOTE

No financial impact.

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