Remote Automated Medication System

This Act generally authorizes licensed skilled nursing facilities and hospice facilities to use remote automated medication systems when such facilities don’t have pharmacies on-site.

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Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [Short Title.] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Authorize Certain Facilities to Use Remote Automated Medication Systems.”

2 Section 2. [Remote Automated Medication Systems.]
   (A) As used in this Act “remote automated medication system” means an automated mechanical system defined under [insert citation] and that is located in an institution that does not have an on-site pharmacy and in which medication may be dispensed in a manner that may be specific to a patient.
   (B) A remote automated medication system shall not be considered a vending machine for purposes of this Act.
   (C) The possession, filling, and use of canisters for remote automated medication systems pursuant to this Act shall not be considered a violation of [insert citation].
   (D) As used in this Act, the term “institution” means a skilled nursing facility under [insert citation] or a hospice licensed under [insert citation].
   (E) Pharmacists may dispense prescriptions from a remote location for the benefit of an institution that uses a remote automated medication system in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Act and the rules and regulations adopted by the [state board of pharmacy] pursuant to [insert citation].

3 Section 3. [Severability.] [Insert severability clause.]

4 Section 4. [Repealer.] [Insert repealer clause.]

5 Section 5. [Effective Date.] [Insert effective date.]