

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 675 — Pharmacies

by Health and Human Services Committee and Rep. Brodeur (CS/SB 1128 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Stargel)

The bill establishes a Class III institutional pharmacy permit. A Class III institutional pharmacy may dispense, distribute, compound, fill prescriptions, and prepare prepackaged drug products, for an affiliated hospital and entities under common control that hold permits issued under the Florida Pharmacy Act or the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act. A Class III institutional pharmacy is exempt from permitting under the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The bill exempts from the definition of wholesale distribution under the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act:

- A hospital arranging for a prescription drug wholesale distributor to distribute prescription drugs that were purchased by the hospital under s. 340B of the Public Health Services Act directly to a contract pharmacy; and
- The dispensing or distribution of a medicinal (prescription) drug by a Class III institutional pharmacy.

The bill expands the pharmacists eligible for two seats on the Board of Pharmacy to include pharmacists engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class III institutional pharmacy.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0