

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; establishing the Opioid Addiction Advisory Council; establishing  
1.3 the opioid stewardship fund; establishing an opiate product registration fee;  
1.4 modifying provisions related to opioid addiction prevention, education, intervention,  
1.5 treatment, and recovery; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending  
1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 151.01, subdivision 27; 151.065, subdivisions  
1.7 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 151.252, subdivision 1; 151.37, subdivision 12;  
1.8 152.105, subdivision 2; 152.11, subdivisions 1, 2d, 4; 152.126, subdivisions 6, 10;  
1.9 214.12, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.10 Statutes, chapters 151; 256.

1.11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.12 **ARTICLE 1**  
1.13 **OPIATE EPIDEMIC RESPONSE**

1.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Application fees.** Application fees for licensure and registration are as  
1.16 follows:

- 1.17 (1) pharmacist licensed by examination, \$145;  
1.18 (2) pharmacist licensed by reciprocity, \$240;  
1.19 (3) pharmacy intern, \$37.50;  
1.20 (4) pharmacy technician, \$37.50;  
1.21 (5) pharmacy, \$225;  
1.22 (6) drug wholesaler, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;  
1.23 (7) drug wholesaler, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;

- 2.1 (8) drug wholesaler, nonlegend drugs, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$5,000;
- 2.2 (9) drug wholesaler, medical gases, ~~\$175~~ \$5,000;
- 2.3 (10) drug wholesaler, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$5,000;
- 2.4 (11) drug manufacturer, nonopiate legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;
- 2.5 (12) drug manufacturer, nonopiate legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;
- 2.6 (13) drug manufacturer, nonlegend or veterinary legend drugs, ~~\$210~~ \$5,000;
- 2.7 (14) drug manufacturer, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$5,000;
- 2.8 (15) drug manufacturer, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$5,000;
- 2.9 (16) drug manufacturer of opiate-containing controlled substances listed in section
- 2.10 152.02, subdivisions 3 to 5, \$55,000;
- 2.11 ~~(16)~~ (17) medical gas distributor, ~~\$110~~ \$5,000;
- 2.12 ~~(17)~~ (18) controlled substance researcher, \$75; and
- 2.13 ~~(18)~~ (19) pharmacy professional corporation, \$125.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to any license

2.15 issued on or after that date.

2.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 3. **Annual renewal fees.** Annual licensure and registration renewal fees are as

2.18 follows:

- 2.19 (1) pharmacist, \$145;
- 2.20 (2) pharmacy technician, \$37.50;
- 2.21 (3) pharmacy, \$225;
- 2.22 (4) drug wholesaler, legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;
- 2.23 (5) drug wholesaler, legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;
- 2.24 (6) drug wholesaler, nonlegend drugs, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$5,000;
- 2.25 (7) drug wholesaler, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$5,000;
- 2.26 (8) drug wholesaler, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$5,000;
- 2.27 (9) drug manufacturer, nonopiate legend drugs only, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;
- 2.28 (10) drug manufacturer, nonopiate legend and nonlegend drugs, ~~\$235~~ \$5,000;

3.1 (11) drug manufacturer, nonlegend, veterinary legend drugs, or both, ~~\$210~~ \$5,000;

3.2 (12) drug manufacturer, medical gases, ~~\$185~~ \$5,000;

3.3 (13) drug manufacturer, also licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota, ~~\$150~~ \$5,000;

3.4 (14) drug manufacturer of opiate-containing controlled substances listed in section  
3.5 152.02, subdivisions 3 to 5, \$55,000;

3.6 ~~(14)~~ (15) medical gas distributor, ~~\$110~~ \$5,000;

3.7 ~~(15)~~ (16) controlled substance researcher, \$75; and

3.8 ~~(16)~~ (17) pharmacy professional corporation, \$75.

3.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019, and applies to any license  
3.10 renewed on or after that date.

3.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.065, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.12 read:

3.13 **Subd. 7. Deposit of fees.** (a) The license fees collected under this section, with the  
3.14 exception of the fees identified in paragraph (b), shall be deposited in the state government  
3.15 special revenue fund.

3.16 (b) \$5,000 of each fee collected under subdivision 1, clauses (6) to (15) and (17), and  
3.17 subdivision 3, clauses (4) to (13) and (15), and the fees collected under subdivision 1, clause  
3.18 (16), and subdivision 3, clause (14), shall be deposited in the opiate epidemic response  
3.19 account.

3.20 Sec. 4. **[151.066] OPIATE PRODUCT REGISTRATION FEE.**

3.21 **Subdivision 1. Definition.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
3.22 meanings given to them in this subdivision.

3.23 (b) "Manufacturer" means a manufacturer licensed under section 151.252 that is engaged  
3.24 in the manufacturing of an opiate.

3.25 (c) "Opiate" means any opiate-containing controlled substance listed in section 152.02,  
3.26 subdivisions 3 to 5, that is distributed, delivered, sold, or dispensed into or within this state.

3.27 (d) "Wholesaler" means a wholesale drug distributor licensed under section 151.47 that  
3.28 is engaged in the wholesale drug distribution of an opiate.

3.29 **Subd. 2. Reporting requirements.** (a) By March 1 of each year, beginning March 1,  
3.30 2020, each manufacturer and each wholesaler must report to the board every sale, delivery,

4.1 or other distribution within or into this state of any opiate that is made to any practitioner,  
4.2 pharmacy, hospital, veterinary hospital, or other person who is permitted by section 151.37  
4.3 to possess controlled substances for administration or dispensing to patients that occurred  
4.4 during the previous calendar year. Reporting must be in the automation of reports and  
4.5 consolidated orders system format unless otherwise specified by the board. If a manufacturer  
4.6 or wholesaler fails to provide information required under this paragraph on a timely basis,  
4.7 the board may assess an administrative penalty of \$100 per day. This penalty shall not be  
4.8 considered a form of disciplinary action.

4.9 (b) By March 1 of each year, beginning March 1, 2020, each owner of a pharmacy with  
4.10 at least one location within this state must report to the board any intracompany delivery  
4.11 or distribution into this state, of any opiate, to the extent that those deliveries and distributions  
4.12 are not reported to the board by a licensed wholesaler owned by, under contract to, or  
4.13 otherwise operating on behalf of the owner of the pharmacy. Reporting must be in the  
4.14 manner and format specified by the board for deliveries and distributions that occurred  
4.15 during the previous calendar year.

4.16 Subd. 3. **Determination of an opiate product registration fee.** (a) The board shall  
4.17 annually assess an opiate product registration fee on any manufacturer of an opiate that  
4.18 annually sells, delivers, or distributes an opiate within or into the state 2,000,000 or more  
4.19 units as reported to the board under subdivision 2.

4.20 (b) The annual registration fee for each manufacturer meeting the requirement under  
4.21 paragraph (a) is \$250,000.

4.22 (c) In conjunction with the data reported under this section, and notwithstanding section  
4.23 152.126, subdivision 6, the board may use the data reported under section 152.126,  
4.24 subdivision 4, to determine which manufacturers meet the requirement under paragraph (a)  
4.25 and are required to pay the registration fees under this subdivision.

4.26 (d) By April 1 of each year, beginning April 1, 2020, the board shall notify a manufacturer  
4.27 that the manufacturer meets the requirement in paragraph (a) and is required to pay the  
4.28 annual registration fee in accordance with section 151.252, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

4.29 (e) A manufacturer may dispute the board's determination that the manufacturer must  
4.30 pay the registration fee no later than 30 days after the date of notification. However, the  
4.31 manufacturer must still remit the fee as required by section 151.252, subdivision 1, paragraph  
4.32 (b). The dispute must be filed with the board in the manner and using the forms specified  
4.33 by the board. A manufacturer must submit, with the required forms, data satisfactory to the  
4.34 board that demonstrates that the assessment of the registration fee was incorrect. The board

5.1 must make a decision concerning a dispute no later than 60 days after receiving the required  
5.2 dispute forms. If the board determines that the manufacturer has satisfactorily demonstrated  
5.3 that the fee was incorrectly assessed, the board must refund the amount paid in error.

5.4 (f) For purposes of this subdivision, a unit means the individual dosage form of the  
5.5 particular drug product that is prescribed to the patient. One unit equals one tablet, capsule,  
5.6 patch, syringe, milliliter, or gram.

5.7 Subd. 4. **Report.** (a) The Board of Pharmacy shall evaluate the registration fee on drug  
5.8 manufacturers established under this section, and whether the registration fee and the  
5.9 increased licensure fees have impacted the prescribing practices of opiates by reducing the  
5.10 number of opiate prescriptions issued during calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022, or creating  
5.11 any unintended consequences in the availability of opiates for the treatment of chronic or  
5.12 intractable pain to the extent the board has the ability to effectively identify a correlation.  
5.13 Notwithstanding section 152.126, subdivision 6, the board may access the data reported  
5.14 under section 152.126, subdivision 4, to conduct this evaluation.

5.15 (b) The board shall submit the results of its evaluation to the chairs and ranking minority  
5.16 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services  
5.17 policy and finance by March 1, 2023.

5.18 Subd. 5. **Legislative review.** The legislature shall review the reports from the Opiate  
5.19 Epidemic Response Advisory Council under section 256.042, subdivision 5, paragraph (a),  
5.20 the reports from the commissioner of management and budget on the Results First evaluation  
5.21 activities under section 256.042, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the report from the Board of  
5.22 Pharmacy under subdivision 4, and any other relevant report or information related to the  
5.23 opioid crisis in Minnesota, to make a determination about whether the opiate product  
5.24 registration fee assessed under this section should continue beyond July 1, 2023.

5.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.252, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.26 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) No person shall act as a drug manufacturer without  
5.27 first obtaining a license from the board and paying any applicable fee specified in section  
5.28 151.065.

5.29 (b) In addition to the license required under paragraph (a), each manufacturer required  
5.30 to pay the registration fee under section 151.066 must pay the fee by June 1 of each year,  
5.31 beginning June 1, 2020. In the event of a change of ownership of the manufacturer, the new  
5.32 owner must pay the registration fee specified under section 151.066, subdivision 3, that the  
5.33 original owner would have been assessed had the original owner retained ownership. The

6.1 registration fee collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the opiate epidemic  
6.2 response account established under section 256.043.

6.3 ~~(b)~~ (c) Application for a drug manufacturer license under this section shall be made in  
6.4 a manner specified by the board.

6.5 ~~(e)~~ (d) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer unless the applicant  
6.6 agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according to Minnesota  
6.7 Rules.

6.8 ~~(d)~~ (e) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to  
6.9 be registered pursuant to United States Code, title 21, section 360, unless the applicant  
6.10 supplies the board with proof of registration. The board may establish by rule the standards  
6.11 for licensure of drug manufacturers that are not required to be registered under United States  
6.12 Code, title 21, section 360.

6.13 ~~(e)~~ (f) No license shall be issued or renewed for a drug manufacturer that is required to  
6.14 be licensed or registered by the state in which it is physically located unless the applicant  
6.15 supplies the board with proof of licensure or registration. The board may establish, by rule,  
6.16 standards for the licensure of a drug manufacturer that is not required to be licensed or  
6.17 registered by the state in which it is physically located.

6.18 ~~(f)~~ (g) The board shall require a separate license for each facility located within the state  
6.19 at which drug manufacturing occurs and for each facility located outside of the state at  
6.20 which drugs that are shipped into the state are manufactured, except a manufacturer of  
6.21 opiate-containing controlled substances shall not be required to pay the fee under section  
6.22 151.065, subdivision 1, clause (16), or 151.065, subdivision 2, clause (14), for more than  
6.23 one facility.

6.24 ~~(g)~~ (h) The board shall not issue an initial or renewed license for a drug manufacturing  
6.25 facility unless the facility passes an inspection conducted by an authorized representative  
6.26 of the board. In the case of a drug manufacturing facility located outside of the state, the  
6.27 board may require the applicant to pay the cost of the inspection, in addition to the license  
6.28 fee in section 151.065, unless the applicant furnishes the board with a report, issued by the  
6.29 appropriate regulatory agency of the state in which the facility is located or by the United  
6.30 States Food and Drug Administration, of an inspection that has occurred within the 24  
6.31 months immediately preceding receipt of the license application by the board. The board  
6.32 may deny licensure unless the applicant submits documentation satisfactory to the board  
6.33 that any deficiencies noted in an inspection report have been corrected.

7.1 Sec. 6. **[256.042] OPIATE EPIDEMIC RESPONSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

7.2 Subdivision 1. Establishment of the advisory council. (a) The Opiate Epidemic  
7.3 Response Advisory Council is established to develop and implement a comprehensive and  
7.4 effective statewide effort to address the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Minnesota.

7.5 The council shall focus on:

7.6 (1) prevention and education, including public education and awareness for adults and  
7.7 youth, prescriber education, the development and sustainability of opioid overdose prevention  
7.8 and education programs, and providing financial support to local law enforcement agencies  
7.9 for opiate antagonist programs;

7.10 (2) treatment, including statewide access to effective treatment and recovery services  
7.11 that is aligned with Minnesota's model of care approach to promoting access to treatment  
7.12 and recovery services. This includes ensuring that individuals throughout the state have  
7.13 access to treatment and recovery services, including care coordination services; peer recovery  
7.14 services; medication-assisted treatment and office-based opioid treatment; integrative and  
7.15 multidisciplinary therapies; and culturally specific services; and

7.16 (3) innovation and capacity building, including development of evidence-based practices,  
7.17 using research and evaluation to understand which policies and programs promote efficient  
7.18 and effective prevention, treatment, and recovery results. This also includes ensuring that  
7.19 there are qualified providers and a comprehensive set of treatment and recovery services  
7.20 throughout the state.

7.21 (b) The council shall:

7.22 (1) review local, state, and federal initiatives and funding related to prevention and  
7.23 education, treatment, and services for individuals and families experiencing and affected  
7.24 by opioid abuse, and promoting innovation and capacity building to address the opioid  
7.25 addiction and overdose epidemic, including alternatives to the use of opiates or narcotic  
7.26 pain relievers for the treatment of chronic pain;

7.27 (2) establish priorities to address the state's opioid addiction and overdose epidemic for  
7.28 the purpose of allocating funds and consult with the commissioner of management and  
7.29 budget to determine whether proposals are for evidence-based practices, promising practices,  
7.30 or theory-based practices;

7.31 (3) ensure that available funding under this section is allocated to align with existing  
7.32 state and federal funding to achieve the greatest impact and ensure a coordinated state effort  
7.33 to address the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic;

8.1 (4) develop criteria and procedures to be used in awarding grants and allocating available  
8.2 funds from the opiate epidemic response account and select proposals to receive grant  
8.3 funding. The council is encouraged to select proposals that are promising practices or  
8.4 theory-based practices, in addition to evidence-based practices, to help identify new  
8.5 approaches to effective prevention, treatment, and recovery; and

8.6 (5) in consultation with the commissioner of management and budget, and within  
8.7 available appropriations, select from the awarded grants projects that include promising  
8.8 practices or theory-based activities for which the commissioner of management and budget  
8.9 shall conduct evaluations using experimental or quasi-experimental design. Grants awarded  
8.10 to proposals that include promising practices or theory-based activities and that are selected  
8.11 for an evaluation shall be administered to support the experimental or quasi-experimental  
8.12 evaluation and require grantees to collect and report information that is needed to complete  
8.13 the evaluation. The commissioner of management and budget, under section 15.08, may  
8.14 obtain additional relevant data to support the experimental or quasi-experimental evaluation  
8.15 studies.

8.16 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The council shall consist of 18 voting members appointed  
8.17 by the commissioner of human services, except as otherwise specified:

8.18 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party appointed  
8.19 by the speaker of the house and one from the minority party appointed by the minority  
8.20 leader. Of these two members, one member must represent a district outside of the  
8.21 seven-county metropolitan area, and one member must represent a district that includes the  
8.22 seven-county metropolitan area;

8.23 (2) two members of the senate, one from the majority party appointed by the senate  
8.24 majority leader and one from the minority party appointed by the senate minority leader.  
8.25 Of these two members, one member must represent a district outside of the seven-county  
8.26 metropolitan area and one member must represent a district that includes the seven-county  
8.27 metropolitan area;

8.28 (3) one member appointed by the Board of Pharmacy;

8.29 (4) one member who is a physician appointed by the Minnesota chapter of the American  
8.30 College of Emergency Physicians;

8.31 (5) one member representing opioid treatment programs or sober living programs;

8.32 (6) one member who is a physician appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;



9.1 (7) one member who is a physician appointed by the Minnesota Society of Addiction  
9.2 Medicine;

9.3 (8) one member who is a pain psychologist;

9.4 (9) one member appointed by the Steve Rummeler Hope Network;

9.5 (10) one member appointed by the Minnesota Ambulance Association;

9.6 (11) one member representing the Minnesota courts who is a judge or law enforcement  
9.7 officer;

9.8 (12) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who has been impacted by the  
9.9 opioid epidemic;

9.10 (13) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is in opioid addiction  
9.11 recovery;

9.12 (14) one member representing a manufacturer of opiates;

9.13 (15) one member representing an Indian tribe; and

9.14 (16) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is suffering from chronic  
9.15 pain, intractable pain, or a rare disease or condition.

9.16 (b) The commissioners of human services and health or their designees shall be ex officio  
9.17 nonvoting members of the council.

9.18 (c) The commissioner of human services shall coordinate the commissioner's  
9.19 appointments to provide geographic diversity and shall ensure that at least one-half of  
9.20 council members appointed by the commissioner reside outside of the seven-county  
9.21 metropolitan area.

9.22 (d) The council is governed by section 15.059, except that members of the council shall  
9.23 receive no compensation other than reimbursement for expenses. Notwithstanding section  
9.24 15.059, subdivision 6, the council shall not expire.

9.25 (e) The chair shall convene the council at least quarterly, and may convene other meetings  
9.26 as necessary. The chair shall convene meetings at different locations in the state to provide  
9.27 geographic access, and shall ensure that at least one-half of the meetings are held at locations  
9.28 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

9.29 (f) The commissioner of human services shall provide staff and administrative services  
9.30 for the advisory council.

9.31 (g) The council is subject to chapter 13D.

10.1 Subd. 3. **Conflict of interest.** Advisory council members must disclose to the council,  
10.2 refrain from participating in discussions, and recuse themselves from voting on any matter  
10.3 before the council if the member has a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest means a  
10.4 financial association that has the potential to bias or have the appearance of biasing a council  
10.5 member's decision related to the opiate epidemic response grant decision process or other  
10.6 council activities under this section.

10.7 Subd. 4. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall submit a report of the  
10.8 grants proposed by the advisory council to be awarded for the upcoming fiscal year to the  
10.9 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
10.10 health and human services policy and finance, by March 1 of each year, beginning March  
10.11 1, 2020.

10.12 (b) The commissioner of human services shall award grants from the opiate epidemic  
10.13 response account under section 256.043. The grants shall be awarded to proposals selected  
10.14 by the advisory council that address the priorities in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses  
10.15 (1) to (3), unless otherwise appropriated by the legislature. No more than three percent of  
10.16 the grant amount may be used by a grantee for administration.

10.17 Subd. 5. **Reports.** (a) The advisory council shall report annually to the chairs and ranking  
10.18 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human  
10.19 services policy and finance by January 31 of each year. The report shall include information  
10.20 about the individual projects that receive grants and the overall role of the project in  
10.21 addressing the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Minnesota. The report must  
10.22 describe the grantees and the activities implemented, along with measurable outcomes as  
10.23 determined by the council in consultation with the commissioner of human services and the  
10.24 commissioner of management and budget. At a minimum, the report must include information  
10.25 about the number of individuals who received information or treatment, the outcomes the  
10.26 individuals achieved, and demographic information about the individuals participating in  
10.27 the project; an assessment of the progress toward achieving statewide access to qualified  
10.28 providers and comprehensive treatment and recovery services; and an update on the  
10.29 evaluation implemented by the commissioner of management and budget for the promising  
10.30 practices and theory-based projects that receive funding.

10.31 (b) The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the Opiate  
10.32 Epidemic Response Advisory Council, shall report to the chairs and ranking minority  
10.33 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services  
10.34 policy and finance when an evaluation study described in subdivision 1, paragraph (b),  
10.35 clause (5), is complete on the promising practices or theory-based projects that are selected

11.1 for evaluation activities. The report shall include demographic information; outcome  
11.2 information for the individuals in the program; the results for the program in promoting  
11.3 recovery, employment, family reunification, and reducing involvement with the criminal  
11.4 justice system; and other relevant outcomes determined by the commissioner of management  
11.5 and budget that are specific to the projects that are evaluated. The report shall include  
11.6 information about the ability of grant programs to be scaled to achieve the statewide results  
11.7 that the grant project demonstrated.

11.8 **Sec. 7. [256.043] OPIATE EPIDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNT.**

11.9 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The opiate epidemic response account is established in  
11.10 the special revenue fund in the state treasury. The registration fees assessed by the Board  
11.11 of Pharmacy under section 151.066 and the license fees identified in section 151.065,  
11.12 subdivision 7, paragraph (b), shall be deposited into the account.

11.13 Subd. 2. **Use of account funds.** (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2020, money in the account  
11.14 shall be appropriated each fiscal year as specified in this subdivision.

11.15 (b) \$300,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of management and budget for  
11.16 evaluation activities under section 256.042.

11.17 (c) \$249,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for the provision  
11.18 of administrative services to the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council and for the  
11.19 administration of the grants awarded under paragraph (h).

11.20 (d) \$126,000 is appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the collection of the registration  
11.21 fees under section 151.066.

11.22 (e) \$384,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for Bureau of Criminal  
11.23 Apprehension drug scientists and lab supplies.

11.24 (f) \$800,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for grants of \$400,000  
11.25 to CHI St. Gabriel's Health Family Medical Center for the opioid-focused Project ECHO  
11.26 program and \$400,000 to Hennepin Health Care for the opioid-focused Project ECHO  
11.27 program.

11.28 (g) \$200,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of human services for a grant to a  
11.29 nonprofit organization that has provided overdose prevention programs to the public in at  
11.30 least 60 counties within the state, for at least three years, has received federal funding before  
11.31 January 1, 2019, and is dedicated to addressing the opioid epidemic. The grant must be used  
11.32 for opioid overdose prevention, community asset mapping, education, and overdose  
11.33 antagonist distribution.

12.1 (h) Money remaining in the opiate epidemic response account after making the  
12.2 appropriations required in paragraphs (b) to (g) is appropriated to the commissioner of  
12.3 human services. The commissioner shall distribute the appropriations as follows:

12.4 (1) at least 50 percent shall be distributed to county social service agencies to provide  
12.5 child protection services to children and families who are affected by addiction. The  
12.6 commissioner shall distribute this money proportionally to counties based on the number  
12.7 of open child protection case management cases in the county using data from the previous  
12.8 calendar year; and

12.9 (2) the remaining money shall be awarded as specified by the Opiate Epidemic Response  
12.10 Advisory Council as grants in accordance with section 256.042, unless otherwise appropriated  
12.11 by the legislature.

12.12 **Sec. 8. OPIATE EPIDEMIC RESPONSE ADVISORY COUNCIL FIRST MEETING**  
12.13 **AND REPORT.**

12.14 The commissioner of human services shall convene the first meeting of the Opiate  
12.15 Epidemic Response Advisory Council established under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.042,  
12.16 no later than October 1, 2019. The members shall elect a chair at the first meeting. The first  
12.17 report required under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.042, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), is  
12.18 due by January 31, 2022.

12.19 **Sec. 9. SETTLEMENT; SUNSET.**

12.20 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 151.065 and 151.066, if the state  
12.21 receives a settlement, payout, or judgment from any lawsuit brought by the state or group  
12.22 of states, in which Minnesota is a named party against an opiate drug manufacturer or  
12.23 manufacturers, in an amount of \$20,000,000 or greater, the application fee and the annual  
12.24 license fee for opiate manufacturers under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.065, subdivisions  
12.25 1 and 3, shall be reduced to \$5,000 and any registration fee assessed under Minnesota  
12.26 Statutes, section 152.066, subdivision 3, shall be reduced to \$5,000.

12.27 (b) If the fees identified in paragraph (a) are reduced, the reduced fee shall remain in  
12.28 effect until the fee is reviewed and adjusted, restored, or repealed by the legislature.

12.29 (c) If the state receives any money from a settlement, payout, or judgment as described  
12.30 in paragraph (a), regardless of the amount, the funds received by the state shall be deposited  
12.31 in the state treasury according to paragraph (d).

13.1 (d) If payment subject to paragraph (a) is received, the commissioner of management  
13.2 and budget shall deposit the funds received in a separate account in the state treasury and  
13.3 notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the finance committee in the senate and  
13.4 the ways and means committee in the house of representatives that an account has been  
13.5 created and the amount of funds deposited.

13.6 **ARTICLE 2**

13.7 **OTHER OPIATE PROVISIONS**

13.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.01, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

13.9 Subd. 27. **Practice of pharmacy.** "Practice of pharmacy" means:

13.10 (1) interpretation and evaluation of prescription drug orders;

13.11 (2) compounding, labeling, and dispensing drugs and devices (except labeling by a  
13.12 manufacturer or packager of nonprescription drugs or commercially packaged legend drugs  
13.13 and devices);

13.14 (3) participation in clinical interpretations and monitoring of drug therapy for assurance  
13.15 of safe and effective use of drugs, including the performance of laboratory tests that are  
13.16 waived under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988, United States Code,  
13.17 title 42, section 263a et seq., provided that a pharmacist may interpret the results of laboratory  
13.18 tests but may modify drug therapy only pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice  
13.19 agreement;

13.20 (4) participation in drug and therapeutic device selection; drug administration for first  
13.21 dosage and medical emergencies; intramuscular and subcutaneous administration used for  
13.22 the treatment of alcohol or opioid dependence; drug regimen reviews; and drug or  
13.23 drug-related research;

13.24 (5) drug administration, through intramuscular and subcutaneous administration used  
13.25 to treat mental illnesses as permitted under the following conditions:

13.26 (i) upon the order of a prescriber and the prescriber is notified after administration is  
13.27 complete; or

13.28 (ii) pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice agreement as defined by section  
13.29 151.01, subdivisions 27b and 27c, and participation in the initiation, management,  
13.30 modification, administration, and discontinuation of drug therapy is according to the protocol  
13.31 or collaborative practice agreement between the pharmacist and a dentist, optometrist,  
13.32 physician, podiatrist, or veterinarian, or an advanced practice registered nurse authorized

14.1 to prescribe, dispense, and administer under section 148.235. Any changes in drug therapy  
14.2 or medication administration made pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice agreement  
14.3 must be documented by the pharmacist in the patient's medical record or reported by the  
14.4 pharmacist to a practitioner responsible for the patient's care;

14.5 ~~(5)~~ (6) participation in administration of influenza vaccines to all eligible individuals  
14.6 six years of age and older and all other vaccines to patients 13 years of age and older by  
14.7 written protocol with a physician licensed under chapter 147, a physician assistant authorized  
14.8 to prescribe drugs under chapter 147A, or an advanced practice registered nurse authorized  
14.9 to prescribe drugs under section 148.235, provided that:

14.10 (i) the protocol includes, at a minimum:

14.11 (A) the name, dose, and route of each vaccine that may be given;

14.12 (B) the patient population for whom the vaccine may be given;

14.13 (C) contraindications and precautions to the vaccine;

14.14 (D) the procedure for handling an adverse reaction;

14.15 (E) the name, signature, and address of the physician, physician assistant, or advanced  
14.16 practice registered nurse;

14.17 (F) a telephone number at which the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice  
14.18 registered nurse can be contacted; and

14.19 (G) the date and time period for which the protocol is valid;

14.20 (ii) the pharmacist has successfully completed a program approved by the Accreditation  
14.21 Council for Pharmacy Education specifically for the administration of immunizations or a  
14.22 program approved by the board;

14.23 (iii) the pharmacist utilizes the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection to  
14.24 assess the immunization status of individuals prior to the administration of vaccines, except  
14.25 when administering influenza vaccines to individuals age nine and older;

14.26 (iv) the pharmacist reports the administration of the immunization to the Minnesota  
14.27 Immunization Information Connection; and

14.28 (v) the pharmacist complies with guidelines for vaccines and immunizations established  
14.29 by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, except that a pharmacist  
14.30 does not need to comply with those portions of the guidelines that establish immunization  
14.31 schedules when administering a vaccine pursuant to a valid, patient-specific order issued  
14.32 by a physician licensed under chapter 147, a physician assistant authorized to prescribe

15.1 drugs under chapter 147A, or an advanced practice nurse authorized to prescribe drugs  
15.2 under section 148.235, provided that the order is consistent with the United States Food  
15.3 and Drug Administration approved labeling of the vaccine;

15.4 ~~(6)~~ (7) participation in the initiation, management, modification, and discontinuation of  
15.5 drug therapy according to a written protocol or collaborative practice agreement between:  
15.6 (i) one or more pharmacists and one or more dentists, optometrists, physicians, podiatrists,  
15.7 or veterinarians; or (ii) one or more pharmacists and one or more physician assistants  
15.8 authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer under chapter 147A, or advanced practice  
15.9 nurses authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer under section 148.235. Any changes  
15.10 in drug therapy made pursuant to a protocol or collaborative practice agreement must be  
15.11 documented by the pharmacist in the patient's medical record or reported by the pharmacist  
15.12 to a practitioner responsible for the patient's care;

15.13 ~~(7)~~ (8) participation in the storage of drugs and the maintenance of records;

15.14 ~~(8)~~ (9) patient counseling on therapeutic values, content, hazards, and uses of drugs and  
15.15 devices;

15.16 ~~(9)~~ (10) offering or performing those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary  
15.17 in the conduct, operation, management, and control of a pharmacy; and

15.18 ~~(10)~~ (11) participation in the initiation, management, modification, and discontinuation  
15.19 of therapy with opiate antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1, pursuant  
15.20 to:

15.21 (i) a written protocol as allowed under clause (6); or

15.22 (ii) a written protocol with a community health board medical consultant or a practitioner  
15.23 designated by the commissioner of health, as allowed under section 151.37, subdivision 13.

15.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

15.25 Subd. 12. **Administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose.** (a) A licensed  
15.26 physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe drugs  
15.27 pursuant to section 148.235, or a licensed physician assistant authorized to prescribe drugs  
15.28 pursuant to section 147A.18 may authorize the following individuals to administer opiate  
15.29 antagonists, as defined in section 604A.04, subdivision 1:

15.30 (1) an emergency medical responder registered pursuant to section 144E.27;

15.31 (2) a peace officer as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d);

15.32 ~~and~~

16.1 (3) employees of a correctional facility; and

16.2 (4) staff of community-based health disease prevention or social service programs.

16.3 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, opiate antagonists may be administered by one  
16.4 of these individuals only if:

16.5 (1) the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice  
16.6 registered nurse has issued a standing order to, or entered into a protocol with, the individual;  
16.7 and

16.8 (2) the individual has training in the recognition of signs of opiate overdose and the use  
16.9 of opiate antagonists as part of the emergency response to opiate overdose.

16.10 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the possession and administration of naloxone  
16.11 pursuant to section 604A.04.

16.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.105, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

16.13 Subd. 2. **Sheriff to maintain collection receptacle or medicine disposal program.** (a)

16.14 The sheriff of each county shall maintain or contract for the maintenance of at least one  
16.15 collection receptacle or implement a medicine disposal program for the disposal of  
16.16 noncontrolled substances, pharmaceutical controlled substances, and other legend drugs,  
16.17 as permitted by federal law. For purposes of this section, "legend drug" has the meaning  
16.18 given in section 151.01, subdivision 17. The collection receptacle and medicine disposal  
16.19 program must comply with federal law. In maintaining and operating the collection receptacle  
16.20 or medicine disposal program, the sheriff shall follow all applicable provisions of Code of  
16.21 Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 1300, 1301, 1304, 1305, 1307, and 1317, as amended  
16.22 through May 1, 2017.

16.23 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

16.24 (1) a medicine disposal program means providing to the public educational information,  
16.25 and making materials available for safely destroying unwanted legend drugs that meet the  
16.26 requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the United States Drug  
16.27 Enforcement Administration, and the Board of Pharmacy; and

16.28 (2) a collection receptacle means the operation and maintenance of at least one drop-off  
16.29 receptacle.



17.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.2 Subdivision 1. **General prescription requirements for controlled substances.** (a) A  
17.3 written prescription or an oral prescription reduced to writing, when issued for a controlled  
17.4 substance in Schedule II, III, IV, or V, is void unless (1) it is written in ink and contains the  
17.5 name and address of the person for whose use it is intended; (2) it states the amount of the  
17.6 controlled substance to be compounded or dispensed, with directions for its use; (3) if a  
17.7 written prescription, it contains the handwritten signature, address, and federal registry  
17.8 number of the prescriber and a designation of the branch of the healing art pursued by the  
17.9 prescriber; and if an oral prescription, the name and address of the prescriber and a  
17.10 designation of the prescriber's branch of the healing art; and (4) it shows the date when  
17.11 signed by the prescriber, or the date of acceptance in the pharmacy if an oral prescription.

17.12 (b) An electronic prescription for a controlled substance in Schedule II, III, IV, or V is  
17.13 void unless it complies with the standards established pursuant to section 62J.497 and with  
17.14 those portions of Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 1300, 1304, 1306, and 1311,  
17.15 that pertain to electronic prescriptions.

17.16 (c) A prescription for a controlled substance in Schedule II, III, IV, or V that is transmitted  
17.17 by facsimile, either computer to facsimile machine or facsimile machine to facsimile machine,  
17.18 is void unless it complies with the applicable requirements of Code of Federal Regulations,  
17.19 title 21, part 1306.

17.20 (d) Every licensed pharmacy that dispenses a controlled substance prescription shall  
17.21 retain the original prescription in a file for a period of not less than two years, open to  
17.22 inspection by any officer of the state, county, or municipal government whose duty it is to  
17.23 aid and assist with the enforcement of this chapter. An original electronic or facsimile  
17.24 prescription may be stored in an electronic database, provided that the database provides a  
17.25 means by which original prescriptions can be retrieved, as transmitted to the pharmacy, for  
17.26 a period of not less than two years.

17.27 (e) Every licensed pharmacy shall distinctly label the container in which a controlled  
17.28 substance is dispensed with the directions contained in the prescription for the use of that  
17.29 controlled substance.

17.30 (f) No prescription for an opiate or narcotic pain reliever listed in Schedules II through  
17.31 IV of section 152.02 may be initially dispensed more than 30 days after the date on which  
17.32 the prescription was issued. No subsequent refills indicated on a prescription for a Schedule  
17.33 III or IV opiate or narcotic pain reliever may be dispensed more than 30 days after the  
17.34 previous date on which the prescription was initially filled or refilled. After the authorized

18.1 refills for Schedule III or IV opiate or narcotic pain relievers have been used up or are  
18.2 expired, no additional authorizations may be accepted for that prescription. If continued  
18.3 therapy is necessary, a new prescription must be issued by the prescriber.

18.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.11, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:

18.5 Subd. 2d. **Identification requirement for ~~Schedule II or III~~ controlled substance**  
18.6 **prescriptions.** ~~(a)~~ No person may dispense a controlled substance included in ~~Schedule II~~  
18.7 ~~or III~~ Schedules II through V without requiring the person purchasing the controlled  
18.8 substance, who need not be the ~~person~~ patient for whom the controlled substance prescription  
18.9 is written, to present valid photographic identification, unless the person purchasing the  
18.10 controlled substance, ~~or if applicable the person for whom the controlled substance~~  
18.11 ~~prescription is written~~, is known to the dispenser. A doctor of veterinary medicine who  
18.12 dispenses a controlled substance must comply with this subdivision.

18.13 ~~(b) This subdivision applies only to purchases of controlled substances that are not~~  
18.14 ~~covered, in whole or in part, by a health plan company or other third-party payor.~~

18.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.11, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

18.16 Subd. 4. **Limit on quantity of opiates prescribed for ~~acute dental and ophthalmic~~**  
18.17 **pain.** (a) When used for the treatment of acute pain, prescriptions for opiates or narcotic  
18.18 pain relievers listed in Schedules II through IV in section 152.02 shall not exceed a seven-day  
18.19 supply for an adult and shall not exceed a five-day supply for a minor under 18 years of  
18.20 age.

18.21 ~~(a)~~ (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when used for the treatment of acute dental pain,  
18.22 including acute pain associated with wisdom teeth extraction surgery or acute pain associated  
18.23 with refractive surgery, prescriptions for opiate or narcotic pain relievers listed in Schedules  
18.24 II through IV of section 152.02 shall not exceed a four-day supply. ~~The quantity prescribed~~  
18.25 ~~shall be consistent with the dosage listed in the professional labeling for the drug that has~~  
18.26 ~~been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.~~

18.27 ~~(b)~~ (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "acute pain" means pain resulting from  
18.28 disease, accidental or intentional trauma, surgery, or another cause, that the practitioner  
18.29 reasonably expects to last only a short period of time. Acute pain does not include chronic  
18.30 pain or pain being treated as part of cancer care, palliative care, or hospice or other end-of-life  
18.31 care.

19.1 ~~(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if in the professional clinical judgment of a practitioner~~  
19.2 ~~more than a four-day supply of a prescription listed in Schedules II through IV of section~~  
19.3 ~~152.02 is required to treat a patient's acute pain, the practitioner may issue a prescription~~  
19.4 ~~for the quantity needed to treat such acute pain.~~

19.5 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or (b), if, in the professional clinical judgment of a  
19.6 practitioner, more than the limit specified in paragraph (a) or (b) is required to treat a patient's  
19.7 acute pain, the practitioner may issue a prescription for the quantity needed to treat the  
19.8 patient's acute pain.

19.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.126, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

19.10 Subd. 6. **Access to reporting system data.** (a) Except as indicated in this subdivision,  
19.11 the data submitted to the board under subdivision 4 is private data on individuals as defined  
19.12 in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and not subject to public disclosure.

19.13 (b) Except as specified in subdivision 5, the following persons shall be considered  
19.14 permissible users and may access the data submitted under subdivision 4 in the same or  
19.15 similar manner, and for the same or similar purposes, as those persons who are authorized  
19.16 to access similar private data on individuals under federal and state law:

19.17 (1) a prescriber or an agent or employee of the prescriber to whom the prescriber has  
19.18 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
19.19 a current patient, to whom the prescriber is:

19.20 (i) prescribing or considering prescribing any controlled substance;

19.21 (ii) providing emergency medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary;

19.22 (iii) providing care, and the prescriber has reason to believe, based on clinically valid  
19.23 indications, that the patient is potentially abusing a controlled substance; or

19.24 (iv) providing other medical treatment for which access to the data may be necessary  
19.25 for a clinically valid purpose and the patient has consented to access to the submitted data,  
19.26 and with the provision that the prescriber remains responsible for the use or misuse of data  
19.27 accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

19.28 (2) a dispenser or an agent or employee of the dispenser to whom the dispenser has  
19.29 delegated the task of accessing the data, to the extent the information relates specifically to  
19.30 a current patient to whom that dispenser is dispensing or considering dispensing any  
19.31 controlled substance and with the provision that the dispenser remains responsible for the  
19.32 use or misuse of data accessed by a delegated agent or employee;

20.1 (3) a licensed pharmacist who is providing pharmaceutical care for which access to the  
20.2 data may be necessary to the extent that the information relates specifically to a current  
20.3 patient for whom the pharmacist is providing pharmaceutical care: (i) if the patient has  
20.4 consented to access to the submitted data; or (ii) if the pharmacist is consulted by a prescriber  
20.5 who is requesting data in accordance with clause (1);

20.6 (4) an individual who is the recipient of a controlled substance prescription for which  
20.7 data was submitted under subdivision 4, or a guardian of the individual, parent or guardian  
20.8 of a minor, or health care agent of the individual acting under a health care directive under  
20.9 chapter 145C. For purposes of this clause, access by individuals includes persons in the  
20.10 definition of an individual under section 13.02;

20.11 (5) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board listed in section 214.01,  
20.12 subdivision 2, or of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, assigned to conduct  
20.13 a bona fide investigation of a complaint received by that board that alleges that a specific  
20.14 licensee is impaired by use of a drug for which data is collected under subdivision 4, has  
20.15 engaged in activity that would constitute a crime as defined in section 152.025, or has  
20.16 engaged in the behavior specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a);

20.17 (6) personnel of the board engaged in the collection, review, and analysis of controlled  
20.18 substance prescription information as part of the assigned duties and responsibilities under  
20.19 this section;

20.20 (7) authorized personnel of a vendor under contract with the state of Minnesota who are  
20.21 engaged in the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the prescription  
20.22 monitoring program as part of the assigned duties and responsibilities of their employment,  
20.23 provided that access to data is limited to the minimum amount necessary to carry out such  
20.24 duties and responsibilities, and subject to the requirement of de-identification and time limit  
20.25 on retention of data specified in subdivision 5, paragraphs (d) and (e);

20.26 (8) federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities acting pursuant to a valid search  
20.27 warrant;

20.28 (9) personnel of the Minnesota health care programs assigned to use the data collected  
20.29 under this section to identify and manage recipients whose usage of controlled substances  
20.30 may warrant restriction to a single primary care provider, a single outpatient pharmacy, and  
20.31 a single hospital;

20.32 (10) personnel of the Department of Human Services assigned to access the data pursuant  
20.33 to paragraph (i);

21.1 (11) personnel of the health professionals services program established under section  
21.2 214.31, to the extent that the information relates specifically to an individual who is currently  
21.3 enrolled in and being monitored by the program, and the individual consents to access to  
21.4 that information. The health professionals services program personnel shall not provide this  
21.5 data to a health-related licensing board or the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory  
21.6 Board, except as permitted under section 214.33, subdivision 3; and

21.7 ~~For purposes of clause (4), access by an individual includes persons in the definition of~~  
21.8 ~~an individual under section 13.02; and~~

21.9 (12) personnel or designees of a health-related licensing board listed in section 214.01,  
21.10 subdivision 2, assigned to conduct a bona fide investigation of a complaint received by that  
21.11 board that alleges that a specific licensee is inappropriately prescribing controlled substances  
21.12 as defined in this section.

21.13 (c) By July 1, 2017, every prescriber licensed by a health-related licensing board listed  
21.14 in section 214.01, subdivision 2, practicing within this state who is authorized to prescribe  
21.15 controlled substances for humans and who holds a current registration issued by the federal  
21.16 Drug Enforcement Administration, and every pharmacist licensed by the board and practicing  
21.17 within the state, shall register and maintain a user account with the prescription monitoring  
21.18 program. Data submitted by a prescriber, pharmacist, or their delegate during the registration  
21.19 application process, other than their name, license number, and license type, is classified  
21.20 as private pursuant to section 13.02, subdivision 12.

21.21 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), beginning January 1, 2021, a prescriber or an agent  
21.22 or employee of the prescriber to whom the prescriber has delegated the task of accessing  
21.23 the data, must access the data submitted under subdivision 4 to the extent the information  
21.24 relates specifically to the patient:

21.25 (1) before the prescriber issues an initial prescription order for a Schedules II through  
21.26 IV opiate controlled substance to the patient; and

21.27 (2) at least once every three months for patients receiving an opiate for treatment of  
21.28 chronic pain or participating in medically assisted treatment for an opioid addiction.

21.29 (e) Paragraph (d) does not apply if:

21.30 (1) the patient is receiving palliative care, or hospice or other end-of-life care;

21.31 (2) the patient is being treated for pain due to cancer or the treatment of cancer;

21.32 (3) the prescription order is for a number of doses that is intended to last the patient five  
21.33 days or less and is not subject to a refill;

22.1 (4) the prescriber and patient have a current or ongoing provider/patient relationship of  
22.2 a duration longer than one year;

22.3 (5) the prescription order is issued within 14 days following surgery or three days  
22.4 following oral surgery or follows the prescribing protocols established under the opioid  
22.5 prescribing improvement program under section 256B.0638;

22.6 (6) the controlled substance is prescribed or administered to a patient who is admitted  
22.7 to an inpatient hospital;

22.8 (7) the controlled substance is lawfully administered by injection, ingestion, or any other  
22.9 means to the patient by the prescriber, a pharmacist, or by the patient at the direction of a  
22.10 prescriber and in the presence of the prescriber or pharmacist;

22.11 (8) due to a medical emergency, it is not possible for the prescriber to review the data  
22.12 before the prescriber issues the prescription order for the patient; or

22.13 (9) the prescriber is unable to access the data due to operational or other technological  
22.14 failure of the program so long as the prescriber reports the failure to the board.

22.15 (f) Only permissible users identified in paragraph (b), clauses (1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (9),  
22.16 and (10), may directly access the data electronically. No other permissible users may directly  
22.17 access the data electronically. If the data is directly accessed electronically, the permissible  
22.18 user shall implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program that  
22.19 contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are appropriate to the user's  
22.20 size and complexity, and the sensitivity of the personal information obtained. The permissible  
22.21 user shall identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security,  
22.22 confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that could result in the unauthorized  
22.23 disclosure, misuse, or other compromise of the information and assess the sufficiency of  
22.24 any safeguards in place to control the risks.

22.25 ~~(e)~~ (g) The board shall not release data submitted under subdivision 4 unless it is provided  
22.26 with evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the person requesting the information is entitled  
22.27 to receive the data.

22.28 ~~(f)~~ (h) The board shall maintain a log of all persons who access the data for a period of  
22.29 at least three years and shall ensure that any permissible user complies with paragraph (c)  
22.30 prior to attaining direct access to the data.

22.31 ~~(g)~~ (i) Section 13.05, subdivision 6, shall apply to any contract the board enters into  
22.32 pursuant to subdivision 2. A vendor shall not use data collected under this section for any  
22.33 purpose not specified in this section.

23.1 ~~(h)~~ (j) The board may participate in an interstate prescription monitoring program data  
23.2 exchange system provided that permissible users in other states have access to the data only  
23.3 as allowed under this section, and that section 13.05, subdivision 6, applies to any contract  
23.4 or memorandum of understanding that the board enters into under this paragraph.

23.5 ~~(i)~~ (k) With available appropriations, the commissioner of human services shall establish  
23.6 and implement a system through which the Department of Human Services shall routinely  
23.7 access the data for the purpose of determining whether any client enrolled in an opioid  
23.8 treatment program licensed according to chapter 245A has been prescribed or dispensed a  
23.9 controlled substance in addition to that administered or dispensed by the opioid treatment  
23.10 program. When the commissioner determines there have been multiple prescribers or multiple  
23.11 prescriptions of controlled substances, the commissioner shall:

23.12 (1) inform the medical director of the opioid treatment program only that the  
23.13 commissioner determined the existence of multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions of  
23.14 controlled substances; and

23.15 (2) direct the medical director of the opioid treatment program to access the data directly,  
23.16 review the effect of the multiple prescribers or multiple prescriptions, and document the  
23.17 review.

23.18 If determined necessary, the commissioner of human services shall seek a federal waiver  
23.19 of, or exception to, any applicable provision of Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section  
23.20 2.34, paragraph (c), prior to implementing this paragraph.

23.21 ~~(j)~~ (l) The board shall review the data submitted under subdivision 4 on at least a quarterly  
23.22 basis and shall establish criteria, in consultation with the advisory task force, for referring  
23.23 information about a patient to prescribers and dispensers who prescribed or dispensed the  
23.24 prescriptions in question if the criteria are met.

23.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 152.126, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

23.26 Subd. 10. **Funding.** (a) The board may seek grants and private funds from nonprofit  
23.27 charitable foundations, the federal government, and other sources to fund the enhancement  
23.28 and ongoing operations of the prescription monitoring program established under this section.  
23.29 Any funds received shall be appropriated to the board for this purpose. The board may not  
23.30 expend funds to enhance the program in a way that conflicts with this section without seeking  
23.31 approval from the legislature.

23.32 (b) Notwithstanding any other section, the administrative services unit for the  
23.33 health-related licensing boards shall apportion between the Board of Medical Practice, the

24.1 Board of Nursing, the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of  
24.2 Optometry, the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and the Board of Pharmacy an amount to be  
24.3 paid through fees by each respective board. The amount apportioned to each board shall  
24.4 equal each board's share of the annual appropriation to the Board of Pharmacy from the  
24.5 state government special revenue fund for operating the prescription monitoring program  
24.6 under this section. Each board's apportioned share shall be based on the number of prescribers  
24.7 or dispensers that each board identified in this paragraph licenses as a percentage of the  
24.8 total number of prescribers and dispensers licensed collectively by these boards. Each  
24.9 respective board may adjust the fees that the boards are required to collect to compensate  
24.10 for the amount apportioned to each board by the administrative services unit.

24.11 (c) The board has the authority to modify its contract with its vendor as provided in  
24.12 subdivision 2, to authorize that vendor to provide a service to prescribers and pharmacies  
24.13 that allows them to access prescription monitoring program data from within the electronic  
24.14 health record system or pharmacy software used by those prescribers and pharmacists.  
24.15 Beginning July 1, 2019, the board has the authority to collect an annual fee from each  
24.16 prescriber or pharmacist who accesses prescription monitoring program data through the  
24.17 service offered by the vendor. The annual fee collected must not exceed \$50 per user. The  
24.18 fees collected by the board under this paragraph shall be deposited in the state government  
24.19 special revenue fund and are appropriated to the board for the purposes of this paragraph.

24.20 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 214.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.21 read:

24.22 Subd. 6. **Opioid and controlled substances prescribing.** (a) The Board of Medical  
24.23 Practice, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Optometry, and the  
24.24 Board of Podiatric Medicine shall require that licensees with the authority to prescribe  
24.25 controlled substances obtain at least two hours of continuing education credit on best practices  
24.26 in prescribing opioids and controlled substances, as part of the continuing education  
24.27 requirements for licensure renewal. Licensees shall not be required to complete more than  
24.28 two credit hours of continuing education on best practices in prescribing opioids and  
24.29 controlled substances before this subdivision expires. Continuing education credit on best  
24.30 practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances must meet board requirements.

24.31 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any licensee who is participating in the opioid  
24.32 prescribing improvement program under section 256B.0638, unless the licensee has been  
24.33 terminated as a medical assistance provider under section 256B.0638, subdivision 5,  
24.34 paragraph (d).



25.1 (c) This subdivision expires January 1, 2024.

25.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

25.3 Sec. 10. **PAIN MANAGEMENT.**

25.4 (a) The Health Services Policy Committee established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
25.5 256B.0625, subdivision 3c, shall evaluate and make recommendations on the integration  
25.6 of nonpharmacologic pain management that are clinically viable and sustainable; reduce or  
25.7 eliminate chronic pain conditions; improve functional status; and prevent addiction and  
25.8 reduce dependence on opiates or other pain medications. The recommendations must be  
25.9 based on best practices for the effective treatment of musculoskeletal pain provided by  
25.10 health practitioners identified in paragraph (b), and covered under medical assistance. Each  
25.11 health practitioner represented under paragraph (b) shall present the minimum best integrated  
25.12 practice recommendations, policies, and scientific evidence for nonpharmacologic treatment  
25.13 options for eliminating pain and improving functional status within their full professional  
25.14 scope. Recommendations for integration of services may include guidance regarding  
25.15 screening for co-occurring behavioral health diagnoses; protocols for communication between  
25.16 all providers treating a unique individual, including protocols for follow-up; and universal  
25.17 mechanisms to assess improvements in functional status.

25.18 (b) In evaluating and making recommendations, the Health Services Policy Committee  
25.19 shall consult and collaborate with the following health practitioners: acupuncture practitioners  
25.20 licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147B; chiropractors licensed under Minnesota  
25.21 Statutes, sections 148.01 to 148.10; physical therapists licensed under Minnesota Statutes,  
25.22 sections 148.68 to 148.78; medical and osteopathic physicians licensed under Minnesota  
25.23 Statutes, chapter 147, and advanced practice registered nurses licensed under Minnesota  
25.24 Statutes, sections 148.171 to 148.285, with experience in providing primary care  
25.25 collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team of health care practitioners who employ  
25.26 nonpharmacologic pain therapies; and psychologists licensed under Minnesota Statutes,  
25.27 section 148.907.

25.28 (c) The commissioner shall submit a progress report to the chairs and ranking minority  
25.29 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services  
25.30 policy and finance by January 15, 2021, and shall report final recommendations by August  
25.31 1, 2021. The final report may also contain recommendations for developing and implementing  
25.32 a pilot program to assess the clinical viability, sustainability, and effectiveness of integrated  
25.33 nonpharmacologic, multidisciplinary treatments for managing musculoskeletal pain and  
25.34 improving functional status.

26.1 Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATION.**

26.2 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated  
26.3 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for violent crime enforcement  
26.4 team grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.642, subdivision 9. In awarding these  
26.5 grants, the commissioner must place a priority on funding nonmetro teams. The commissioner  
26.6 of public safety shall provide outreach, technical assistance, and program development  
26.7 support to increase the capacity of small communities to access grants under Minnesota  
26.8 Statutes, section 299A.642, subdivision 9, particularly in areas where violent crime  
26.9 enforcement teams have not been established, especially in greater Minnesota. By February  
26.10 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members  
26.11 of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over  
26.12 criminal justice policy and funding on the distribution of grants, outreach, assistance, and  
26.13 support under this paragraph. The report must include information on the total number of  
26.14 requests for grants, outreach, assistance, and support, where these requests originated, and  
26.15 the amount of money for each successful request.

26.16 (b) \$244,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of  
26.17 Pharmacy for onetime information technology and operating costs for administration of  
26.18 licensing activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 151.066. This is a onetime  
26.19 appropriation.

26.20 (c) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from  
26.21 the opiate epidemic response account in the special revenue fund for Board of Pharmacy  
26.22 operations under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151.

26.23 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 256.043, subdivision 2, paragraph (a),  
26.24 if no fees are deposited into the opiate epidemic response account by June 30, 2020, for any  
26.25 reason, \$2,803,000 is appropriated from the general fund for the appropriations in fiscal  
26.26 year 2020 described in Minnesota Statutes, section 256.043, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a)  
26.27 to (g), and the appropriation under paragraph (c).

26.28 (e) \$11,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the state government special revenue  
26.29 fund to the Board of Dentistry to implement the continuing education requirements under  
26.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12.

26.31 (f) \$17,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the state government special revenue  
26.32 fund to the Board of Medical Practice to implement the continuing education requirements  
26.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12.

27.1 (g) \$17,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the state government special revenue  
27.2 fund to the Board of Nursing to implement the continuing education requirements under  
27.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12.

27.4 (h) \$5,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the state government special revenue  
27.5 fund to the Board of Optometry to implement the continuing education requirements under  
27.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12.

27.7 (i) \$5,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the state government special revenue  
27.8 fund to the Board of Podiatric Medicine to implement the continuing education requirements  
27.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.12.

27.10 **Sec. 12. TRANSFER.**

27.11 By June 30, 2021, the commissioner of management and budget shall transfer \$2,803,000  
27.12 from the opiate epidemic response account to the general fund.