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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: S.190 Name of Bill: Maintaining Prescription Drugs Outside the original prescription container

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Date of Bill Review: 4.21.16 Related Bills and Key Players _____

Status of Bill: (check one): ☐ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☒ As passed by both

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses. *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why.*

This bill would amend 18 V.S.A. § 4216 to allow an individual for whom a regulated drug is prescribed to carry up to a 14-day supply of a benchmark legal dose of a drug outside of its prescription container. Essentially, this would allow individuals who travel to carry their prescribed drugs in a more convenient manner than carrying prescription bottles.

2. Is there a need for this bill? *Please explain why or why not.*

It would address a legal barrier to convenient packing of regulated drugs for short-term travel. A plain reading of the law would allow enforcement against a person holding several days of prescription outside the original container. This bill relieves that possibility.

3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?

None.

4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?

It would allow people who are prescribed regulated drugs to carry more than 2 days' worth of a regulated drugs when they travel if they meet the requirements of Section 1 (b) of the bill. The requirements are reasonable.

5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? (for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)
Same as #4.

6. Other Stakeholders:

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6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? No vocal support as it is merely fixing a potential issue.

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? No party voiced opposition.

7. Rationale for recommendation: *Justify recommendation stated above.*
Stated above.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*
None

9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one? If so, which one and how many? No

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document: _____ **Date:** _____