

**S.108 - Rep. McFaun amendment regarding unused prescription drugs**

Sec. X. 18 V.S.A. § 5291 is amended to read:

§ 5291. SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS

(a) The Department of Health shall adopt rules providing for the safe disposal of unused medications prescribed under this chapter.

(b) A physician who writes a prescription pursuant to this chapter shall follow up with the patient and an expressly identified representative of the patient on a periodic basis after writing the prescription. If the physician determines that the patient self-administered the entire dose of the medication prescribed, the physician shall certify to the Department of Health that the medication has been consumed and does not require disposal. If the physician determines that the patient died prior to self-administering the medication or that the patient did self-administer the medication but did not consume the entire amount dispensed, the physician shall ensure that the unused medication or unused portion of the medication is disposed of in accordance with the rules adopted by the Department of Health and shall certify to the Department that the unused medication has been disposed of safely.