



**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DIGEST FOR SB 251**

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-25-2; IC 16-27-3.

**Synopsis:** Possession of drugs by certain providers. Conference committee report for ESB 251. Possession of drugs by certain providers. Provides that an employee of a home health agency or hospice who is a licensed pharmacist, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse may purchase, store, or transport certain drugs for the purpose of administering the drugs to a home health or hospice patient of the home health agency or hospice. Requires that all drugs must be administered under the order of a licensed physician. Provides safeguards for purchasing, storing, and transporting vaccines. Allows an employee of a home health agency or hospice who is a licensed pharmacist, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse to administer a vaccine to the employees of the home health agency or hospice, to the home health patients and hospice patients of the home health agency or hospice, and to the patients' family members under the order of a licensed physician. Imposes certain safeguards to make containers in which drugs are purchased, stored, or transported tamperproof. Provides that an advanced practice nurse's orders will be honored for treatment on a home health agency or hospice, unless the facility would not be reimbursed. Requires a hospice or home health agency to establish written policies and procedures to ensure that the hospice or home health agency requires an employee who possesses the container to submit a daily accounting of all drugs and devices in the container to the hospice or home health agency in writing. Provides that certain drugs may be administered to a home health patient or hospice patient of a home health agency or hospice only in the patient's residence in connection with the provision of emergency treatment or the adjustment of parenteral drug therapy or vaccine administration. Requires that a licensed physician's oral order for administering a drug to a home health patient or hospice patient of a home health agency or hospice must be promptly reduced to writing, a signed copy of which must be sent to the home health agency or hospice. Requires the home health agency or hospice to send a copy of the signed order to the dispensing pharmacy within 20 days after receiving the signed order. (This conference committee report removes the: (1) authority of the board of pharmacy to add additional drugs that may be administered to a hospice or home health patient; (2) certificate of need extension; and (3) hospice and home health agency any willing provider provisions from the bill.)

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.



Adopted      Rejected

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 251 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1            Page 2, line 31, delete "HC1" and insert "HC1".
- 2            Page 2, line 33, delete "HC1" and insert "HC1".
- 3            Page 3, line 4, delete "HC1" and insert "HC1".
- 4            Page 3, delete lines 8 through 11.
- 5            Page 5, line 25, delete "HC1" and insert "HC1".
- 6            Page 5, line 38, delete "HC1" and insert "HC1".
- 7            Page 5, delete line 42.
- 8            Page 6, delete lines 1 through 3.
- 9            Page 7, delete lines 12 through 42.
- 10          Delete page 8.

(Reference is to ESB 251 as reprinted February 23, 1998.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
**Senate Bill 251**

**S**igned by:

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Senator Riegsecker

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Representative C. Brown

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Senator Alexa

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Representative Becker

**Senate Conferees**

**House Conferees**