

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB79

Chairperson: Senator Jim Scheer

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 79 provides timely access to limited eye drop prescription refills. Many patients rely on a variety of prescription eye medications for the preservation of sight. Particularly, those suffering from glaucoma and other degenerative eye diseases require prescription eye drops on a daily basis. The effectiveness of prescription eye drops relies heavily upon continuity of treatment, specifically consistent daily usage by the patient. Presently, many patients run out of their prescription eye drops well before the expiration of the intended period of use denoted on the prescription label. Even those using the utmost care in storing and using the eye drops find it nearly impossible to ration the medication to last the period of intended use. The passage of LB 79 would ensure that when a patient runs out of their prescription eye drops prior to the expiration of the intended period of use and returns to their pharmacist seeking a refill within the parameters of the prescription, coverage will not be denied by the insurance company.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Gloor