

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 973**  
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Health, February 25, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 973, adopted April 6, 2016.

Taken up for Perfection April 6, 2016. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 338, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to dispensing maintenance medication.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 338, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 338.202, to read as follows:

**338.202. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless  
2 the prescriber has specified on the prescription that dispensing a  
3 prescription for a maintenance medication in an initial amount  
4 followed by periodic refills is medically necessary, a pharmacist may  
5 exercise his or her professional judgment to dispense varying  
6 quantities of maintenance medication per fill up to the total number of  
7 dosage units as authorized by the prescriber on the original  
8 prescription, including any refills. Dispensing of the maintenance  
9 medication based on refills authorized by the physician on the  
10 prescription shall be limited to no more than a ninety-day supply of the  
11 medication, and the maintenance medication shall have been previously  
12 prescribed to the patient for at least a three-month period.**

**13 2. For the purposes of this section "maintenance medication" is  
14 a medication prescribed for chronic, long-term conditions and is taken  
15 on a regular, recurring basis, except that it shall not include controlled  
16 substances as defined in section 195.010.**

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