

AN ACT concerning criminal law.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act is amended by adding Section 311.6 as follows:

(720 ILCS 570/311.6 new)

Sec. 311.6. Opioid prescriptions.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a prescription for a substance classified in Schedule II, III, IV, or V must be sent electronically, in accordance with Section 316. Prescriptions sent in accordance with this subsection (a) must be accepted by the dispenser in electronic format.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or any other provision of law, a prescriber shall not be required to issue prescriptions electronically if he or she certifies to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that he or she will not issue more than 25 prescriptions during a 12-month period. Prescriptions in both oral and written form for controlled substances shall be included in determining whether the prescriber will reach the limit of 25 prescriptions.

(c) The Department of Financial and Professional

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Regulation shall adopt rules for the administration of this Section. These rules shall provide for the implementation of any such exemption to the requirements under this Section that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may deem appropriate, including the exemption provided for in subsection (b).

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2023.