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#### A BILL

То	amend sections 4729.01, 4729.291, 4729.51,	1
	4729.57, 4731.22, and 4731.227 and to enact	2
	sections 4729.88 and 4731.96 of the Revised Code	3
	to permit a patient with a terminal condition to	4
	be treated with a drug, product, or device that	5
	is not approved by the United States Food and	6
	Drug Administration.	7

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4729.01, 4729.291, 4729.51,	8
4729.57, 4731.22, and 4731.227 be amended and sections 4729.88	9
and 4731.96 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 4729.01. As used in this chapter:	11
(A) "Pharmacy," except when used in a context that refers	12
to the practice of pharmacy, means any area, room, rooms, place	13
of business, department, or portion of any of the foregoing	14

where the practice of pharmacy is conducted.	15
(B) "Practice of pharmacy" means providing pharmacist care	16
requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived	17
from the principles of biological, chemical, behavioral, social,	18
pharmaceutical, and clinical sciences. As used in this division,	19
"pharmacist care" includes the following:	20
(1) Interpreting prescriptions;	21
(2) Dispensing drugs and drug therapy related devices;	22
(3) Compounding drugs;	23
(4) Counseling individuals with regard to their drug	24
therapy, recommending drug therapy related devices, and	25
assisting in the selection of drugs and appliances for treatment	26
of common diseases and injuries and providing instruction in the	27
proper use of the drugs and appliances;	28
(5) Performing drug regimen reviews with individuals by	29
discussing all of the drugs that the individual is taking and	30
explaining the interactions of the drugs;	31
(6) Performing drug utilization reviews with licensed	32
health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs when the	33
pharmacist determines that an individual with a prescription has	34
a drug regimen that warrants additional discussion with the	35
prescriber;	36
(7) Advising an individual and the health care	37
professionals treating an individual with regard to the	38
<pre>individual's drug therapy;</pre>	39
(8) Acting pursuant to a consult agreement with a	40
physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to	41
practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and	42

surgery, if an agreement has been established with the	43
physician;	44
(9) Engaging in the administration of immunizations to the	45
extent authorized by section 4729.41 of the Revised Code.	46
(C) "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing,	47
assembling, packaging, and labeling of one or more drugs in any	48
of the following circumstances:	49
(1) Pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health	50
professional authorized to prescribe drugs;	51
(2) Pursuant to the modification of a prescription made in	52
accordance with a consult agreement;	53
(3) As an incident to research, teaching activities, or	54
chemical analysis;	55
enemical analysis,	33
(4) In anticipation of orders for drugs pursuant to	56
prescriptions, based on routine, regularly observed dispensing	57
patterns;	58
(5) Pursuant to a request made by a licensed health	59
professional authorized to prescribe drugs for a drug that is to	60
be used by the professional for the purpose of direct	61
administration to patients in the course of the professional's	62
practice, if all of the following apply:	63
(a) At the time the request is made, the drug is not	64
commercially available regardless of the reason that the drug is	65
not available, including the absence of a manufacturer for the	66
drug or the lack of a readily available supply of the drug from	67
a manufacturer.	68
(b) A limited quantity of the drug is compounded and	69
provided to the professional.	70
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(c) The drug is compounded and provided to the	71
professional as an occasional exception to the normal practice	72
of dispensing drugs pursuant to patient-specific prescriptions.	73
(D) "Consult agreement" means an agreement to manage an	74
individual's drug therapy that has been entered into by a	75
pharmacist and a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the	76
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic	77
medicine and surgery.	78
(E) "Drug" means:	79
(1) Any article recognized in the United States	80
pharmacopoeia and national formulary, or any supplement to them,	81
intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment,	82
or prevention of disease in humans or animals;	83
(2) Any other article intended for use in the diagnosis,	84
cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans	85
or animals;	86
(3) Any article, other than food, intended to affect the	87
structure or any function of the body of humans or animals;	88
(4) Any article intended for use as a component of any	89
article specified in division $(E)(1)$ , $(2)$ , or $(3)$ of this	90
section; but does not include devices or their components,	91
parts, or accessories.	92
(F) "Dangerous drug" means any of the following:	93
(1) Any drug to which either of the following applies:	94
(a) Under the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52	95
Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, the drug is	96
required to bear a label containing the legend "Caution: Federal	97
law prohibits dispensing without prescription" or "Caution:	98

Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a	99
licensed veterinarian" or any similar restrictive statement, or	100
the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription;	101
(b) Under Chapter 3715. or 3719. of the Revised Code, the	102
drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription.	103
(2) Any drug that contains a schedule V controlled	104
substance and that is exempt from Chapter 3719. of the Revised	105
Code or to which that chapter does not apply;	106
(3) Any drug intended for administration by injection into	107
the human body other than through a natural orifice of the human	108
body.	109
(G) "Federal drug abuse control laws" has the same meaning	110
as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.	111
(H) "Prescription" means both of the following:	112
(1) A written, electronic, or oral order for drugs or	113
combinations or mixtures of drugs to be used by a particular	114
individual or for treating a particular animal, issued by a	115
licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;	116
(2) For purposes of <u>section</u> sections 2925.61, 4723.488,	117
4729.44, 4730.431, and 4731.94 of the Revised Code, a written,	118
electronic, or oral order for naloxone issued to and in the name	119
of a family member, friend, or other individual in a position to	120
assist an individual who there is reason to believe is at risk	121
of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.	122
(I) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe	123
drugs" or "prescriber" means an individual who is authorized by	124
law to prescribe drugs or dangerous drugs or drug therapy	125
related devices in the course of the individual's professional	126

practice, including only the following:	127
(1) A dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised	128
Code;	129
(2) A clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife,	130
or certified nurse practitioner who holds a certificate to	131
prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code;	132
(3) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the	133
Revised Code to practice optometry under a therapeutic	134
pharmaceutical agents certificate;	135
(4) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the	136
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic	137
medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;	138
(5) A physician assistant who holds a license to practice	139
as a physician assistant issued under Chapter 4730. of the	140
Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the	141
state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated	142
prescriptive authority;	143
(6) A veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the	144
Revised Code.	145
(J) "Sale" and "sell" include delivery, transfer, barter,	146
exchange, or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction	147
made by any person, whether as principal proprietor, agent, or	148
employee.	149
(K) "Wholesale sale" and "sale at wholesale" mean any sale	150
in which the purpose of the purchaser is to resell the article	151
purchased or received by the purchaser.	152
(L) "Retail sale" and "sale at retail" mean any sale other	153
than a wholesale sale or sale at wholesale.	154

(M) "Retail seller" means any person that sells any	155
dangerous drug to consumers without assuming control over and	156
responsibility for its administration. Mere advice or	157
instructions regarding administration do not constitute control	158
or establish responsibility.	159
(N) "Price information" means the price charged for a	160
prescription for a particular drug product and, in an easily	161
understandable manner, all of the following:	162
(1) The proprietary name of the drug product;	163
(2) The established (generic) name of the drug product;	164
(3) The strength of the drug product if the product	165
contains a single active ingredient or if the drug product	166
contains more than one active ingredient and a relevant strength	167
can be associated with the product without indicating each	168
active ingredient. The established name and quantity of each	169
active ingredient are required if such a relevant strength	170
cannot be so associated with a drug product containing more than	171
one ingredient.	172
(4) The dosage form;	173
(5) The price charged for a specific quantity of the drug	174
product. The stated price shall include all charges to the	175
consumer, including, but not limited to, the cost of the drug	176
product, professional fees, handling fees, if any, and a	177
statement identifying professional services routinely furnished	178
by the pharmacy. Any mailing fees and delivery fees may be	179
stated separately without repetition. The information shall not	180
be false or misleading.	181
(O) "Wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs" means a	182

person engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at wholesale and

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includes any agent or employee of such a person authorized by	184
the person to engage in the sale of dangerous drugs at	185
wholesale.	186
(P) "Manufacturer of dangerous drugs" means a person,	187
other than a pharmacist, who manufactures dangerous drugs and	188
who is engaged in the sale of those dangerous drugs within this	189
state.	190
(Q) "Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs" means a	191
person who is engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at retail,	192
or any person, other than a wholesale distributor or a	193
pharmacist, who has possession, custody, or control of dangerous	194
drugs for any purpose other than for that person's own use and	195
consumption, and includes pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes,	196
and laboratories and all other persons who procure dangerous	197
drugs for sale or other distribution by or under the supervision	198
of a pharmacist or licensed health professional authorized to	199
prescribe drugs.	200
(R) "Promote to the public" means disseminating a	201
representation to the public in any manner or by any means,	202
other than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or that is	203
likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of a	204
dangerous drug at retail.	205
(S) "Person" includes any individual, partnership,	206
association, limited liability company, or corporation, the	207
state, any political subdivision of the state, and any district,	208
department, or agency of the state or its political	209
subdivisions.	210

(T) "Finished dosage form" has the same meaning as in

section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Generically equivalent drug" has the same meaning as	213
in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.	214
(V) "Animal shelter" means a facility operated by a humane	215
society or any society organized under Chapter 1717. of the	216
Revised Code or a dog pound operated pursuant to Chapter 955. of	217
the Revised Code.	218
(W) "Food" has the same meaning as in section 3715.01 of	219
the Revised Code.	220
(X) "Pain management clinic" has the same meaning as in	221
section 4731.054 of the Revised Code.	222
(Y) "Investigational drug or product" means a drug or	223
product that has successfully completed phase one of the United	224
States food and drug administration clinical trials and remains	225
under clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use	226
by the United States food and drug administration.	227
"Investigational drug or product" does not include controlled	228
substances in schedule I, as established pursuant to section	229
3719.41 of the Revised Code, and as amended.	230
(Z) "Product," when used in reference to an	231
investigational drug or product, means a biological product,	232
other than a drug, that is made from a natural human, animal, or	233
microorganism source and is intended to treat a disease or	234
<pre>medical condition.</pre>	235
Sec. 4729.291. (A) When Except when provided under section	236
4731.96 of the Revised Code, when a licensed health professional	237
authorized to prescribe drugs personally furnishes drugs to a	238
patient pursuant to division (B) of section 4729.29 of the	239
Revised Code, the prescriber shall ensure that the drugs are	240
labeled and packaged in accordance with state and federal drug	241

this section have been exceeded:

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laws and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to those	242
laws. Records of purchase and disposition of all drugs	243
personally furnished to patients shall be maintained by the	244
prescriber in accordance with state and federal drug statutes	245
and any rules adopted pursuant to those statutes.	246
(B) When personally furnishing to a patient RU-486	247
(mifepristone), a prescriber is subject to section 2919.123 of	248
the Revised Code. A prescription for RU-486 (mifepristone) shall	249
be in writing and in accordance with section 2919.123 of the	250
Revised Code.	251
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section,	252
no prescriber shall do either of the following:	253
(a) In any thirty-day period, personally furnish to or for	254
patients, taken as a whole, controlled substances in an amount	255
that exceeds a total of two thousand five hundred dosage units;	256
(b) In any seventy-two-hour period, personally furnish to	257
or for a patient an amount of a controlled substance that	258
exceeds the amount necessary for the patient's use in a seventy-	259
two-hour period.	260
(2) The state board of pharmacy may impose a fine of not	261
more than five thousand dollars on a prescriber who fails to	262
comply with the limits established under division (C)(1) of this	263
section. A separate fine may be imposed for each instance of	264
failing to comply with the limits. In imposing the fine, the	265
board's actions shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119.	266
of the Revised Code.	267
(D)(1) None of the following shall be counted in	268
determining whether the amounts specified in division (C)(1) of	269

(a) Methadone provided to patients for the purpose of	271
treating drug dependence or addiction, if the prescriber meets	272
the conditions specified in 21 C.F.R. 1306.07;	273
(b) Buprenorphine provided to patients for the purpose of	274
treating drug dependence or addiction as part of an opioid	275
treatment program that is the subject of a current, valid	276
certification from the substance abuse and mental health	277
services administration of the United States department of	278
health and human services pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 8.11 and	279
distributes both buprenorphine and methadone;	280
(c) Controlled substances provided to research subjects by	281
a facility conducting clinical research in studies approved by a	282
hospital-based institutional review board or an institutional	283
review board accredited by the association for the accreditation	284
of human research protection programs.	285
(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to a	286
prescriber who is a veterinarian.	287
Sec. 4729.51. (A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (2)	288
of this section, no person other than a registered wholesale	289
distributor of dangerous drugs shall possess for sale, sell,	290
distribute, or deliver, at wholesale, dangerous drugs <u>or</u>	291
investigational drugs or products, except as follows:	292
(a) A pharmacist who is a licensed terminal distributor of	293
dangerous drugs or who is employed by a licensed terminal	294
distributor of dangerous drugs may make occasional sales of	295
dangerous drugs or investigational drugs or products at	296
wholesale.	297
(b) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	298
having more than one establishment or place may transfer or	299

deliver dangerous drugs from one establishment or place for	300
which a license has been issued to the terminal distributor to	301
another establishment or place for which a license has been	302
issued to the terminal distributor if the license issued for	303
each establishment or place is in effect at the time of the	304
transfer or delivery.	305
(c) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may	306
make occasional sales of naloxone at wholesale to a state or	307
local law enforcement agency if the terminal distributor is any	308
of the following:	309
(i) A board of health of a city or general health	310
district;	311
(ii) An authority having the duties of a board of health	312
under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code;	313
(iii) A health department operated by such a board or	314
authority.	315
(2) A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may donate inhalers,	316
as defined in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code, and	317
epinephrine autoinjectors to any of the following:	318
(a) The board of education of a city, local, exempted	319
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village, or joint vocational school district;	320
(b) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of	321
the Revised Code;	322
(c) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the	323
Revised Code;	324
(d) A college-preparatory boarding school established	325
under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;	326
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(e) A chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school.	327
(B)(1) No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous	328
drugs shall possess for sale, or sell, at wholesale, dangerous	329
drugs or investigational drugs or products to any person other	330
than the following:	331
(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(a) of this	332
section and division (B) of section 4729.541 of the Revised	333
Code, a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe	334
drugs;	335
(b) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the	336
Revised Code who holds a topical ocular pharmaceutical agents	337
certificate;	338
(c) A registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs;	339
(d) A manufacturer of dangerous drugs;	340
(e) Subject to division (B)(3) of this section, a licensed	341
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;	342
(f) Carriers or warehouses for the purpose of carriage or	343
storage;	344
(g) Terminal or wholesale distributors of dangerous drugs	345
who are not engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs within this	346
state;	347
(h) An individual who holds a current license,	348
certificate, or registration issued under Title XLVII of the	349
Revised Code and has been certified to conduct diabetes	350
education by a national certifying body specified in rules	351
adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.68 of	352
the Revised Code, but only with respect to insulin that will be	353
used for the purpose of diabetes education and only if diabetes	354

education is within the individual's scope of practice under	355
statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;	356
(i) An individual who holds a valid certificate issued by	357
a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying	358
organization approved by the state board of pharmacy in rule,	359
but only with respect to medical oxygen that will be used for	360
the purpose of emergency care or treatment at the scene of a	361
diving emergency;	362
(j) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this	363
section and division (A) of section 4729.541 of the Revised	364
Code, a business entity that is a corporation formed under	365
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited	366
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised	367
Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785.	368
of the Revised Code if the entity has a sole shareholder who is	369
a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and	370
is authorized to provide the professional services being offered	371
by the entity;	372
(k) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(c) of this	373
section and division (A) of section 4729.541 of the Revised	374
Code, a business entity that is a corporation formed under	375
division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited	376
liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised	377
Code, a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed	378
under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, or a professional	379
association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if,	380
to be a shareholder, member, or partner, an individual is	381
required to be licensed, certified, or otherwise legally	382
authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to perform the	383

professional service provided by the entity and each such

individual is a licensed health professional authorized to	385
prescribe drugs;	386
(1) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be	387
possessed under section 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28,	388
or 3328.29 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board	389
of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint	390
vocational school district; a chartered or nonchartered	391
nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter	392
3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under	393
Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory	394
boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised	395
Code;	396
(m) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be	397
possessed under section 5101.76 of the Revised Code, any of the	398
following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of	399
the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section	400
5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any	401
county, township, municipal corporation, township park district	402
created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district	403
created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint	404
recreation district established under section 755.14 of the	405
Revised Code;	406
(n) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under	407
section 2925.61 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency	408
and its peace officers;	409
(o) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under	410
section 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of	411
the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education	412
of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school	413
district; a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school; a	414

community school established under chapter 3314. Of the Revised	413
Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the	416
Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school	417
established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;	418
(p) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under	419
section 5101.77 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a	420
residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised	421
Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the	422
Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county,	423
township, municipal corporation, township park district created	424
under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created	425
under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation	426
district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code.	427
(2) No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs	428
shall possess for sale, or sell, at wholesale, dangerous drugs	429
or investigational drugs or products to any of the following:	430
(a) A prescriber who is employed by a pain management	431
clinic that is not licensed as a terminal distributor of	432
dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification	433
issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code;	434
(b) A business entity described in division (B)(1)(j) of	435
this section that is, or is operating, a pain management clinic	436
without a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	437
with a pain management clinic classification issued under	438
section 4729.552 of the Revised Code;	439
(c) A business entity described in division (B)(1)(k) of	440
this section that is, or is operating, a pain management clinic	441
without a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	442
with a pain management clinic classification issued under	443

section 4729.552 of the Revised Code.	444
(3) No registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs	445
shall possess dangerous drugs or investigational drugs or	446
<pre>products for sale at wholesale, or sell such drugs at wholesale,</pre>	447
to a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, except as	448
follows:	449
(a) In the case of a terminal distributor with a category	450
I license, only dangerous drugs described in category I, as	451
defined in division (A)(1) of section 4729.54 of the Revised	452
Code;	453
(b) In the case of a terminal distributor with a category	454
II license, only dangerous drugs described in category I and	455
category II, as defined in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section	456
4729.54 of the Revised Code;	457
(c) In the case of a terminal distributor with a category	458
III license, dangerous drugs described in category I, category	459
II, and category III, as defined in divisions (A)(1), (2), and	460
(3) of section 4729.54 of the Revised Code;	461
(d) In the case of a terminal distributor with a limited	462
category I, II, or III license, only the dangerous drugs	463
specified in the certificate furnished by the terminal	464
distributor in accordance with section 4729.60 of the Revised	465
Code.	466
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(4) of this	467
section, no person shall sell, at retail, dangerous drugs.	468
(2) Except as provided in division (C)(4) of this section,	469
no person shall possess for sale, at retail, dangerous drugs.	470
(3) Except as provided in division (C)(4) of this section,	471

no person shall possess dangerous drugs.	472
(4) Divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section do not	473
apply to a registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs	474
or a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.	475
Divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section do not	476
apply to a person who possesses, or possesses for sale or sells,	477
at retail, a dangerous drug in accordance with Chapters 3719.,	478
4715., 4723., 4725., 4729., 4730., 4731., and 4741. of the	479
Revised Code.	480
Divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section do not	481
apply to an individual who holds a current license, certificate,	482
or registration issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code and	483
has been certified to conduct diabetes education by a national	484
certifying body specified in rules adopted by the state board of	485
pharmacy under section 4729.68 of the Revised Code, but only to	486
the extent that the individual possesses insulin or personally	487
supplies insulin solely for the purpose of diabetes education	488
and only if diabetes education is within the individual's scope	489
of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's	490
profession.	491
Divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section do not	492
apply to an individual who holds a valid certificate issued by a	493
nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying organization	494
approved by the state board of pharmacy in rule, but only to the	495
extent that the individual possesses medical oxygen or	496
personally supplies medical oxygen for the purpose of emergency	497
care or treatment at the scene of a diving emergency.	498
Division (C)(3) of this section does not apply to the	499
board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint	500

vocational school district, a school building operated by a	501
school district board of education, a chartered or nonchartered	502
nonpublic school, a community school, a STEM school, or a	503
college-preparatory boarding school for the purpose of	504
possessing epinephrine autoinjectors under section 3313.7110,	505
3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, or 3328.29 of the Revised Code and	506
for the purpose of possessing inhalers under section 3313.7113,	507
3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of the Revised Code.	508
Division (C)(3) of this section does not apply to a	509
residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised	510
Code, a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the	511
Revised Code, or a child day camp operated by any county,	512
township, municipal corporation, township park district created	513
under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created	514
under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation	515
district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code	516
for the purpose of possessing epinephrine autoinjectors under	517
section 5101.76 of the Revised Code and for the purpose of	518
possessing inhalers under section 5101.77 of the Revised Code.	519
Division (C)(3) of this section does not apply to a law	520
enforcement agency or the agency's peace officers if the agency	521
or officers possess naloxone for administration to individuals	522
who are apparently experiencing opioid-related overdoses.	523
(D) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	524
shall purchase for the purpose of resale dangerous drugs <u>or</u>	525
<u>investigational drugs or products</u> from any person other than a	526
registered wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, except as	527
follows:	528
(1) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may	529

make occasional purchases of dangerous drugs or investigational

<u>drugs or products</u> for resale from a pharmacist who is a licensed	531
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs or who is employed by a	532
licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;	533
(2) A licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	534
having more than one establishment or place may transfer or	535
receive dangerous drugs or investigational drugs or products	536
from one establishment or place for which a license has been	537
issued to the terminal distributor to another establishment or	538
place for which a license has been issued to the terminal	539
distributor if the license issued for each establishment or	540
place is in effect at the time of the transfer or receipt.	541
(E) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs	542
shall engage in the sale or other distribution of dangerous	543
drugs or investigational drugs or products at retail or maintain	544
possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs <u>or</u>	545
investigational drugs or products for any purpose other than the	546
distributor's personal use or consumption, at any establishment	547
or place other than that or those described in the license	548
issued by the state board of pharmacy to such terminal	549
distributor.	550
(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed to	551
interfere with the performance of official duties by any law	552
enforcement official authorized by municipal, county, state, or	553
federal law to collect samples of any drug, regardless of its	554
nature or in whose possession it may be.	555
(G) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this	556
section, the board of education of a city, local, exempted	557
village, or joint vocational school district may deliver	558
epinephrine autoinjectors to a school under its control for the	559
purpose of possessing the epinephrine autoinjectors under	560

section 3313.7110 of the Revised Code and may deliver inhalers	561
to a school under its control for the purpose of possessing the	562
inhalers under section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code.	563
Sec. 4729.57. (A) The state board of pharmacy may suspend,	564
revoke, or refuse to grant or renew any license as a terminal	565
distributor of dangerous drugs, or may impose a monetary penalty	566
or forfeiture not to exceed in severity any fine designated	567
under the Revised Code for a similar offense or one thousand	568
dollars if the acts committed have not been classified as an	569
offense by the Revised Code, for any of the following causes:	570
(1) Making any false material statements in an application	571
for a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;	572
(2) Violating any rule of the board;	573
(3) Violating any provision of this chapter;	574
(4) <del>Violating Except as provided in section 4729.88 of the</del>	575
Revised Code, violating any provision of the "Federal Food,	576
Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301,	577
or Chapter 3715. of the Revised Code;	578
(5) Violating any provision of the federal drug abuse	579
control laws or Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code;	580
(6) Falsely or fraudulently promoting to the public a	581
dangerous drug, except that nothing in this division prohibits a	582
terminal distributor of dangerous drugs from furnishing	583
information concerning a dangerous drug to a health care	584
provider or another licensed terminal distributor;	585
(7) Ceasing to satisfy the qualifications of a terminal	586
distributor of dangerous drugs set forth in section 4729.55 of	587
the Revised Code;	588

(8) Except as provided in division (B) of this section:	589
(a) Waiving the payment of all or any part of a deductible	590
or copayment that an individual, pursuant to a health insurance	591
or health care policy, contract, or plan that covers the	592
services provided by a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs,	593
would otherwise be required to pay for the services if the	594
waiver is used as an enticement to a patient or group of	595
patients to receive pharmacy services from that terminal	596
distributor;	597
(b) Advertising that the terminal distributor will waive	598
the payment of all or any part of a deductible or copayment that	599
an individual, pursuant to a health insurance or health care	600
policy, contract, or plan that covers the pharmaceutical	601
services, would otherwise be required to pay for the services.	602
(B) Sanctions shall not be imposed under division (A)(8)	603
of this section against any terminal distributor of dangerous	604
drugs that waives deductibles and copayments as follows:	605
(1) In compliance with a health benefit plan that	606
expressly allows such a practice. Waiver of the deductibles or	607
copayments shall be made only with the full knowledge and	608
consent of the plan purchaser, payer, and third-party	609
administrator. Documentation of the consent shall be made	610
available to the board on request.	611
(2) For professional services rendered to any other person	612
licensed pursuant to this chapter to the extent allowed by this	613
chapter and the rules of the board.	614
(C)(1) Upon the suspension or revocation of a license	615
issued to a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs or the	616
refusal by the board to renew such a license, the distributor	617

shall immediately surrender the license to the board.	618
(2) The board may place under seal all dangerous drugs	619
that are owned by or in the possession, custody, or control of a	620
terminal distributor at the time the license is suspended or	621
revoked or at the time the board refuses to renew the license.	622
Except as otherwise provided in this division, dangerous drugs	623
so sealed shall not be disposed of until appeal rights under	624
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code have expired or an appeal filed	625
pursuant to that chapter has been determined.	626
The court involved in an appeal filed pursuant to Chapter	627
119. of the Revised Code may order the board, during the	628
pendency of the appeal, to sell sealed dangerous drugs that are	629
perishable. The proceeds of such a sale shall be deposited with	630
that court.	631
Sec. 4729.88. (A) As used in this section, "eligible	632
patient," "investigational drug, product, or device," "terminal	633
condition," and "treating physician" have the same meanings as	634
in section 4731.96 of the Revised Code.	635
(B) A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may, in accordance	636
with section 4731.96 of the Revised Code, provide an	637
investigational drug, product, or device for treatment of a	638
terminal condition to an eligible patient or to the treating	639
physician who is treating the eligible patient's terminal	640
condition. In doing so, the manufacturer may do all of the	641
following:	642
(1) Provide the investigational drug, product, or device	643
to the eligible patient or treating physician directly or	644
through a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;	645
(2) Provide the investigational drug, product, or device_	646

either with or without charge for the costs associated with	647
manufacturing and providing the investigational drug, product,	648
or device;	649
(3) Require the eligible patient to participate in data	650
collection relating to use of the investigational drug, product,	651
or device.	652
(C) Except for actions or omissions constituting willful	653
or wanton misconduct, a manufacturer or terminal distributor of	654
dangerous drugs that provides or distributes an investigational	655
drug, product, or device pursuant to this section and section	656
4731.96 of the Revised Code is not liable for or subject to	657
damages in any civil action or prosecution in any criminal	658
proceeding for actions or omissions related to providing or	659
distributing the investigational drug, product, or device.	660
(D) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as	661
requiring a manufacturer or terminal distributor to provide an	662
investigational drug, product, or device to an eligible patient	663
or the patient's treating physician.	664
Sec. 4731.22. (A) The state medical board, by an	665
affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, may	666
limit, revoke, or suspend an individual's certificate to	667
practice, refuse to grant a certificate to an individual, refuse	668
to renew a certificate, refuse to reinstate a certificate, or	669
reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate if	670
the individual or certificate holder is found by the board to	671
have committed fraud during the administration of the	672
examination for a certificate to practice or to have committed	673
fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for,	674
renewing, or securing any certificate to practice issued by the	675
board.	676

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than	677
six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit,	678
revoke, or suspend an individual's certificate to practice,	679
refuse to issue a certificate to an individual, refuse to renew	680
a certificate, refuse to reinstate a certificate, or reprimand	681
or place on probation the holder of a certificate for one or	682
more of the following reasons:	683
(1) Permitting one's name or one's certificate to practice	684
to be used by a person, group, or corporation when the	685
individual concerned is not actually directing the treatment	686
given;	687
(2) Failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to	688
the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ	689
acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other	690
modalities for treatment of disease;	691
(3)—Selling Except as provided in section 4731.96 of the	692
Revised Code, selling, giving away, personally furnishing,	693
prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and	694
legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a	695
judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of	696
eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a	697
violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession,	698
distribution, or use of any drug;	699
(4) Willfully betraying a professional confidence.	700
For purposes of this division, "willfully betraying a	701
professional confidence" does not include providing any	702
information, documents, or reports under sections 307.621 to	703
307.629 of the Revised Code to a child fatality review board;	704
does not include providing any information, documents, or	705

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reports to the director of health pursuant to guidelines	706
established under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code; does not	707
include written notice to a mental health professional under	708
section 4731.62 of the Revised Code; and does not include the	709
making of a report of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or a	710
report of a condition of an employee other than one involving	711
the use of a drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as	712
described in division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised	713
Code. Nothing in this division affects the immunity from civil	714
liability conferred by section 2305.33 or 4731.62 of the Revised	715
Code upon a physician who makes a report in accordance with	716
section 2305.33 or notifies a mental health professional in	717
accordance with section 4731.62 of the Revised Code. As used in	718
this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician" have the	719
same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised Code.	720

(5) Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice issued by the board.

As used in this division, "false, fraudulent, deceptive, 727 or misleading statement" means a statement that includes a 728 misrepresentation of fact, is likely to mislead or deceive 729 because of a failure to disclose material facts, is intended or 730 is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of 731 favorable results, or includes representations or implications 732 that in reasonable probability will cause an ordinarily prudent 733 person to misunderstand or be deceived. 734

(6) A departure from, or the failure to conform to,

minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the	736
same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a	737
patient is established;	738
(7) Representing, with the purpose of obtaining	739
compensation or other advantage as personal gain or for any	740
other person, that an incurable disease or injury, or other	741
incurable condition, can be permanently cured;	742
(8) The obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or	743
anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course	744
of practice;	745
(9) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of,	746
or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of	747
conviction for, a felony;	748
(10) Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in	749
this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was	750
committed;	751
(11) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of,	752
or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of	753
conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of	754
practice;	755
(12) Commission of an act in the course of practice that	756
constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the	757
jurisdiction in which the act was committed;	758
(13) A plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of,	759
or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of	760
conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;	761
(14) Commission of an act involving moral turpitude that	762
constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the	763

jurisdiction in which the act was committed;	764
(15) Violation of the conditions of limitation placed by	765
the board upon a certificate to practice;	766
(16) Failure to pay license renewal fees specified in this	767
chapter;	768
(17) Except as authorized in section 4731.31 of the	769
Revised Code, engaging in the division of fees for referral of	770
patients, or the receiving of a thing of value in return for a	771
specific referral of a patient to utilize a particular service	772
or business;	773
(18) Subject to section 4731.226 of the Revised Code,	774
violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American	775
medical association, the American osteopathic association, the	776
American podiatric medical association, or any other national	777
professional organizations that the board specifies by rule. The	778
state medical board shall obtain and keep on file current copies	779
of the codes of ethics of the various national professional	780
organizations. The individual whose certificate is being	781
suspended or revoked shall not be found to have violated any	782
provision of a code of ethics of an organization not appropriate	783
to the individual's profession.	784
For purposes of this division, a "provision of a code of	785
ethics of a national professional organization" does not include	786
any provision that would preclude the making of a report by a	787
physician of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or of a	788
condition of an employee other than one involving the use of a	789
drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as described in	790
division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised Code. Nothing in	791
this division affects the immunity from civil liability	792

conferred by that section upon a physician who makes either type	793
of report in accordance with division (B) of that section. As	794
used in this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician"	795
have the same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised	796
Code.	797

(19) Inability to practice according to acceptable and

prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or

physical illness, including, but not limited to, physical

deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or

perceptive skills.

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In enforcing this division, the board, upon a showing of a 803 possible violation, may compel any individual authorized to 804 practice by this chapter or who has submitted an application 805 pursuant to this chapter to submit to a mental examination, 806 physical examination, including an HIV test, or both a mental 807 and a physical examination. The expense of the examination is 808 the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. 809 Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination or consent 810 to an HIV test ordered by the board constitutes an admission of 811 the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due 812 to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default 813 and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony 814 or presentation of evidence. If the board finds an individual 815 unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in this 816 division, the board shall require the individual to submit to 817 care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or 818 designated by the board, as a condition for initial, continued, 819 reinstated, or renewed authority to practice. An individual 820 affected under this division shall be afforded an opportunity to 821 demonstrate to the board the ability to resume practice in 822 compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the 823

provisions of the individual's certificate. For the purpose of	824
this division, any individual who applies for or receives a	825
certificate to practice under this chapter accepts the privilege	826
of practicing in this state and, by so doing, shall be deemed to	827
have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination	828
when directed to do so in writing by the board, and to have	829
waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or	830
examination reports that constitute a privileged communication.	831

(20) Except when civil penalties are imposed under section 832 4731.225 or 4731.282 of the Revised Code, and subject to section 833 4731.226 of the Revised Code, violating or attempting to 834 violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the 835 violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this 836 chapter or any rule promulgated by the board. 837

This division does not apply to a violation or attempted 838 violation of, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or a 839 conspiracy to violate, any provision of this chapter or any rule 840 adopted by the board that would preclude the making of a report 841 by a physician of an employee's use of a drug of abuse, or of a 842 condition of an employee other than one involving the use of a 843 drug of abuse, to the employer of the employee as described in 844 division (B) of section 2305.33 of the Revised Code. Nothing in 845 this division affects the immunity from civil liability 846 conferred by that section upon a physician who makes either type 847 of report in accordance with division (B) of that section. As 848 used in this division, "employee," "employer," and "physician" 849 have the same meanings as in section 2305.33 of the Revised 850 Code. 851

(21) The violation of section 3701.79 of the Revised Code 852 or of any abortion rule adopted by the director of health 853

pursuant to section 3701.341 of the Revised Code;	854
(22) Any of the following actions taken by an agency	855
responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an	856
individual to practice a health care occupation or provide	857
health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for	858
any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation,	859
revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to	860
practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender;	861
denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license;	862
imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or	863
other reprimand;	864
(23) The violation of section 2919.12 of the Revised Code	865
or the performance or inducement of an abortion upon a pregnant	866
woman with actual knowledge that the conditions specified in	867
division (B) of section 2317.56 of the Revised Code have not	868
been satisfied or with a heedless indifference as to whether	869
those conditions have been satisfied, unless an affirmative	870
defense as specified in division (H)(2) of that section would	871
apply in a civil action authorized by division (H)(1) of that	872
section;	873
(24) The revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction,	874
or termination of clinical privileges by the United States	875
department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the	876
termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to	877
prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the	878
United States department of justice;	879
(25) Termination or suspension from participation in the	880
medicare or medicaid programs by the department of health and	881
human services or other responsible agency for any act or acts	882
that also would constitute a violation of division (B)(2), (3),	883

(	6	)	(8)	) .	or	(19)	of (	this	section	;

(26) Impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice.

For the purposes of this division, any individual authorized to practice by this chapter accepts the privilege of practicing in this state subject to supervision by the board. By filing an application for or holding a certificate to practice under this chapter, an individual shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when ordered to do so by the board in writing, and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of testimony or examination reports that constitute privileged communications.

If it has reason to believe that any individual authorized to practice by this chapter or any applicant for certification to practice suffers such impairment, the board may compel the individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both. The expense of the examination is the responsibility of the individual compelled to be examined. Any mental or physical examination required under this division shall be undertaken by a treatment provider or physician who is qualified to conduct the examination and who is chosen by the board.

Failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board constitutes an admission of the allegations against the individual unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. If the board determines that the individual's ability to practice is impaired, the board shall

suspend the individual's certificate or deny the individual's	914
application and shall require the individual, as a condition for	915
initial, continued, reinstated, or renewed certification to	916
practice, to submit to treatment.	917
Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a	918
certificate suspended under this division, the impaired	919
practitioner shall demonstrate to the board the ability to	920
resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing	921
standards of care under the provisions of the practitioner's	922
certificate. The demonstration shall include, but shall not be	923
limited to, the following:	924
(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under	925
section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the individual has	926
successfully completed any required inpatient treatment;	927
(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an	928
aftercare contract or consent agreement;	929
(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's	930
ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual	931
has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and	932
prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by	933
individuals or providers approved by the board for making the	934
assessments and shall describe the basis for their	935
determination.	936
The board may reinstate a certificate suspended under this	937
division after that demonstration and after the individual has	938
entered into a written consent agreement.	939
When the impaired practitioner resumes practice, the board	940
shall require continued monitoring of the individual. The	941

monitoring shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with

the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement	943
or with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and,	944
upon termination of the consent agreement, submission to the	945
board for at least two years of annual written progress reports	946
made under penalty of perjury stating whether the individual has	947
maintained sobriety.	948
(27) A second or subsequent violation of section 4731.66	949
or 4731.69 of the Revised Code;	950
(28) Except as provided in division (N) of this section:	951
(a) Waiving the payment of all or any part of a deductible	952
or copayment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or	953
health care policy, contract, or plan that covers the	954
individual's services, otherwise would be required to pay if the	955
waiver is used as an enticement to a patient or group of	956
patients to receive health care services from that individual;	957
(b) Advertising that the individual will waive the payment	958
of all or any part of a deductible or copayment that a patient,	959
pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract,	960
or plan that covers the individual's services, otherwise would	961
be required to pay.	962
(29) Failure to use universal blood and body fluid	963
precautions established by rules adopted under section 4731.051	964
of the Revised Code;	965
(30) Failure to provide notice to, and receive	966
acknowledgment of the notice from, a patient when required by	967
section 4731.143 of the Revised Code prior to providing	968
nonemergency professional services, or failure to maintain that	969
notice in the patient's file;	970
(31) Failure of a physician supervising a physician	971

assistant to maintain supervision in accordance with the	972
requirements of Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code and the rules	973
adopted under that chapter;	974
(32) Failure of a physician or podiatrist to enter into a	975
standard care arrangement with a clinical nurse specialist,	976
certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner with	977
whom the physician or podiatrist is in collaboration pursuant to	978
section 4731.27 of the Revised Code or failure to fulfill the	979
responsibilities of collaboration after entering into a standard	980
care arrangement;	981
(33) Failure to comply with the terms of a consult	982
agreement entered into with a pharmacist pursuant to section	983
4729.39 of the Revised Code;	984
(34) Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by	985
the board under division (F) of this section, including failure	986
to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or	987
failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board	988
in an investigative interview, an investigative office	989
conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories,	990
except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not	991
constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court	992
of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either	993
quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the	994
testimony or evidence in issue;	995
(35) Failure to supervise an oriental medicine	996
practitioner or acupuncturist in accordance with Chapter 4762.	997
of the Revised Code and the board's rules for providing that	998
supervision;	999

(36) Failure to supervise an anesthesiologist assistant in 1000

accordance with Chapter 4760. of the Revised Code and the	1001
board's rules for supervision of an anesthesiologist assistant;	1002
(37) Assisting suicide, as defined in section 3795.01 of	1003
the Revised Code;	1004
(38) Failure to comply with the requirements of section	1005
2317.561 of the Revised Code;	1006
(39) Failure to supervise a radiologist assistant in	1007
accordance with Chapter 4774. of the Revised Code and the	1008
board's rules for supervision of radiologist assistants;	1009
(40) Performing or inducing an abortion at an office or	1010
facility with knowledge that the office or facility fails to	1011
post the notice required under section 3701.791 of the Revised	1012
Code;	1013
(41) Failure to comply with the standards and procedures	1014
established in rules under section 4731.054 of the Revised Code	1015
for the operation of or the provision of care at a pain	1016
management clinic;	1017
(42) Failure to comply with the standards and procedures	1018
established in rules under section 4731.054 of the Revised Code	1019
for providing supervision, direction, and control of individuals	1020
at a pain management clinic;	1021
(43) Failure to comply with the requirements of section	1022
4729.79 or 4731.055 of the Revised Code, unless the state board	1023
of pharmacy no longer maintains a drug database pursuant to	1024
section 4729.75 of the Revised Code;	1025
(44) Failure to comply with the requirements of section	1026
2919.171 of the Revised Code or failure to submit to the	1027
department of health in accordance with a court order a complete	1028

report as described in section 2919.171 of the Revised Code;	1029
(45) Practicing at a facility that is subject to licensure	1030
as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a	1031
pain management clinic classification unless the person	1032
operating the facility has obtained and maintains the license	1033
with the classification;	1034
(46) Owning a facility that is subject to licensure as a	1035
category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain	1036
management clinic classification unless the facility is licensed	1037
with the classification;	1038
(47) Failure to comply with the requirement regarding	1039
maintaining notes described in division (B) of section 2919.191	1040
of the Revised Code or failure to satisfy the requirements of	1041
section 2919.191 of the Revised Code prior to performing or	1042
inducing an abortion upon a pregnant woman;	1043
(48) Failure to comply with the requirements in section	1044
3719.061 of the Revised Code before issuing for a minor a	1045
prescription for an opioid analgesic, as defined in section	1046
3719.01 of the Revised Code.	1047
(C) Disciplinary actions taken by the board under	1048
divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be taken pursuant to	1049
an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except	1050
that in lieu of an adjudication, the board may enter into a	1051
consent agreement with an individual to resolve an allegation of	1052
a violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under it. A	1053
consent agreement, when ratified by an affirmative vote of not	1054
fewer than six members of the board, shall constitute the	1055
findings and order of the board with respect to the matter	1056
addressed in the agreement. If the board refuses to ratify a	1057

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A telephone conference call may be utilized for 1060 ratification of a consent agreement that revokes or suspends an 1061 individual's certificate to practice. The telephone conference 1062 call shall be considered a special meeting under division (F) of 1063 section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 1064

1065 If the board takes disciplinary action against an individual under division (B) of this section for a second or 1066 subsequent plea of quilty to, or judicial finding of quilt of, a 1067 violation of section 2919.123 of the Revised Code, the 1068 disciplinary action shall consist of a suspension of the 1069 individual's certificate to practice for a period of at least 1070 one year or, if determined appropriate by the board, a more 1071 serious sanction involving the individual's certificate to 1072 practice. Any consent agreement entered into under this division 1073 with an individual that pertains to a second or subsequent plea 1074 of guilty to, or judicial finding of guilt of, a violation of 1075 that section shall provide for a suspension of the individual's 1076 certificate to practice for a period of at least one year or, if 1077 determined appropriate by the board, a more serious sanction 1078 involving the individual's certificate to practice. 1079

(D) For purposes of divisions (B)(10), (12), and (14) of 1080 this section, the commission of the act may be established by a 1081 finding by the board, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 1082 119. of the Revised Code, that the individual committed the act. 1083 The board does not have jurisdiction under those divisions if 1084 the trial court renders a final judgment in the individual's 1085 favor and that judgment is based upon an adjudication on the 1086 merits. The board has jurisdiction under those divisions if the 1087 trial court issues an order of dismissal upon technical or 1088 procedural grounds.

- (E) The sealing of conviction records by any court shall 1090 have no effect upon a prior board order entered under this 1091 section or upon the board's jurisdiction to take action under 1092 this section if, based upon a plea of quilty, a judicial finding 1093 of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention 1094 in lieu of conviction, the board issued a notice of opportunity 1095 for a hearing prior to the court's order to seal the records. 1096 The board shall not be required to seal, destroy, redact, or 1097 otherwise modify its records to reflect the court's sealing of 1098 conviction records. 1099
- (F)(1) The board shall investigate evidence that appears 1100 to show that a person has violated any provision of this chapter 1101 or any rule adopted under it. Any person may report to the board 1102 in a signed writing any information that the person may have 1103 that appears to show a violation of any provision of this 1104 chapter or any rule adopted under it. In the absence of bad 1105 faith, any person who reports information of that nature or who 1106 testifies before the board in any adjudication conducted under 1107 Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall not be liable in damages 1108 in a civil action as a result of the report or testimony. Each 1109 complaint or allegation of a violation received by the board 1110 shall be assigned a case number and shall be recorded by the 1111 board. 1112
- (2) Investigations of alleged violations of this chapter
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  or any rule adopted under it shall be supervised by the
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  supervising member elected by the board in accordance with
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  section 4731.02 of the Revised Code and by the secretary as
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  provided in section 4731.39 of the Revised Code. The president
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may designate another member of the board to supervise the	1118
investigation in place of the supervising member. No member of	1119
the board who supervises the investigation of a case shall	1120
participate in further adjudication of the case.	1121
(3) In investigating a possible violation of this chapter	1122
or any rule adopted under this chapter, or in conducting an	1123
inspection under division (E) of section 4731.054 of the Revised	1124
Code, the board may question witnesses, conduct interviews,	1125
administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, inspect and	1126
copy any books, accounts, papers, records, or documents, issue	1127
subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and production	1128
of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony,	1129
except that a subpoena for patient record information shall not	1130
be issued without consultation with the attorney general's	1131
office and approval of the secretary and supervising member of	1132
the board.	1133
(a) Before issuance of a subpoena for patient record	1134
information, the secretary and supervising member shall	1135
determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the	1136
complaint filed alleges a violation of this chapter or any rule	1137
adopted under it and that the records sought are relevant to the	1138
alleged violation and material to the investigation. The	1139
subpoena may apply only to records that cover a reasonable	1140
period of time surrounding the alleged violation.	1141
(b) On failure to comply with any subpoena issued by the	1142
board and after reasonable notice to the person being	1143
subpoenaed, the board may move for an order compelling the	1144
production of persons or records pursuant to the Rules of Civil	1145
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(c) A subpoena issued by the board may be served by a

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sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or a board employee designated by	1148
the board. Service of a subpoena issued by the board may be made	1149
by delivering a copy of the subpoena to the person named	1150
therein, reading it to the person, or leaving it at the person's	1151
usual place of residence, usual place of business, or address on	1152
file with the board. When serving a subpoena to an applicant for	1153
or the holder of a certificate issued under this chapter,	1154
service of the subpoena may be made by certified mail, return	1155
receipt requested, and the subpoena shall be deemed served on	1156
the date delivery is made or the date the person refuses to	1157
accept delivery. If the person being served refuses to accept	1158
the subpoena or is not located, service may be made to an	1159
attorney who notifies the board that the attorney is	1160
representing the person.	1161

- (d) A sheriff's deputy who serves a subpoena shall receive the same fees as a sheriff. Each witness who appears before the board in obedience to a subpoena shall receive the fees and mileage provided for under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.
- (4) All hearings, investigations, and inspections of the 1166 board shall be considered civil actions for the purposes of 1167 section 2305.252 of the Revised Code.
- (5) A report required to be submitted to the board under
  this chapter, a complaint, or information received by the board
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  pursuant to an investigation or pursuant to an inspection under
  division (E) of section 4731.054 of the Revised Code is
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  confidential and not subject to discovery in any civil action.
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The board shall conduct all investigations or inspections 1174 and proceedings in a manner that protects the confidentiality of 1175 patients and persons who file complaints with the board. The 1176 board shall not make public the names or any other identifying 1177

information about patients or complainants unless proper consent	1178
is given or, in the case of a patient, a waiver of the patient	1179
privilege exists under division (B) of section 2317.02 of the	1180
Revised Code, except that consent or a waiver of that nature is	1181
not required if the board possesses reliable and substantial	1182
evidence that no bona fide physician-patient relationship	1183
exists.	1184

The board may share any information it receives pursuant 1185 to an investigation or inspection, including patient records and 1186 patient record information, with law enforcement agencies, other 1187 licensing boards, and other governmental agencies that are 1188 prosecuting, adjudicating, or investigating alleged violations 1189 of statutes or administrative rules. An agency or board that 1190 receives the information shall comply with the same requirements 1191 regarding confidentiality as those with which the state medical 1192 board must comply, notwithstanding any conflicting provision of 1193 the Revised Code or procedure of the agency or board that 1194 applies when it is dealing with other information in its 1195 possession. In a judicial proceeding, the information may be 1196 admitted into evidence only in accordance with the Rules of 1197 Evidence, but the court shall require that appropriate measures 1198 are taken to ensure that confidentiality is maintained with 1199 respect to any part of the information that contains names or 1200 other identifying information about patients or complainants 1201 whose confidentiality was protected by the state medical board 1202 when the information was in the board's possession. Measures to 1203 ensure confidentiality that may be taken by the court include 1204 sealing its records or deleting specific information from its 1205 records. 1206

(6) On a quarterly basis, the board shall prepare a report 1207 that documents the disposition of all cases during the preceding 1208

three months. The report shall contain the following information	1209
for each case with which the board has completed its activities:	1210
(a) The case number assigned to the complaint or alleged	1211
violation;	1212
(b) The type of certificate to practice, if any, held by	1213
the individual against whom the complaint is directed;	1214
(c) A description of the allegations contained in the	1215
complaint;	1216
(d) The disposition of the case.	1217
The report shall state how many cases are still pending	1218
and shall be prepared in a manner that protects the identity of	1219
each person involved in each case. The report shall be a public	1220
record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	1221
(G) If the secretary and supervising member determine both	1222
of the following, they may recommend that the board suspend an	1223
individual's certificate to practice without a prior hearing:	1224
(1) That there is clear and convincing evidence that an	1225
individual has violated division (B) of this section;	1226
(2) That the individual's continued practice presents a	1227
danger of immediate and serious harm to the public.	1228
Written allegations shall be prepared for consideration by	1229
the board. The board, upon review of those allegations and by an	1230
affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, excluding	1231
the secretary and supervising member, may suspend a certificate	1232
without a prior hearing. A telephone conference call may be	1233
utilized for reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on	1234
the summary suspension.	1235

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The board shall issue a written order of suspension by 1236 certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of 1237 the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension 1238 by the court during pendency of any appeal filed under section 1239 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the individual subject to the 1240 summary suspension requests an adjudicatory hearing by the 1241 board, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen 1242 days, but not earlier than seven days, after the individual 1243 requests the hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by both the 1244 board and the individual. 1245

Any summary suspension imposed under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudicative order within seventy-five days after completion of its hearing. A failure to issue the order within seventy-five days shall result in dissolution of the summary suspension order but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order.

(H) If the board takes action under division (B)(9), (11), 1255 or (13) of this section and the judicial finding of guilt, 1256 guilty plea, or judicial finding of eligibility for intervention 1257 in lieu of conviction is overturned on appeal, upon exhaustion 1258 of the criminal appeal, a petition for reconsideration of the 1259 order may be filed with the board along with appropriate court 1260 documents. Upon receipt of a petition of that nature and 1261 supporting court documents, the board shall reinstate the 1262 individual's certificate to practice. The board may then hold an 1263 adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to determine 1264 whether the individual committed the act in question. Notice of 1265 an opportunity for a hearing shall be given in accordance with 1266

Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board finds, pursuant	1267
to an adjudication held under this division, that the individual	1268
committed the act or if no hearing is requested, the board may	1269
order any of the sanctions identified under division (B) of this	1270
section.	1271

(I) The certificate to practice issued to an individual 1272 under this chapter and the individual's practice in this state 1273 are automatically suspended as of the date of the individual's 1274 second or subsequent plea of quilty to, or judicial finding of 1275 quilt of, a violation of section 2919.123 of the Revised Code, 1276 or the date the individual pleads guilty to, is found by a judge 1277 or jury to be guilty of, or is subject to a judicial finding of 1278 eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction in this state 1279 or treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another 1280 jurisdiction for any of the following criminal offenses in this 1281 state or a substantially equivalent criminal offense in another 1282 jurisdiction: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, 1283 felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross 1284 sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or 1285 aggravated burglary. Continued practice after suspension shall 1286 1287 be considered practicing without a certificate.

The board shall notify the individual subject to the

suspension by certified mail or in person in accordance with

section 119.07 of the Revised Code. If an individual whose

certificate is automatically suspended under this division fails

to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119.

of the Revised Code, the board shall do whichever of the

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(1) If the automatic suspension under this division is for 1295 a second or subsequent plea of guilty to, or judicial finding of 1296

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the board shall enter an order suspending the individual's	1298
certificate to practice for a period of at least one year or, if	1299
determined appropriate by the board, imposing a more serious	1300
sanction involving the individual's certificate to practice.	1301

- (2) In all circumstances in which division (I)(1) of this section does not apply, enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's certificate to practice.
- (J) If the board is required by Chapter 119. of the 1305 Revised Code to give notice of an opportunity for a hearing and 1306 if the individual subject to the notice does not timely request 1307 a hearing in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code, 1308 the board is not required to hold a hearing, but may adopt, by 1309 an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, a 1310 final order that contains the board's findings. In that final 1311 order, the board may order any of the sanctions identified under 1312 division (A) or (B) of this section. 1313
- (K) Any action taken by the board under division (B) of 1314 this section resulting in a suspension from practice shall be 1315 accompanied by a written statement of the conditions under which 1316 the individual's certificate to practice may be reinstated. The 1317 board shall adopt rules governing conditions to be imposed for 1318 reinstatement. Reinstatement of a certificate suspended pursuant 1319 to division (B) of this section requires an affirmative vote of 1320 not fewer than six members of the board. 1321
- (L) When the board refuses to grant or issue a certificate 1322 to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's certificate 1323 to practice, refuses to renew an individual's certificate to 1324 practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's certificate to 1325 practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An 1326

individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is	1327
forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice	1328
and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement	1329
of the certificate or for issuance of a new certificate.	1330
(M) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised	1331
Code, all of the following apply:	1332
(1) The surrender of a certificate issued under this	1333
chapter shall not be effective unless or until accepted by the	1334
board. A telephone conference call may be utilized for	1335
acceptance of the surrender of an individual's certificate to	1336
practice. The telephone conference call shall be considered a	1337
special meeting under division (F) of section 121.22 of the	1338
Revised Code. Reinstatement of a certificate surrendered to the	1339
board requires an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members	1340
of the board.	1341
(2) An application for a certificate made under the	1342
provisions of this chapter may not be withdrawn without approval	1343
of the board.	1344
(3) Failure by an individual to renew a certificate to	1345
practice in accordance with this chapter shall not remove or	1346
limit the board's jurisdiction to take any disciplinary action	1347
under this section against the individual.	1348
(4) At the request of the board, a certificate holder	1349
shall immediately surrender to the board a certificate that the	1350
board has suspended, revoked, or permanently revoked.	1351
(N) Sanctions shall not be imposed under division (B) (28)	1352
of this section against any person who waives deductibles and	1353
copayments as follows:	1354
(1) In compliance with the health benefit plan that	1355

expressly allows such a practice. Waiver of the deductibles or	1356
copayments shall be made only with the full knowledge and	1357
consent of the plan purchaser, payer, and third-party	1358
administrator. Documentation of the consent shall be made	1359
available to the board upon request.	1360
(2) For professional services rendered to any other person	1361
authorized to practice pursuant to this chapter, to the extent	1362
allowed by this chapter and rules adopted by the board.	1363
(O) Under the board's investigative duties described in	1364
this section and subject to division (F) of this section, the	1365
board shall develop and implement a quality intervention program	1366
designed to improve through remedial education the clinical and	1367
communication skills of individuals authorized under this	1368
chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine	1369
and surgery, and podiatric medicine and surgery. In developing	1370
and implementing the quality intervention program, the board may	1371
do all of the following:	1372
(1) Offer in appropriate cases as determined by the board	1373
an educational and assessment program pursuant to an	1374
investigation the board conducts under this section;	1375
(2) Select providers of educational and assessment	1376
services, including a quality intervention program panel of case	1377
reviewers;	1378
(3) Make referrals to educational and assessment service	1379
providers and approve individual educational programs	1380
recommended by those providers. The board shall monitor the	1381
progress of each individual undertaking a recommended individual	1382
educational program.	1383
(4) Determine what constitutes successful completion of an	1384

individual educational program and require further monitoring of	1385
the individual who completed the program or other action that	1386
the board determines to be appropriate;	1387
(5) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the	1388
Revised Code to further implement the quality intervention	1389
program.	1390
An individual who participates in an individual	1391
educational program pursuant to this division shall pay the	1392
financial obligations arising from that educational program.	1393
Sec. 4731.227. An individual authorized to practice	1394
medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery may use	1395
alternative medical treatments if the individual has provided	1396
the information necessary to obtain informed consent from the	1397
patient and the treatment meets the standards enforced by the	1398
state medical board pursuant to section 4731.22 of the Revised	1399
Code and any rules adopted by the board.	1400
As used in this section, "alternative medical treatment"	1401
means care that is complementary to or different from	1402
conventional medical care but is reasonable when the benefits	1403
and risks of the alternative medical treatment and the	1404
conventional medical care are compared. "Alternative medical	1405
treatment" does not include treatment with an investigational	1406
drug, product, or device under section 4731.96 of the Revised	1407
Code.	1408
Sec. 4731.96. (A) As used in this section:	1409
(1) "Investigational drug, product, or device" means a	1410
drug, product, or device that has successfully completed phase	1411
one of United States food and drug administration clinical	1412
trials and remains under clinical trial, but has not been	1413

approved for general use by the United States food and drug	1414
administration. "Investigational drug, product, or device" does	1415
not include controlled substances in schedule I, as established	1416
pursuant to section 3719.41 of the Revised Code, and as amended.	1417
(2) "Drug" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of	1418
the Revised Code.	1419
(3) "Product" means a biological product, other than a	1420
drug, that is made from a natural human, animal, or	1421
microorganism source and is intended to treat a disease or	1422
medical condition.	1423
(4) "Device" means a medical device that is intended for	1424
use in the diagnosis or treatment of a disease or medical	1425
<pre>condition.</pre>	1426
(5) "Physician" means an individual authorized by this	1427
chapter to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine	1428
and surgery.	1429
(6) "Terminal condition" means any of the following	1430
conditions, if irreversible, incurable, and untreatable through	1431
a method of treatment approved by the United States food and	1432
drug administration:	1433
(a) A progressive form of cancer;	1434
(b) A progressive neurological disorder;	1435
(c) A progressive musculoskeletal disorder;	1436
(d) A condition that, based on reasonable medical	1437
standards and a reasonable degree of medical certainty, appears	1438
likely to cause death within a period of time that is relatively	1439
short but does not exceed twelve months.	1440

(7) "Treating physician" means the physician primarily_	1441
responsible for providing medical care and treating an eligible	1442
patient's terminal condition. "Treating physician" does not	1443
include the patient's primary care physician unless that	1444
physician is treating the patient's terminal condition and no	1445
other physician is primarily responsible for treating the	1446
terminal condition. The patient may have more than one treating	1447
physician.	1448
(B) (1) Subject to division (B) (2) of this section, an	1449
individual is an eligible patient if all of the following	1450
<pre>conditions are met:</pre>	1451
(a) The individual has a terminal condition, as determined	1452
by the individual's treating physician and by one other	1453
physician who has examined the individual.	1454
(b) The individual, as determined by the individual's	1455
treating physician, has considered all treatment options for the	1456
terminal condition that are approved by the United States food	1457
and drug administration and determined that there are no	1458
satisfactory or comparable approved treatments and that the risk	1459
from the investigational drug, product, or device is no greater	1460
than the probable risk from not treating the terminal condition.	1461
(c) The individual's treating physician recommends the use	1462
of the investigational drug, product, or device, attests that it	1463
represents the individual's best chance at survival, and agrees	1464
to either administer or personally furnish it or has issued a	1465
prescription to the individual for the investigational drug,	1466
product, or device.	1467
(d) The treating physician includes documentation in the	1468
patient's medical record that all of the foregoing conditions	1469

have been met.	1470
(2) An individual who meets the requirements of division	1471
(B) (1) of this section is not an eligible patient if a clinical	1472
trial using the investigational drug, product, or device is	1473
actively being conducted within the individual's county of	1474
residence or an adjoining county, unless the individual applied	1475
for participation but was denied access to that clinical trial.	1476
(C) (1) A treating physician may treat an eligible patient	1477
with an investigational drug, product, or device after securing	1478
the patient's informed consent in a signed statement. If the	1479
patient is a minor or lacks the capacity to consent, the	1480
informed consent must be obtained from a parent, guardian, or	1481
other person legally responsible for the patient.	1482
(2) To secure informed consent, the treating physician	1483
must do all of the following:	1484
(a) Record all of the following in the document that is to	1485
<pre>be signed:</pre>	1486
(i) An explanation of the approved treatment options for	1487
the terminal condition from which the patient suffers;	1488
(ii) The specific proposed investigational drug, product,	1489
or device;	1490
(iii) The potentially best and worst outcomes of using the	1491
investigational drug, product, or device with a realistic	1492
description of the most likely outcome, including the	1493
possibility that new, unanticipated, different, or worse	1494
symptoms might result, and that death could be hastened by the	1495
<pre>investigational drug, product, or device;</pre>	1496
(iv) An explanation that the manufacturer of the	1497

investigational drug, product, or device may hold the patient	1498
liable for all expenses that arise from the patient's use of the	1499
investigational drug, product, or device.	1500
(b) Have the individual giving consent sign the document	1501
in the conscious presence of a competent witness;	1502
(c) Have the witness also sign the document and attest	1503
that the individual giving consent appeared to do all of the	1504
<pre>following:</pre>	1505
(i) Concur with the treating physician in believing that	1506
all approved treatment options would be unlikely to prolong the	1507
<pre>patient's life;</pre>	1508
(ii) Understand the risks involved with using the	1509
investigational drug, product, or device;	1510
(iii) Willingly desire to use the investigational drug,	1511
product, or device to treat the terminal condition.	1512
(3) An eligible patient, or the patient's parent,	1513
guardian, or other person legally responsible for the patient,	1514
may revoke consent to treatment with an investigational drug,	1515
product, or device at any time and in any manner that	1516
communicates the revocation.	1517
(D) Except for actions constituting willful or wanton	1518
misconduct, a treating physician who recommends or treats an	1519
eligible patient with an investigational drug, product, or	1520
device in compliance with this section is not liable for or	1521
subject to any of the following for an action or omission	1522
related to treatment with the investigational drug, product, or	1523
device: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal	1524
proceeding, or professional disciplinary action	1525

(E) An official, employee, or agent of this state shall	1526
not, solely because an investigational drug, product, or device	1527
has not been approved for general use by the United States food	1528
and drug administration, prevent or attempt to prevent access by	1529
an eligible patient or eligible patient's treating physician to	1530
an investigational drug, product, or device that is being	1531
provided or is to be provided in accordance with this section or	1532
section 4729.88 of the Revised Code.	1533
(F) If an eligible patient dies while being treated with	1534
an investigational drug, product, or device and there are any	1535
outstanding costs related to treating the patient, the patient's	1536
estate, devisees, and heirs shall not be held liable by any	1537
person or government entity for those costs.	1538
(G) Nothing in this section requires a health care	1539
insurer, the medicaid program or any other government health	1540
care program, or any other entity that offers health care	1541
benefits to provide coverage for the costs incurred from the use	1542
of any investigational drug, product, or device.	1543
(H) Nothing in this section condones, authorizes, or	1544
approves of assisted suicide, as defined in section 3795.01 of	1545
the Revised Code, or any action that is considered mercy killing	1546
or euthanasia.	1547
Section 2. That existing sections 4729.01, 4729.291,	1548
4729.51, 4729.57, 4731.22, and 4731.227 of the Revised Code are	1549
hereby repealed.	1550
Section 3. Section 4729.01 of the Revised Code is	1551
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended	1552
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 4 and Sub. S.B. 110 of the 131st General	1553
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	1554

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division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	1555
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	1556
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	1557
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	1558
as presented in this act.	1559