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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: Senate File 286  
Committee: Human Resources  
Floor Manager: Representative Linda Miller  
Date: July 14, 2011  
Staff: Brad Trow (1-3471)

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### Prescription Monitoring Program Revisions

Senate File 286 makes changes to Iowa's prescription monitoring program. The program, run through the Board of Pharmacy, allows authorized health care providers to check on the prescriptions given to patients or clients.

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### Summary of Action

**Senate Action** – The Senate **ADOPTED** Senate File 286 on a vote of 50-0 on March 7, 2011.

**Committee Action** – The Human Resources Committee **PASSED** Senate File 286 on a vote of 18-1 on March 21, 2011.

**House Action** – The House **ADOPTED** Senate File 286 on a vote of 97-1 on April 4, 2011.

**Final Action** – The Governor **SIGNED** Senate File 286 on April 14, 2011.

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### Section by Section Analysis

**Section 1** – The section amends Iowa Code section 124.553 (1) (a) to allow a pharmacist or prescribing practitioner to have an authorized agent to access information from the program. The section would require the Board of Pharmacy to develop rules for who may be a qualifying agent and limit the number of agents an individual pharmacist or prescribing practitioner could have.

**Section 2** – The section amends Iowa Code section 124.558 (1) to add agents of pharmacists or prescribing practitioners to the section setting out the penalties for failure to comply with the requirements of the program.

**Section 3** – **Repeal** - The section repeals the language put in when the program was created in 2009, that repeals the Prescription Monitoring Program on June 30, 2011.

**Section 4** – **Effective Upon Enactment** – The section makes Section 3 of the bill effective upon enactment.