

# Remote Automated Medication System

This Act generally authorizes licensed skilled nursing facilities and hospice facilities to use remote automated medication systems when such facilities don't have pharmacies on-site.

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Status: Enacted into law in 2011.

## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Authorize Certain Facilities to  
2 Use Remote Automated Medication Systems.”

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4           Section 2. [*Remote Automated Medication Systems.*]

5           (A) As used in this Act “remote automated medication system” means an automated  
6 mechanical system defined under [insert citation] and that is located in an institution that does not  
7 have an on-site pharmacy and in which medication may be dispensed in a manner that may be  
8 specific to a patient.

9           (B) A remote automated medication system shall not be considered a vending machine for  
10 purposes of this Act.

11           (C) The possession, filling, and use of canisters for remote automated medication systems  
12 pursuant to this Act shall not be considered a violation of [insert citation].

13           (D) As used in this Act, the term “institution” means a skilled nursing facility under [insert  
14 citation] or a hospice licensed under [insert citation].

15           (E) Pharmacists may dispense prescriptions from a remote location for the benefit of an  
16 institution that uses a remote automated medication system in accordance with the requirements set  
17 forth in this Act and the rules and regulations adopted by the [state board of pharmacy] pursuant to  
18 [insert citation].

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20           Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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22           Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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24           Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]