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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; prohibiting the substitution of a prescription for an
1.3 immunosuppressant drug; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 151.21, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 151.21, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 9. Exception for immunosuppressant drugs. Notwithstanding subdivision
1.9 3, a pharmacist shall not interchange a prescription for an immunosuppressant drug for
1.10 the treatment of transplantation with any other drug without the prior notification and
1.11 approval of the prescriber. For the purpose of this subdivision:

1.12 (1) an "immunosuppressant drug" means any drug used to prevent organ rejection in
1.13 individuals who have had an organ transplantation; and

1.14 (2) "interchange" means the substitution of another version of the same
1.15 immunosuppressant drug, including a generic version for the prescribed brand, a brand
1.16 version for the prescribed generic version, a generic version by one manufacturer
1.17 for a generic version by a different manufacturer, a different formulation for the
1.18 prescribed immunosuppressant, or a different immunosuppressant drug product from the
1.19 immunosuppressant drug originally prescribed.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.