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44th Legislature

HB 0239/02

Approved by Committee on Public Health, Welfare & Safety

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 239

That House Bill No. 239, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 4, line 6.

Following: line 6

Insert: "Section 4. Prohibited acts. It is unlawful for any sample drug to be provided for or obtained by any person licensed pursuant to Title 66, chapters 6, 9 and 10, R.C.M. 1947, except in accordance with the provisions of

this act."

Renumber: Subsequent section

AND AS SO AMENDED, BE REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION