House Bill 791
By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 26-4-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license required for practice of pharmacy, dispensing prescription drugs, prescription drug orders, electronically transmitting drug orders, refills, and Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions, so as to authorize a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90 day supply of a maintenance medication under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Code Section 26-4-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license required for practice of pharmacy, dispensing prescription drugs, prescription drug orders, electronically transmitting drug orders, refills, and Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(q)(1) Unless the prescriber has specified on the prescription that dispensing a maintenance medication in an initial amount followed by periodic refills is medically necessary, a pharmacist may exercise his or her professional judgment, in consultation with the patient, to dispense up to a 90 day supply of medication up to the total number of dosage units as authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, including any refills.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.