

issued, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall report to the Attorney General the authorization of that emergency prescription.

**(j) Clarification concerning prescription transfers**

Any transfer between pharmacies of information relating to a prescription for a controlled substance shall meet the applicable requirements under regulations promulgated by the Attorney General under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-513, title II, §311, as added Pub. L. 110-425, §3(d)(1), Oct. 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 4825; amended Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3232, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3950; Pub. L. 117-215, title I, §103(b)(1)(F), Dec. 2, 2022, 136 Stat. 2263.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 309, referred to in subsec. (c)(7), is section 309 of Pub. L. 91-513, which is classified to section 829 of this title.

For effective date of this section, referred to in subsec. (d)(3), see Effective Date note below.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (g)(1), (2)(B), is Pub. L. 93-638, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2203, which is classified principally to chapter 46 (§5301 et seq.) of Title 25, Indians. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of Title 25 and Tables.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (j), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 91-513, Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1236. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 801 of this title and Tables.

**AMENDMENTS**

2022—Subsec. (h)(1)(B). Pub. L. 117-215 substituted “823(g)” for “823(f)” wherever appearing.

2018—Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 115-271 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Attorney General shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, promulgate regulations specifying the limited circumstances in which a special registration under this subsection may be issued and the procedures for obtaining such a special registration.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 15, 2008, except as otherwise provided, see section 3(j) of Pub. L. 110-425, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 802 of this title.

**§ 832. Suspicious orders**

**(a) Reporting**

Each registrant shall—

(1) design and operate a system to identify suspicious orders for the registrant;

(2) ensure that the system designed and operated under paragraph (1) by the registrant complies with applicable Federal and State privacy laws; and

(3) upon discovering a suspicious order or series of orders, notify the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Special Agent in Charge of the Division Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration for the area in which the registrant is located or conducts business.

**(b) Suspicious order database**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 1 year after October 24, 2018, the Attorney General shall establish a centralized database for collecting reports of suspicious orders.

**(2) Satisfaction of reporting requirements**

If a registrant reports a suspicious order to the centralized database established under paragraph (1), the registrant shall be considered to have complied with the requirement under subsection (a)(3) to notify the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Special Agent in Charge of the Division Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration for the area in which the registrant is located or conducts business.

**(c) Sharing information with the States**

**(1) In general**

The Attorney General shall prepare and make available information regarding suspicious orders in a State, including information in the database established under subsection (b)(1), to the point of contact for purposes of administrative, civil, and criminal oversight relating to the diversion of controlled substances for the State, as designated by the Governor or chief executive officer of the State.

**(2) Timing**

The Attorney General shall provide information in accordance with paragraph (1) within a reasonable period of time after obtaining the information.

**(3) Coordination**

In establishing the process for the provision of information under this subsection, the Attorney General shall coordinate with States to ensure that the Attorney General has access to information, as permitted under State law, possessed by the States relating to prescriptions for controlled substances that will assist in enforcing Federal law.

(Pub. L. 91-513, title II, §312, as added Pub. L. 115-271, title III, §3292(b), Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 3956.)

**PART D—OFFENSES AND PENALTIES**

**§ 841. Prohibited acts A**

**(a) Unlawful acts**

Except as authorized by this subchapter, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally—

(1) to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance; or

(2) to create, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.

**(b) Penalties**

Except as otherwise provided in section 849, 859, 860, or 861 of this title, any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be sentenced as follows:

(1)(A) In the case of a violation of subsection (a) of this section involving—