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Proposed Bill No. 126

LCO No. 347

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

SEN. MURPHY, 16th Dist.

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRESCRIPTION
DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A CANADIAN PHARMACY
BENEFIT MANAGER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the state of
- 2 Connecticut to (1) develop a prescription drug program administered
- 3 by a Canadian pharmacy benefit manager; (2) develop an Internet
- 4 website and a telephone hotline that provides information to
- 5 Connecticut citizens about how to participate in the program and how
- 6 to gain access to pharmacies participating in the program; and (3)
- 7 require the Department of Public Health to verify that participating
- 8 pharmacies are safe, reputable and reliable.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a new prescription drug program that allows Connecticut health care consumers to purchase prescription drugs at a reduced cost from responsible, safe Canadian and European drug wholesalers and pharmacies.