



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 561**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 550

*Senate, April 24, 2002*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR CHECKING ERRORS IN THE DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of  
2 Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
3 chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the purpose of developing a  
4 system for checking errors made by prescribing practitioners or  
5 pharmacists in dispensing medications to patients.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The adoption of regulations by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection for the purpose of developing a system for checking prescription errors made by prescribing practitioners or pharmacists can be accommodated by the agency within normal budgetary resources.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR CHECKING ERRORS IN THE DISPENSING OF MEDICATION****SUMMARY:**

This bill directs the consumer protection commissioner to adopt regulations to develop a system for checking for errors made by (1) practitioners prescribing medication and (2) pharmacists dispensing medication.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bill***

The General Law Committee favorably reported a bill (sSB 504, file 194) that addresses prescription drug errors and continuing education for pharmacists.

***Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (File 280) to the Judiciary Committee on April 10. That committee favorably reported a substitute on April 15, eliminating a provision that would have made mail-order pharmacies liable for costs incurred by customers due to the pharmacy's (1) delay in mailing the prescription or (2) errors resulting in the delivery of the wrong prescription.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24    Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 36 Nay 0