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***Raised Bill No. 167***

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLU AND PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 6 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special session is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Not later than September 1, [2003] 2004, and annually thereafter,  
5 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation  
6 with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall (1) determine the  
7 amount appropriated for the following purposes: (A) To purchase,  
8 store and distribute vaccines for routine immunizations included in  
9 the schedule for active immunization required by section 19a-7f; (B) to  
10 purchase, store and distribute (i) vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and B  
11 in persons of all ages, as recommended by the schedule for  
12 immunizations published by the National Advisory Committee for  
13 Immunization Practices, (ii) antibiotics necessary for the treatment of  
14 tuberculosis and biologics and antibiotics necessary for the detection  
15 and treatment of tuberculosis infections, [and] (iii) antibiotics to  
16 support treatment of patients in communicable disease control clinics,

17 as defined in section 19a-216a, and (iv) vaccines to prevent flu and  
18 pneumococcal disease in persons of all ages, as recommended by the  
19 schedule for immunizations published by the National Advisory  
20 committee for Immunization Practices; and (C) to provide services  
21 needed to collect up-to-date information on childhood immunizations  
22 for all children enrolled in Medicaid who reach two years of age  
23 during the year preceding the current fiscal year, to incorporate such  
24 information into the childhood immunization registry, as defined in  
25 section 19a-7h, and (2) inform the Insurance Commissioner of such  
26 amount.

27 (b) (1) Each domestic insurer or health care center doing life  
28 insurance or health insurance business in this state shall annually pay  
29 to the Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the General Fund, a  
30 health and welfare fee assessed by the Insurance Commissioner  
31 pursuant to this section. Each pharmaceutical company doing business  
32 in this state shall annually pay to the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
33 and Management, for deposit in the General Fund, a health and  
34 welfare fee assessed by the secretary pursuant to this section.

35 (2) Not later than October 1, 2003, the Insurance Commissioner shall  
36 determine the fee to be assessed against each such domestic insurer or  
37 health care center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Not later  
38 than October 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance  
39 Commissioner shall determine the fee to be assessed against each such  
40 domestic insurer or health care center for the next fiscal year. Such fee  
41 shall be a percentage of the total amount appropriated, as identified in  
42 subsection (a) of this section, and shall be calculated on the basis of life  
43 insurance premiums and health insurance premiums and subscriber  
44 charges in the same manner as calculations under section 38a-48. Not  
45 later than November 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Insurance  
46 Commissioner shall submit a statement to each such insurer and health  
47 care center that includes the proposed fee for the insurer or health care  
48 center calculated in accordance with this section. As used in this  
49 section, "health insurance" means health insurance, as defined in

50 subdivisions (1) to (13), inclusive, of section 38a-469.

51 (3) Not later than October 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the  
52 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall determine the  
53 fee to be assessed against each pharmaceutical company doing  
54 business in this state. Not later than November 1, 2004, and annually  
55 thereafter, the secretary shall submit a statement to each such  
56 pharmaceutical company that includes the proposed fee for the  
57 pharmaceutical company.

58 (c) Any domestic insurer, [or] health care center or pharmaceutical  
59 company aggrieved by an assessment levied under this section may  
60 appeal therefrom in the same manner as provided for appeals under  
61 section 38a-52.

62 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the aggregate  
63 assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million one  
64 hundred thousand dollars. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the  
65 aggregate assessment under this section shall not exceed seven million  
66 one hundred thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

**Statement of Purpose:**

To include flu and pneumococcal vaccines in the state vaccine program and to broaden the funding for this program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*