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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-576 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) The commissioner may, with the advice and assistance of the
6 commission, adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
7 govern the performance of the commission's duties, the practice of
8 pharmacy and the business of retailing drugs and devices. Such
9 regulations may include, but are not limited to, provisions (1)
10 concerning the licensing of any pharmacist or pharmacy, disciplinary
11 action that may be taken against a licensee, the conduct of a
12 pharmacist and the operation of a pharmacy, (2) specifying various
13 classes of pharmacy licenses issued under section 20-594, including,
14 but not limited to, licenses for infusion therapy pharmacies and
15 nuclear pharmacies and specifying requirements for operation of

16 pharmacies under the classes of pharmacy licenses permitted under
17 the regulations, (3) concerning creation and maintenance of
18 prescription records, and (4) concerning registration and activities of
19 pharmacy interns, [and] registered pharmacy technicians and certified
20 pharmacy technicians.

21 (b) The commissioner shall, with the advice and assistance of the
22 commission, adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
23 governing (1) the storage and retrieval of prescription information for
24 noncontrolled substances, including refills, by pharmacists through the
25 use of electronic data processing systems or other systems for the
26 efficient storage and retrieval of information, (2) the operation of
27 institutional pharmacies pursuant to chapters 368a and 418, sections
28 17a-210 to 17a-273, inclusive, as amended, and 19a-490 to 19a-520,
29 inclusive, as amended, and sections 20-570 to 20-630, inclusive, and (3)
30 the activities of pharmacy technicians in pharmacies and institutional
31 pharmacies, including ratios of registered pharmacy technicians and
32 certified pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in pharmacies and
33 institutional pharmacies.

34 Sec. 2. Section 20-598a of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

36 (a) No person shall act as a pharmacy technician unless registered
37 with or certified with, the department.

38 (b) The department shall, upon authorization of the commission,
39 register as a pharmacy technician any person who presents evidence
40 satisfactory to the department that such person is qualified to perform,
41 under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, routine functions in the
42 dispensing of drugs that do not require the use of professional
43 judgment. The qualifications for registration as a pharmacy technician
44 under this section shall be in accordance with (1) the standards of an
45 institutional pharmacy, a care-giving institution or a correctional or
46 juvenile training institution, in the case of employment in any such
47 pharmacy or institution, or (2) the standards established by regulation

48 adopted by the commissioner in accordance with chapter 54, in the
 49 case of employment in a pharmacy. As used in this subsection, "direct
 50 supervision" means a supervising pharmacist (A) is physically present
 51 in the area or location where the pharmacy technician is performing
 52 routine drug dispensing functions, and (B) conducts in-process and
 53 final checks on the pharmacy technician's performance.

54 (c) The department shall, upon authorization of the commission,
 55 certify as a pharmacy technician any person who meets the
 56 requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician, pursuant to
 57 subsection (b) of this section, and who holds a certification from the
 58 Pharmacy Technician Certification board or any other equivalent
 59 pharmacy technician certification program approved by the
 60 department.

61 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The fee required by section 20-601, as amended, shall
 62 accompany an application for registration under this section. A
 63 registration as a pharmacy technician shall be valid for one year and
 64 may be renewed upon application and payment of the fee required by
 65 section 20-601, as amended."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>