



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 165**

January Session, 2005

House Bill No. 5292

*House of Representatives, April 5, 2005*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. O'CONNOR of the 35th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT PRESCRIPTIONS BE FILLED BY MAIL ORDER.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) No health insurance  
2 policy issued on an individual basis, whether issued by an insurance  
3 company, a hospital service corporation, a medical service corporation  
4 or a health care center, which provides coverage for prescription drugs  
5 may require any person covered under such policy to obtain  
6 prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of  
7 obtaining benefits for such drugs.

8 (b) The provisions of this section shall apply to any such policy  
9 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
10 state on or after July 1, 2005.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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**INS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill prohibits insurance policies that cover prescription drugs and issued to individuals from requiring an insured person to receive prescriptions from a mail order pharmacy. The bill has no fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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PRESCRIPTIONS BE FILLED BY MAIL ORDER**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits insurance policies that cover prescription drugs and are issued to individuals from requiring an insured person to receive prescriptions from a mail order pharmacy. The bill applies to individual insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued on or after July 1, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 15    Nay 0