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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS AND
ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Not later than October 1,
2 2007, each health care provider licensed in this state with prescriptive
3 authority shall generate all prescriptions in this state utilizing an
4 electronic prescribing system.

5 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 1-283 of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
7 *October 1, 2005*):

8 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of section 1-277
9 and section 1 of this act, sections 1-266 to 1-286, inclusive, do not
10 require a governmental agency in this state to use or permit the use of
11 electronic records or electronic signatures.

12 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) A health care institution
13 licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v
14 of the general statutes may create, maintain or utilize medical records

15 or a medical records system in electronic format, paper format or both,
16 provided such records or system are designed to store medical records
17 or patient health information in a medium that is reproducible and
18 secure.

19 Sec. 4. Section 19a-639a of the general statutes is amended by adding
20 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

21 (NEW) (c) The Office of Health Care Access may, in its discretion,
22 exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638
23 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to
24 purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after
25 October 1, 2005.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	1-283(e)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	19a-639a

Statement of Purpose:

To require the electronic generation of all prescriptions by October 1, 2007, and to authorize health care facilities and institutions to use electronic medical records systems.

[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.]

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