



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 945

LCO No. 2970

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-581 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Any person who violates any provision of sections 20-570 to [20-
4 630] 20-635, inclusive, for the violation of which no other penalty has
5 been provided shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or
6 imprisoned not more than five years or both. For purposes of this
7 section, each instance of patient contact or consultation that is in
8 violation of any provision of sections 20-570 to [20-630] 20-635,
9 inclusive, shall be a separate offense. Failure to renew in a timely
10 manner any license issued under said sections is not a violation for
11 purposes of this section.

12 Sec. 2. Section 21a-249 of the general statutes is amended by adding
13 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

14 (NEW) (m) A practitioner authorized to prescribe controlled
15 substances shall not prescribe anabolic steroids for the purpose of

16 enhancing a patient's athletic ability or performance.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In the absence of a documented
18 patient evaluation that includes a physical examination, any request
19 for a controlled substance issued solely on the results of answers to an
20 electronic questionnaire shall be considered to be issued outside the
21 context of a valid practitioner-patient relationship and not be a valid
22 prescription. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
23 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes,
24 concerning such requests for controlled substances. For the purposes
25 of this section, "electronic questionnaire" means any form in an
26 electronic format that may require personal, financial or medical
27 information from a consumer or patient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-581
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	21a-249
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the prescribing of anabolic steroids for the purpose of enhancing a person's athletic abilities and to protect consumers from certain pharmacies that provide medicine on demand.

[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.]