



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 945**

January Session, 2005

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**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 Section 20-581 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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] 20-631, inclusive, and section 20-635 for the violation of which no  
5 other penalty has been provided shall be fined not more than five  
6 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years or both. For  
7 purposes of this section, each instance of patient contact or  
8 consultation that is in violation of any provision of sections 20-570 to  
9 [20-630] 20-631, inclusive, and section 20-635 shall be a separate  
10 offense. Failure to renew in a timely manner any license issued under  
11 said sections is not a violation for 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 sole 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

**GL**        *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PH**        *Joint Favorable*