



Senate Bill No. 325

Public Act No. 09-150

AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACY ERRORS AND PHARMACY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

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

Section 1. Section 20-578 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

(a) Information received by the department, the commission or the Department of Public Health, through filed reports or inspection or as otherwise authorized under chapters 418 and 420b and sections 20-570 to 20-630, inclusive, shall not be disclosed publicly in such a manner as to identify individuals or institutions, except: [in] (1) In a proceeding involving the question of licensure or the right to practice, and (2) in a proceeding where the commission has voted in favor of formal disciplinary action against a pharmacist or pharmacy licensed pursuant to chapter 400j, when such disciplinary action is related to an error in the dispensing of medication. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the commissioner from disclosing information gained through the inspection of pharmacies and outlets holding permits for the sale of nonlegend drugs if the commissioner considers such disclosure to be in the interest of public health.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,

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section 21a-265 and chapter 55, the Commissioners of Consumer Protection and Public Health and the authorized agents of said commissioners, in carrying out their duties under subsection (a) of this section, may: (1) Exchange information relating to a license or registration issued by their respective agencies, or (2) exchange investigative information relating to violations of this chapter with each other, with the Chief State's Attorney and with agencies charged with the enforcement of pharmacy or drug laws of the United States, this state and all other jurisdictions.

Sec. 2. Section 20-573 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

(a) Meetings of the commission for the purpose of conducting business of the commission shall be held at the office of the commission at least six times per calendar year and at such other times and places in each year as the chairperson or a majority of the commission deems necessary.

(b) The commission shall keep a record of its proceedings. Such record shall be made available to the public upon request and shall contain the name and license number of any pharmacist or pharmacy that the commission has recommended formal disciplinary action against. A copy of any such record, certified by the commissioner, shall be admitted as evidence in any civil or criminal action in lieu of the record.

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