



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 1049 - An Act Prohibiting Certain Gifts From Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Companies to Health Care Providers

The Department of Public Health **opposes** Senate Bill 1049.

Enactment of this bill would require:

- Pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing companies providing compensation or reimbursement in an amount that exceeds \$1,000 per calendar year to a health care provider in accordance with the provisions of this act, to disclose aggregate compensation and reimbursement information to the Department of Public Health.
- Disclosure would be made annually to DPH beginning on or before July 1, 2010, in an electronic format.
- DPH would also be required to report information disclosed by pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing companies on its website.

Concerns with SB 1049

- Implementation of this initiative would result in **significant fiscal impact** to the Department.
- The Department of Public Health does not have jurisdiction over pharmaceutical and medical device companies. The Department of Consumer Protection is the agency with jurisdiction over those entities. If this bill moves forward and they receive the necessary resources, DCP would be the more appropriate entity to regulate this activity.
- Additional funding would be necessary to support the development of an electronic tracking system and to carry out the activities associated with developing and maintaining a system of this magnitude as these functions could not be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department does not support the bill at this time, as the Governor's budget does not provide resources for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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