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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY FOR
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-14e of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) A drug dispensed by a prescribing practitioner shall be
5 personally dispensed by the prescribing practitioner and the
6 dispensing of such drug shall not be delegated except that, in
7 emergency departments of acute care hospitals licensed under chapter
8 368v, the tasks related to dispensing such drug may be carried out by a
9 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 under the supervision of the
10 prescribing practitioner.

11 (b) A patient's medical record shall include a complete record of any
12 drug dispensed by the prescribing practitioner.

13 (c) A prescribing practitioner dispensing a drug shall package the
14 drug in containers approved by the federal Consumer Product Safety

15 Commission, unless requested otherwise by the patient, and shall label
16 the container with the following information: (1) The full name of the
17 patient; (2) the prescribing practitioner's full name and address; (3) the
18 date of dispensing; (4) instructions for use; and (5) any cautionary
19 statements as may be required by law.

20 (d) Professional samples dispensed by a prescribing practitioner
21 shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

22 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or chapter 400j, a
23 prescribing practitioner who diagnoses a sexually transmitted
24 chlamydia or gonorrhea infection in a patient may prescribe and
25 dispense oral antibiotic drugs to such patient and the patient's sexual
26 partner or partners without a physical examination of the sexual
27 partner or partners. A prescribing practitioner who prescribes or
28 dispenses oral antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner or partners of a
29 patient diagnosed with an infection of chlamydia or gonorrhea, in
30 accordance with the provisions of this subsection, shall not be deemed
31 to have violated the prescribing practitioner's standard of care for such
32 prescribing or dispensing. The Commissioner of Public Health, in
33 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may
34 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
35 provisions of this subsection.

36 [(e)] (f) A prescribing physician or surgeon may dispense and sell
37 contact lenses that contain a drug, as defined in section 20-571, and
38 such physician or surgeon shall be exempt from the requirements of
39 subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses.
40 As used in this subsection, "physician" means a person holding a
41 license issued pursuant to this chapter, except a homeopathic
42 physician.

43 [(f)] (g) A licensed optometrist, authorized to practice advanced
44 optometric care pursuant to section 20-127, who dispenses contact
45 lenses that contain ocular agents-T, as defined in subdivision (5) of
46 subsection (a) of section 20-127, shall be exempt from the requirements

47 of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact
48 lenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	20-14e

Statement of Purpose:

To allow prescribing practitioners to prescribe and dispense antibiotics to the sexual partners of patients infected with chlamydia or gonorrhea without physical examination of the partners.

[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.]