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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 262 - An Act Concerning Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Agreements

The Department of Public Health opposes Senate Bill 262 in its current form.

The proposal mandates the development of regulations concerning protocol-based collaborative drug therapy management and the necessary competencies for participating pharmacists by DPH. Although the agency recognizes the importance of collaborative drug therapy and the need to establish standards for these programs, the Department of Public Health does not have regulatory authority over pharmacists or promulgate regulations governing their activities. Furthermore, such requirements could be established under the statutory provisions governing pharmacists. In the event that the decision is made to move forward with developing such standards, DPH would be glad to collaborate with the Department of Consumer Protection, the lead agency with regulatory oversight over pharmacists.

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

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