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Committee Bill No. 153

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG
REFILLS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-510 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 (a) No [health insurance policy issued on an individual basis,
4 whether issued by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society,
5 hospital service corporation, [a] medical service corporation or [a]
6 health care center [, which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,
7 amends or continues an individual health insurance policy that
8 provides coverage for prescription drugs may require any person
9 covered under such policy to obtain prescription drugs from a mail
10 order pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for such drugs.

11 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such policy
12 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
13 state on or after July 1, 2005.] Each such insurance company, fraternal
14 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service
15 corporation or health care center shall allow an insured to obtain, and

16 shall provide coverage for, a refill of a prescription drug up to two
17 business days prior to the date on which such prescription drug is
18 otherwise authorized to be refilled.

19 Sec. 2. Section 38a-544 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

21 (a) No [medical benefits contract on a group basis, whether issued
22 by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society, hospital service
23 corporation, [a] medical service corporation or [a] health care center [,
24 which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues
25 a group health insurance policy that provides coverage for prescription
26 drugs may require any person covered under such contract to obtain
27 prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of
28 obtaining benefits for such drugs.

29 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such medical
30 benefits contract delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
31 on or after July 1, 1989.] Each such insurance company, fraternal
32 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service
33 corporation or health care center shall allow an insured to obtain, and
34 shall provide coverage for, a refill of a prescription drug up to two
35 business days prior to the date on which such prescription drug is
36 otherwise authorized to be refilled.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-510
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-544

INS *Joint Favorable*