



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 252

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING FLAVORING AGENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "flavoring agent" means an additive used in food or drugs
3 when such additive: (1) Is used in accordance with good
4 manufacturing practice principles and in the minimum quantity
5 required to produce its intended effect, (2) consists of one or more
6 ingredients generally recognized as safe in food and drugs, has been
7 previously sanctioned for use in food and drugs by the state or the
8 federal government, meets United States Pharmacopeia standards or is
9 an additive permitted for direct addition to food for human
10 consumption pursuant to 21 CFR 172, (3) is inert and produces no
11 effect other than the instillation or modification of flavor, and (4) is not
12 greater than five per cent of the total weight of the product.

13 (b) A flavoring agent may be added to a prescription product by a
14 pharmacist upon the request of the prescribing practitioner, patient for

15 whom the prescription is ordered or such patient's agent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) in allowing pharmacists to add flavoring agents to prescriptions if the prescribing doctor or patient requests it, as the DCP already monitors prescriptions as part of their normal duties.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 252*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING FLAVORING AGENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows pharmacists to add a flavoring agent to a prescription if the prescribing doctor, patient, or patient's agent requests it.

Under the bill, a flavoring agent is a food or drug additive that:

1. consists of ingredients generally recognized as safe in food and drugs,
2. is approved as a food additive for human consumption under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations (21 CFR § 172),
3. is used in accordance with good manufacturing practice principles and in the minimum quantity needed to produce its intended effect,
4. is sanctioned by the state or federal government,
5. is less than 5% of the product's total weight,
6. is inert and produces no effect other than modifying flavor, and
7. meets U.S. Pharmacopeia standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/13/2012)