

**Carrie Rand-Anastasiades - Executive Director
Testimony Before The General Law Committee
Re: SB 252 An Act Authorizing Flavoring Agents for Prescription Products
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Good Morning. My name is Carrie Rand-Anastasiades and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Community Pharmacies. We represent chain pharmacies around the State such as Walgreens, Stop & Shop, and PriceChopper to name a few. I am here today to testify on SB 252 An Act Authorizing Flavoring Agents For Prescription Products.

SB 252 allows for the addition of flavoring agents in prescription drugs. They are inert ingredients that do not alter the medication, but simply make it taste better. This is a standard practice for pharmacists and in most instance is done for children.

The DEA informed our Association, as well as Drug Control, that CT law was absent on the definition of flavoring agents and their addition. Because of this the process could be considered a compound prescription, which for chain pharmacies could not be completed at the time of purchase, it would have to be ordered and the consumer would have to wait until the next day to receive their medication. This bill simply clarifies what flavoring agents are and how a pharmacist can use them. It allows patients to request the addition of flavoring at the time they pick up their prescription, without having to go through the process of ordering it.

Consumer want to take their medication as soon as it is prescribed by their doctor, and we as pharmacists strive to do that each and every day. A mom does not want to wait a day to get her child on antibiotics when they have an ear infection, and this bill simply allows her to do that.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.