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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF
UNUSED MEDICATION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Health care institution" means any public or private institution
4 or agency licensed or certified by the state to provide health care,
5 including hospitals, nursing homes, residential health care facilities,
6 home health care agencies, hospice programs operating in this state,
7 institutions, facilities, or agencies that provide services to persons with
8 mental health illnesses or developmental disabilities, and

9 (2) "Unused medication" means any unopened, expired or excess
10 medication that has been dispensed for patient or resident care,
11 including pills, tablets, capsules and caplets.

12 (b) No health care institution and no employee, staff person,
13 contractor, or other person acting under the direction or supervision of
14 a health care institution, may discharge, dispose of, flush, pour or

15 empty any unused medication into a public or private waste water
16 collection system or septic system.

17 (c) Each health care institution shall develop a plan for the
18 appropriate disposal of unused medication in accordance with the
19 provisions of this section and shall submit such plan to the
20 Department of Public Health not later than January 1, 2013, and
21 annually thereafter.

22 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall enforce the provisions
23 of this section.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) The Department of
25 Energy and Environmental Protection shall, in consultation with the
26 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
27 Management and Public Protection, the Connecticut Pharmacists
28 Association and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, develop
29 and implement a program for the collection of unwanted
30 pharmaceuticals. Such program shall require municipal police stations
31 and state police barracks (1) to have a secure locked box that is
32 accessible to the public on a twenty-four-hour daily basis for the
33 anonymous drop-off of unused pharmaceuticals, and (2) to arrange for
34 the transport of such pharmaceuticals to a biomedical waste treatment
35 facility, as defined in section 22a-207 of the general statutes, to be
36 incinerated.

37 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
38 within available appropriations, organize a public awareness
39 campaign to educate the public concerning the dangers of unsafe
40 disposal of pharmaceuticals and of the availability of the
41 pharmaceutical collection program at municipal police stations and
42 state police barracks in the state.

43 (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
44 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
45 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit healthcare institutions from disposing medications into waste water systems and to establish a program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

[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.]