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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5056*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the electronic prescription drug monitoring program to include (1) out-of-state pharmacies that ship, mail, or deliver prescription drugs into the state and (2) any other drug dispensing practitioner (i.e., a physician, dentist, or anyone permitted to dispense a controlled substance). The bill also allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to identify additional products to be included in the program, including herbal or chemical substances or drugs.

**BACKGROUND*****Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program***

This program requires DCP to collect prescription information twice a month from pharmacies about Schedules II, III, IV, and V controlled substances. The program provides information about the prescription of these substances to prevent their improper or illegal use. Pharmacists are required to report electronically certain drug information to DCP, including the dispensing date, dispenser identification and prescription number, and certain patient identification data.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/13/2012)