



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 76**

January Session, 2013

Substitute House Bill No. 5767

*House of Representatives, March 20, 2013*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. MEGNA of the 97th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING SYNCHRONIZING PRESCRIPTION REFILLS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) No individual health  
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11), (12) and (16) of section 38a-469 of the  
4 general statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
5 continued in this state that provides coverage for prescription drugs  
6 shall deny coverage for the refill of any drug prescribed for the  
7 treatment of a chronic illness that is made in accordance with a plan  
8 among the insured, a practitioner and a pharmacist to synchronize the  
9 refilling of multiple prescriptions for the insured.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) No group health insurance  
11 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
12 (4), (11), (12) and (16) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes  
13 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
14 state that provides coverage for prescription drugs, shall deny  
15 coverage for the refill of any drug prescribed for the treatment of a



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill's provisions will not result in a cost to the state employee and retiree health plan because the bill does not impact prescription drug coverage currently provided by the plan. In general, a pharmacy coordinates services on behalf of the patient and the treating physician in accordance with FDA dispensing criteria.

The bill's provisions are not anticipated to result in a cost to municipalities. Due to federal law, municipalities with self-insured polices are exempt from state health mandates.

For the purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) this bill is not considered an additional mandate and therefore will not result in an additional cost to the State.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5767****AN ACT CONCERNING SYNCHRONIZING PRESCRIPTION REFILLS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits certain health insurers that provide prescription drug coverage from denying coverage for refilling any drug prescribed to treat a chronic illness if the refill is made in accordance with a plan to synchronize the refilling of multiple prescriptions. The plan must involve the insured, a practitioner, and a pharmacist.

The bill applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan; or (5) single-service ancillary health coverage plans, including dental, vision, and prescription drug plans.

Due to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates do not apply to self-insured benefit plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 11 Nay 0 (02/14/2013)

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 2 (03/07/2013)