



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6439

January Session, 2013



**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, 2013*) (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 a nursing home, residential health care facility, home health
6 care agency or hospice program or an institution, facility or agency
7 that provides services to persons with psychiatric disabilities or
8 intellectual disability, provided "health care institution" does not
9 include hospitals; and

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

13 (b) No health care institution and no employee, staff person,
14 contractor, or other person acting under the direction or supervision of
15 a health care institution, may discharge, dispose of, flush, pour or
16 empty any unused medication into a public or private waste water
17 collection system or septic system.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Department of Energy
19 and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of
20 Consumer Protection, shall, within available appropriations, organize
21 a public awareness campaign to educate the public concerning the
22 dangers of unsafe disposal of pharmaceuticals and of the availability of
23 retail pharmaceutical collection programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

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