



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 235

Senate, March 24, 2015

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE OF AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR
EPINEPHRINE PENS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Insurance Commissioner shall
2 study and report on the health insurance coverage of and out-of-
3 pocket expenses for automatic prefilled cartridge injectors or similar
4 automatic injectable equipment used to deliver epinephrine in a
5 standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions, for
6 health insurance policies and health benefit plans delivered, issued for
7 delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state. Such study
8 shall include, but not be limited to, the classification of such injectors
9 under such policies or plans, the out-of-pocket expenses charged to an
10 insured under such policies or plans and investigation of existing
11 opportunities and possible ways to assist individuals in procuring
12 such injectors at a reduced cost. Not later than January 1, 2016, the
13 commissioner shall submit a report on the findings of such study, in
14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

15 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
16 cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

INS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$
Insurance Department	IF - Potential Cost	Up to \$100,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Insurance Department to study aspects of insurance coverage and out-of-pocket expenses for epinephrine pens, and to report its finding to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016. The department does not currently have the ability to conduct this study with its current staff. It is unknown to what extent the study aspects required by the bill have already been completed by other entities. Should the department need to contract with outside consultants to conduct this study, a one-time FY 16 cost of up to \$100,000 may be incurred.

The Out Years

There is no out year fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/10/2015)