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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
DISPENSED TO CERTAIN PATIENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Complex or chronic medical condition" means a physical,
4 behavioral or developmental condition that has been diagnosed or is
5 being treated by a prescribing practitioner and: (A) Has no known
6 cure, (B) is progressive, or (C) can be debilitating or fatal if left
7 untreated or undertreated.

8 (2) "Rare medical condition" means a disease or condition that has
9 been diagnosed or is being treated by a prescribing practitioner and
10 that affects fewer than either: (A) Two hundred thousand persons in
11 the United States, or (B) less than or equal to one out of one thousand
12 five hundred persons worldwide.

13 (3) "Medically stable" means a determination that a patient's

14 condition is not worsening made by a prescribing practitioner, based
15 on the prescribing practitioner's clinical expertise, taking into account
16 the patient's condition and response to treatment.

17 (4) "Drug" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of
18 the general statutes.

19 (5) "Pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571
20 of the general statutes.

21 (6) "Prescribing practitioner" has the same meaning as provided in
22 section 20-571 of the general statutes.

23 (b) If a pharmacist has been informed that a patient is medically
24 stable and diagnosed with a complex or chronic medical condition or a
25 rare medical condition, the pharmacist may not change the drug
26 prescribed to the patient without a medical basis for such change and
27 the express written consent of the prescribing practitioner who
28 prescribed the drug that is subject to the change.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase health care transparency by requiring prescriber consent and a medical basis prior to any change in the prescription drug dispensed to certain patients.