



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 84

LCO No. 556



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION FROM CANADA.

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

1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require the
2 Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Public Health, to establish a prescription drug
4 importation program that: (1) Permits the Department of Social
5 Services or an entity with which it contracts to import prescription
6 drugs with federal approval at a significant cost savings from licensed
7 manufacturers or distributors in Canada, (2) protects any existing
8 discounts provided by pharmaceutical manufacturers to providers
9 qualified for such discounts under Section 340B of the Public Health
10 Service Act, (3) ensures that any prescription drugs imported from
11 Canada meet quality and safety standards set by the Food and Drug
12 Administration, (4) imports only those prescription drugs that are
13 costliest for the state medical assistance program and to consumers not
14 eligible for that program, (5) sets a price per prescription drug
15 purchase by such consumers necessary to finance the program, (6) is in
16 compliance with applicable requirements as set forth in 21 USC 384
17 and 21 USC 360eee-1, and (7) prohibits the distribution, dispensing or

18 sale of such imported drugs outside Connecticut's borders.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand access to costly prescription drugs by allowing them to be imported from Canada at a cost savings.