

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-694

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL

Title: STATUTES.

Vote Date: 3/9/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/25/2021

File No.: 108

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will allow for DCP to make changes to current statutes. Though some are technical changes; this also allows DCP additional ways to protect the health and safety of the public.

Substitute language

Section 2 is amended which allows pharmacists to prescribe EpiPens under certain circumstances. The Medical Society was concerned about patients avoiding routine preventative care with PCP's. The change limits the number of times a patient can receive prescription from their pharmacist to once per year. This is an effort to ensure that patients continue to see their PCP's for preventative care.

The notice to DCP for the remodeling or relocation of sterile compounding pharmacies. Prior to the substitute language the change would be from 10 days to 60 days, however last year it was requested by the Connecticut Hospital Association and Pharmacist Association be reduced from 60 to 45 days.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection

Comm. Seagull supports this bill, it was requested by the DCP. This bill makes multiple changes to the drug control statutes. There are technical changes, but also additional tools to protect the health and safety of the public

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Hospital Association

CHA supports this bill. This bill will make changes to ensure patients have access to important medications

Sean Jeffrey, PharmD, Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, Integrated Care Partners, Hartford Healthcare

Sean Jeffrey states that they are in favor of this bill. The changes are reasonable. Among the provisions is that pharmacies provide earlier notice to the DCP Drug Control Division of any planned remodeling or relocation of a sterile compound space. These types of changes are planned well in advance.

Nathan Tinker, CEO, Connecticut Pharmacists Association

CPA is in support of this bill with the change request to have sterile compound remodeling plans be 45 days, not 60. Allowing pharmacists under certain conditions to prescribe and dispense EpiPens. EpiPens are a medical necessity and can be life-saving. This will eliminate the logistical hassle that is sometimes a barrier for patients. This is a welcome public health arsenal.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk

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