

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 6398

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. PALM, 36th Dist.

REP. CARNEY, 23rd Dist.

REP. DATHAN, 142nd Dist.

REP. ELLIOTT, 88th Dist.

REP. HAINES I., 34th Dist.

SEN. HARDING, 30th Dist.

REP. QUINN, 82nd Dist.

REP. REYES, 75th Dist.

REP. ROCHELLE, 104th Dist.

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PHARMACISTS.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to expand the scope of practice
- 2 of pharmacists to include testing and screening for and treatment of
- 3 common health conditions, including, but not limited to, influenza,
- 4 streptococcal infections, COVID-19, human immunodeficiency virus,
- 5 including, but not limited to, preexposure prophylaxis, and urinary tract
- 6 infections, provided, in any case where a patient has a recurring health
- 7 condition, the pharmacist shall acquire a standing order from the
- 8 patient's physician.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand public access to qualified, expedited health care services, reduce the cost burden borne by taxpayers for unnecessary trips to the emergency room, reduce trauma to elders, enhance families'

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convenience when caring for loved ones, and avoid duplication in treatments for common health care issues.

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