

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 145

LCO No. **1396**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO MAKE MANUFACTURER REBATES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Prescription drug" has the same meaning as provided in section
3 19a-754b of the general statutes;

4 (2) "Pharmacy" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-5715 of the general statutes; and

6 (3) "Rebate" means a discount or concession, which affects the price 7 of an outpatient prescription drug, that a pharmaceutical manufacturer 8 directly provides to a pharmacy or a pharmacist for an outpatient 9 prescription drug manufactured by the pharmaceutical manufacturer 10 and dispensed by the pharmacy or pharmacist; and "rebate" does not 11 include a bona fide service fee, as defined in 42 CFR 447.502, as amended 12 from time to time.

13 (b) Each pharmacy and pharmacist shall make rebates available to

patients at the point of purchase by a patient of an outpatient prescription drug. No pharmacy or pharmacist may retain any savings on the cost of an outpatient prescription drug generated by a rebate without first reducing the cost of the outpatient prescription drug to the patient to zero dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2020	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require pharmacies to make manufacturers' rebates for prescription drugs available to patients.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]