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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: March 09, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-19.1-30 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-19.1 entitled
2 "Pharmacies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-19.1-30. List of drugs to be posted -- Display of current selling price required --**

4 **Exception. --** (a) The director of the department of health shall compile a list of ~~at least ten (10)~~
5 all prescribed health maintenance drugs, the date on which each price was last reported, multiple
6 formations, and a Spanish language feature, all of which will be ~~and forward~~ forwarded ~~it~~ to the
7 board of pharmacy which shall distribute that list to all pharmacies in the state. Each pharmacy
8 shall post, in a clear and legible form, on that list, the current selling price of each prescription
9 drug listed.

10 (b) "Current selling price" means the actual price to be paid by a retail purchaser to the
11 pharmacy for any prescription drug listed at the usual strength and amount listed.

12 (c) Each pharmacy:

13 (1) Shall conspicuously display the list of ~~the ten (10)~~ all prescribed health maintenance
14 ~~prescription~~ drugs the date on which each price was last reported, multiple formations, and a
15 Spanish language feature at or adjacent to the place in the pharmacy where prescriptions are
16 presented for compounding and dispensing; The pharmacy will provide this listing of the
17 aforementioned by the fifth of each month to the department of health. The department of health
18 shall take responsibility to provide this information to the public via electronic website. This
19 website will serve as a database for the consumer to find the most applicable process for all

1 prescribed health maintenance drugs available at the pharmacy of his or her choice. A feature will
2 be included in which the consumer can find the price for the specific formulation of the
3 prescribed health maintenance drug that he or she is prescribed, as well as a listing of the most
4 local pharmacies by means of zip code search.

5 (2) Shall, upon request, provide to a consumer who possesses a prescription for any
6 listed prescription drug, the current selling price of that drug; and

7 (3) May change the current selling price and the posting of that price on the list at any
8 time.

9 (d) The requirements of this section do not apply to an order to dispense a drug for
10 immediate administration to a hospital patient.

11 (e) "Formulation" means the dosage level and form of the prescribed health maintenance
12 drug.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require pharmacies to include in addition to the sale price, in the posted
- 2 list of drugs, the date on which each price was last reported, multiple formations and a Spanish
- 3 language feature.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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