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Introduced by Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg and Donahue of  
Northfield

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; prescription drugs; pharmacists; drug substitution;  
epinephrine autoinjector devices

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
pharmacists to substitute a lower-cost epinephrine autoinjector than the one  
prescribed for a patient if the patient consents to the substitution.

An act relating to substitution of epinephrine autoinjector devices

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4605 is amended to read:

§ 4605. ALTERNATIVE DRUG SELECTION

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(e)(1) If a purchaser is prescribed an epinephrine autoinjector device and  
there is an alternate epinephrine autoinjector product available that would  
reflect a lower cost to the purchaser, the pharmacist shall, regardless of  
whether the alternate epinephrine autoinjector product is included in the latest

1 list of interchangeable drug products for the prescribed epinephrine  
2 autoinjector device, do all of the following:

3 (A) advise the purchaser of the availability of the alternate  
4 epinephrine autoinjector product;

5 (B) advise the purchaser of the potential cost difference between the  
6 prescribed device and the alternate product; and

7 (C) with the purchaser's consent, dispense the alternate epinephrine  
8 autoinjector product to the purchaser.

9 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
10 if the prescriber has indicated that substitution is not permissible, the  
11 pharmacist shall dispense the epinephrine autoinjector device as prescribed.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.