



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5276**

LCO No. 1826



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF HOME-GENERATED SHARPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-576a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 [Not later than July 1, 2018, the] The Commissioner of Consumer  
4 Protection, with the advice and assistance of the Commission of  
5 Pharmacy, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
6 chapter 54, to allow not more than fifty retail locations during the first  
7 year and not more than an additional fifty retail locations in each year  
8 thereafter, at pharmacies licensed pursuant to chapter 400j, to (1) accept  
9 and dispose of unused prescription drugs, and (2) on and after January  
10 1, 2024, accept and dispose of home-generated sharps. Such regulations  
11 shall: [(1)] (A) Comply with federal law regarding the acceptance and  
12 disposal of unused prescription drugs and home-generated sharps at  
13 pharmacies, [(2)] (B) establish a tracking and monitoring system and  
14 security requirements for such drugs and sharps, and [(3)] (C) specify  
15 locations within pharmacies where such drugs and sharps may be

16 accepted and stored. The commissioner, after consulting with the  
17 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall establish  
18 a process in such regulations to ensure the secure removal and  
19 destruction of such unused prescription drugs and home-generated  
20 sharps, including, but not limited to, allowing for optional prescription  
21 drug disposal agreements with law enforcement authorities. As used in  
22 this section, "home-generated sharps" means hypodermic needles, pen  
23 needles, intravenous needles, lancets and other devices used by  
24 individuals in the home to penetrate the skin for the delivery of  
25 medications.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "home-  
27 generated sharps" means hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous  
28 needles, lancets and other devices used by individuals in the home to  
29 penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications.

30 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with  
31 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall  
32 develop a plan for the establishment of a mail-back program through  
33 which residents of the state may safely dispose of home-generated  
34 sharps. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Consumer  
35 Protection shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
36 4a of the general statutes, regarding such plan and any  
37 recommendations for legislative changes necessary to implement such  
38 plan to the joint standing committees of the general assembly having  
39 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and the  
40 environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-576a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure the safe disposal of home-generated sharps.

*[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.]*