



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 4

LCO No. 4882



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Department of Public Health, in
2 collaboration with the Department of Consumer Protection, shall study
3 the public health impact of a person not taking medication prescribed
4 to such person by his or her health care provider, or not taking such
5 medication as directed, because he or she cannot afford to pay for such
6 medication. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, strategies
7 to improve patient access to medication prescribed by the patient's
8 health care provider. On or before January 1, 2020, the Commissioners
9 of Public Health and Consumer Protection shall report, in accordance
10 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
11 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
12 matters relating to public health and consumer protection regarding
13 the findings of such study.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable*

INS *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*