

Description/Summary	House			Senate		
	Bill No.	Sponsor	Chapter	Bill No.	Sponsor	Chapter
(Governor) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 (Articles: 7, 8 and 9)	7454 SUB A as amended	Abney	142			
RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Creates "The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act of 2016" which would exempt from liability and provide immunity for violations of probation and/or parole to any person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person to prevent a drug overdose.)	7003	Craven	1	2002	McCaffrey	2
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME VISITING ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Family Home Visiting Act, pursuant to which, the Rhode Island department of health would coordinate the system of early childhood visiting services to meet the needs of vulnerable families with young children.)	7220	McNamara	28	2096	Pavia Weed	23
RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION-- INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Includes wireless telephones in the adaptive telephone equipment loan program that services the needs of persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, severely speech impaired, or those with neuromuscular impairments.)	7014	Naughton	52	2051	Coyne	45
(Health) RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Permits specifically designated and authorized persons to access confidential health care information of the designating individual from the health information exchange.)	7866	Coughlin	71	2898	Miler	67
RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Redefines the type of advanced training and experience that is needed for pharmacists to engage in collaborative practice and provides for biennial review of collaborative practice agreements.)	7949 SUB A	Johnston	72	2498 SUB A	Doyle	64
RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FREEDOM FROM PRONE RESTRAINT ACT (Prohibits the use of prone restraint in certain covered facilities licensed or certified by the state, and would create a study commission to study the restraint reporting requirements of covered facilities.)	7154 SUB A	Canario	102	2426 SUB A	Goldin	94
RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires commission on standards and training to train and instruct police officers and trainees to identify complaints involving mental health/substance abuse emergencies and to develop law enforcement responses to such emergencies.)	7259	Shekarchi	103	2401	Archambault	93

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(Attorney General) RELATING TO INSURANCE -- OFF-LABEL USES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Provides that no health insurer issuing a policy which provides coverage for prescription drugs shall exclude coverage of any off-label drug used for the treatment of disabling or life-threatening chronic disease.)	7512 SUB A	Shekarchi	105	2499 SUB B	Walaska	95	
RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Authorizes the department of BHDDH to certify recovery housing facilities and programs for substance use treatment. Also, after October 1, 2016 only certified recovery housing will be eligible to receive state funding to deliver recovery housing services.)	8056 SUB A	Casey	138	2579 SUB B	Lynch Prata	129	
RELATING TO INSURANCE - RATE REVIEW ACT (Creates a uniform rate review procedure for rating formula/rate changes by non-profit hospital/medical service corps. And catastrophic health plans requiring public hearings/meetings paid by applicant with no effect on appeal rights effective 1/1/17.)	7510 SUB A as amended	Messier	156	2209 SUB A as amended	Goodwin	145	
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF PATIENTS - MEDICAL RECORD FEES FOR VETERANS (Requires healthcare providers to provide veterans copies of their medical records at no charge if the records are used to apply for benefits of any kind.)	8319	Malik	162	2296 SUB A	Nesselbush	146	
RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Regulates business relationship between pharmacy services providers/group health insurers/health service organizations with department of health oversight.)	7438 SUB A	Kennedy	168	2467 SUB A	Walaska	166	
RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSE PROCEDURE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS (Allows licensed chemical dependency professionals with the proper training to use treatment known as auricular acudetox effective 1/1/2017.)	7130	Regunberg	187	2948	Picard	183	
RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE REIMBURSEMENT ACT (Requires health insurance policies to reimburse telemedicine services.)	7160 SUB B	Kennedy	188	2577 SUB A	Goldin	177	RIMS
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INSURANCE--MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE -- THE ALEXANDER PERRY AND BRANDON GOLDNER ACT (Requires comprehensive discharge planning for patients treated for substance use disorders, opioid overdoses and chronic addiction and would require insurers to cover expanded medication-assisted addiction treatment.)	7616 SUB A	Bennett	189	2356 SUB A as amended	Miller	172	
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING ASSISTANTS (Allows nursing and related professionals to practice under supervision of an RN without certain registration requirements.)	7637	Bennett	191	2875	Nesselbush	182	
RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance providers providing prescription coverage to include overdose preventative medicine/devices coverage, including prior authorization as well as HMOs/Nonprofit medical service/hospital	7710 SUB A	Bennett	192	2460 SUB A as amended	Miller	175	
BIO-SIMILAR DRUGS RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Adds biological/interchangeable biological products to the category of medications pharmacies may dispense, and regulates the procedures for dispensation/substitution.)	7816 SUB A as amended	Serpa	193	2755 SUB B as amended	Coyne	178	

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SINGLE SIGN ON- PMP (Health) RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT (Authorizes any vendor, agent, contractor, or designee who operates an electronic medical health record (EMR) or clinical management system to have access to the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP).)	7847	McNamara	194	2897	Nesselbush	not sent to gov	
(Health) RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Allows for electronic system data transmission of Schedule V prescriptions.)	7849	Bennett	195	2874	Crowley	181	
ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Directs health insurers to provide prescription drug coverage for prescriptions of less than a thirty (30) day supply for the treatment of chronic conditions.)	8022 SUB A	Blazejewski	196	2822 SUB A	Goldin	179	
NEW OPIOID PRESCRIBING LAW RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT--REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, PRESCRIBING, ADMINISTERING, AND DISPENSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Requires pharmacies to transmit prescription information to the prescription monitoring data base within twenty-four hours of dispensing an opioid. Provides limits on amounts of opioids to be prescribed.)	8224 SUB A	Bennett	199	2823 SUB A as amended	Archambault	180	