

General Assembly

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## Committee Bill No. 6062

LCO No. **4609** 

Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by: (GL)

## AN ACT PROHIBITING DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Consumer" means an individual who is physically present in this
3 state;

4 (2) "Legend drug" has the same meaning as provided in section 205 571 of the general statutes;

6 (3) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of
7 the general statutes;

8 (4) "Pharmaceutical manufacturer" has the same meaning as9 provided in section 21a-70h of the general statutes;

10 (5) "Pharmaceutical marketing firm" has the same meaning as11 provided in section 21a-70h of the general statutes;

(6) "Pharmaceutical representative" has the same meaning asprovided in section 21a-70h of the general statutes; and

(7) "Prescribing practitioner" has the same meaning as provided insection 20-571 of the general statutes.

16 (b) No person engaged in trade or commerce in this state shall 17 directly advertise any legend drug to a consumer. Nothing in this 18 subsection shall be construed to prohibit any pharmaceutical 19 manufacturer that is registered with the Department of Consumer 20 Protection as a pharmaceutical marketing firm under section 21a-70i of 21 the general statutes, or any individual who is employed or compensated 22 by such pharmaceutical marketing firm to perform the duties of a 23 pharmaceutical representative in accordance with the provisions of said 24 section, from promoting or providing information regarding a legend 25 drug for human use to a prescribing practitioner.

(c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

(d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b

31 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following<br/>sections:Section 1October 1, 2025New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit direct-to-consumer prescription drug advertisements directed at consumers in this state.

[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.]

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