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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: January 29, 2021

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-19.1 of the General Laws entitled "Pharmacies" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-19.1-36. Prescription drug price savings.**

4 (a) When dispensing a prescription, a pharmacist shall advise the individual presenting the
5 prescription of every substitute drug containing all the same active chemical ingredients of the same
6 strength, quantity and dosage available at a lesser cost, unless ordered by the prescribing physician
7 to dispense as brand name necessary on the prescription form.

8 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the pharmacist is automatically charging
9 the individual presenting the prescription with the lowest price active chemical ingredients of the
10 same strength, quantity and dosage.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that pharmacists shall disclose lesser price drug substitutions unless
2 directed otherwise by the doctor. It would also exempt pharmacists automatically charging the
3 lowest available price.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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