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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING  
PROCESS FOR GENERIC DRUGS PROVIDED TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID  
RECIPIENTS**

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Marcello, Corvese, Hearn, and Ucci

Date Introduced: February 12, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

1           WHEREAS, With every prescription filled with a generic, a consumer receives the same  
2 medicine as the brand name, with the same quality and same result, but at a much lower cost;

3           WHEREAS, For more than twenty-five (25) years, America's generic pharmaceutical  
4 industry has been providing the food and drug administration "(FDA)" approved generic versions  
5 of brand name medicines at a savings to consumers of thirty percent (30%) to as much as eighty  
6 percent (80%);

7           WHEREAS, Millions of Medicaid recipients nationwide are using generics to treat a  
8 variety of medical conditions, including infection, heart disease and cancer;

9           WHEREAS, Generics are rigorously tested by the FDA and must prove that they are the  
10 same medicine with the same active ingredient, strength and dosage as their brand name  
11 counterpart;

12           WHEREAS, Today, there are thousands of generic drugs available and all are  
13 manufactured and inspected under the same strict quality guidelines as a brand name drug;

14           WHEREAS, For most brand name products, there are multiple generics available and  
15 these generics can vary greatly in prices;

16           WHEREAS, While the state Medicaid program has encouraged the use of generic drugs  
17 by Medicaid recipients and thus generated savings for the state, additional savings may be  
18 generated by establishing a competitive bidding process among generic drug manufacturers; now

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island executive and office of health and human services  
3 shall study the feasibility of requiring all generic manufacturers, whose products are provided to  
4 Rhode Island Medicaid recipients, to engage in a competitive bidding process and make a report  
5 to the chair of the house finance committee on or before May 1, 2014; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state be, and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the director of the executive office of health  
8 and human services.

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