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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, and Corvese

<u>Date Introduced:</u> January 31, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 5-19.1 of the General Laws entitled "Pharmacies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- **5-19.1-33. Drug discount cards.**
- 4 Any in-state or nonresident pharmacy licensed to do business in the state shall accept any
- 5 manufacturer's drug discount card, and pass said discount to the consumer, without requiring the
- 6 consumer to seek reimbursement from the drug manufacturer directly.
- 7 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 require pharmacies to accept any manufacturer's drug discount card, and pass said discount to the consumer, without requiring the consumer to seek reimbursement from 3 the drug manufacturer directly. 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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