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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Coyne, Seveney, Sosnowski, Ciccone, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 27-20.8 of the General Laws entitled "Prescription Drug Benefits" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **27-20.8-3. Price disclosure.**

4                     A plan sponsor, health insurance carrier, or pharmacy benefit manager shall not  
5 prohibit a pharmacist from providing an insured information regarding the amount of the  
6 insured's cost share for a prescription drug. Neither a pharmacy nor a pharmacist shall be  
7 penalized by a pharmacy benefits manager for discussing any information described in this  
8 section or for selling a lower-priced drug to the insured if one is available.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would bar health insurance plans from prohibiting pharmacists from discussing  
2 reimbursement criteria with individuals presenting prescriptions and provides that health insurance  
3 plans may not penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist from disclosing reimbursement criteria with an  
4 individual presenting a prescription.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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