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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: Representative Leonela Felix

Date Introduced: June 28, 2021

Referred To: House 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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