

Massachusetts State Senate - Bill Summary

Bill No: S 420

Title: An Act to Establish Collaborative Drug Therapy Management to Improve Pharmaceutical Care for Patients in the Commonwealth

Sponsor(s): Senator Richard T. Moore

Committee: Elder Affairs

Hearing Date: May 17, 2007

Similar Matters:

Prior History: S408 (05-06 session) referred to Elder Affairs, discharged to Health Care Finance, favorable report, referred to Senate Ethics and Rules, redrafted, engrossed in Senate

Current Law: MGL Ch. 112, Sec. 24 (of the 2000 Official Edition)

Summary of Proposed Law:

This legislation would authorize pharmacists to engage in voluntary collaborative drug therapy management practice under the supervision and direction of a physician.

"Collaborative drug therapy management" is defined as the initiating, monitoring, modifying, and discontinuing of a patient's drug therapy, by a pharmacist in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement.

In order to enter into a collaborative practice agreement, the pharmacist must meet certain license, insurance, and educational requirements.

Collaborative practice agreements shall only be allowed in certain settings.

The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations and review them two years thereafter.