



RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Honorable Susan Donovan
Chair
House Health & Human Services Committee
Room 135
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: 24H-7444

SUPPORT (FOR)

February 29, 2024

Dear Chairman Donovan,

The Rhode Island Medical Society would like to thank Representative Fogarty for introducing H 7566, An Act Relating to Food and Drugs – Uniform Controlled Substances Act. This bill Requires the department of health to amend its rules and regulations that allow for DEA-registered pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions at a patient's request.

This bill will allow patients to request their electronic prescription be transferred to another pharmacy without having to go back to their practitioner to initiate the request. Today, patients need to go through their practitioner to cancel their prescription and have it re-issued to a different pharmacy. The process is taxing and time consuming for both patients and practitioners.

We strongly encourage you and your committee members to act favorably on this important legislation.

Founded in 1812, the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) is the eighth oldest medical society in the country. RIMS is the vehicle by which the medical community in Rhode Island meets the evolving challenges of medical practice and quality patient care.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or if you have any questions on our testimony. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President