



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 227**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY OVER-THE-COUNTER DIET PILLS AND SUPPLEMENTS AND PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF PRESCRIBERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building" means a  
3 class of dietary supplement that is labeled, marketed or otherwise  
4 represented for the purpose of achieving weight loss or muscle building,  
5 but shall not include (A) protein powders, (B) protein drinks, and (C)  
6 foods marketed as containing protein unless the protein powder,  
7 protein drink or food marketed as containing protein contains an  
8 ingredient other than protein which would, considered alone, constitute  
9 a dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building; and

10 (2) "Over-the-counter diet pill" means a class of drugs labeled,  
11 marketed or otherwise represented for the purpose of achieving weight  
12 loss that are lawfully sold, transferred or furnished over the counter  
13 with or without a prescription pursuant to the federal Food, Drug and  
14 Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq., as amended from time to time, or  
15 regulations adopted thereunder.

16 (b) There is established a task force to study the sale in the state of  
17 dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building and over-the-  
18 counter diet pills. The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
20 one of whom has expertise in the safety of dietary supplements for  
21 weight loss or muscle building and one of whom has expertise in the  
22 safety of over-the-counter diet pills;

23 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives;

26 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

27 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
28 Representatives;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

30 (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
31 designee;

32 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
33 designee; and

34 (9) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children,  
35 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, who shall serve as chairperson of the  
36 task force.

37 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
38 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
39 of the General Assembly.

40 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
41 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
42 be filled by the appointing authority.

43 (e) The chairperson of the task force shall schedule the first meeting  
44 of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the  
45 effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general law  
48 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report  
50 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
51 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general  
52 law, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
53 statutes. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, research  
54 related to the safety of dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle  
55 building and over-the-counter diet pills by age of users, whether the sale  
56 to minors of such supplements or pills should be restricted and best  
57 practices in other states for regulation of such supplements or pills.

58 Sec. 2. Section 20-579a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
59 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
60 *October 1, 2026*):

61 (a) As used in this section, "reproductive health care services" and  
62 "gender-affirming health care services" have the same meanings as  
63 provided in section 52-571m.

64 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner  
65 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not  
66 deny the eligibility of an applicant for a license, permit or registration  
67 under this chapter based on pending disciplinary action, an unresolved  
68 complaint, [or] the imposition of disciplinary action or other adverse  
69 action against the applicant by a duly authorized professional  
70 disciplinary agency of another state, the District of Columbia, [or] a  
71 commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States or any  
72 federal entity that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,  
73 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory  
74 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,

75 reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
76 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were  
77 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such  
78 services. [, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was  
79 a resident of this state.] The provisions of this subsection shall not apply  
80 where the underlying conduct of the applicant would constitute the  
81 basis of disciplinary action against the applicant under the laws of this  
82 state if the applicant had been licensed, permitted or registered in this  
83 state and the conduct had occurred in this state.

84 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner  
85 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not  
86 impose disciplinary action against any person licensed, permitted or  
87 registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter based on pending  
88 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint, [or] the imposition of  
89 disciplinary action or other adverse action against the applicant by a  
90 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the  
91 District of Columbia, [or] a commonwealth, territory or possession of  
92 the United States or any federal entity that is based solely on the alleged  
93 provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material  
94 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
95 liability derived therefrom, reproductive health care services or gender-  
96 affirming health care services that are permitted under the laws of this  
97 state and were provided in accordance with the standard of care  
98 applicable to such services. [, regardless of whether the patient receiving  
99 such services was a resident of this state.] The provisions of this  
100 subsection shall not apply where the underlying conduct of the person  
101 licensed, permitted or registered would constitute the basis of  
102 disciplinary action against such person under the laws of this state if  
103 such person had been licensed, permitted or registered in this state and  
104 the conduct had occurred in this state.

105 Sec. 3. Section 19a-509c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

107 In a facility licensed pursuant to this chapter, a physician assistant,

108 advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse or licensed  
109 practical nurse may, except with respect to an order for schedule II  
110 controlled substances, reduce to writing the oral or written order of a  
111 prescribing practitioner, as defined in section 20-571, and transmit the  
112 order to a pharmacy licensed under sections 20-570 to 20-625, inclusive.  
113 Such transmitted order shall contain the name of the prescribing  
114 practitioner and shall be treated as a written prescription for purposes  
115 of sections 20-570 to 20-625, inclusive, except that, to the extent  
116 allowable under federal law, at the prescribing practitioner's request,  
117 the written or electronic prescription for drugs related to reproductive  
118 health care services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined  
119 in section 52-571m, shall include the name and address of the  
120 prescribing and dispensing health care practice or facility instead of the  
121 name and signature of the prescribing practitioner.

122       Sec. 4. Section 20-614 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
123 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

124       (NEW) (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),  
125 inclusive, of this section, to the extent allowable under federal law, at  
126 the prescribing practitioner's request, the written or electronic  
127 prescription for drugs related to reproductive health care services or  
128 gender-affirming health care services, as defined in section 52-571m,  
129 shall include the name and address of the prescribing and dispensing  
130 health care practice or facility instead of the name and signature of the  
131 prescribing practitioner.

132       Sec. 5. Section 20-617 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
133 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

134       (NEW) (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),  
135 inclusive, of this section, to the extent allowable under federal law, at  
136 the prescribing practitioner's written, electronic or verbal request to the  
137 dispensing pharmacy, the dispensed label of each prescription drug that  
138 is not a controlled substance and relates to reproductive health care  
139 services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined in section

140 52-571m, shall include the name and address of the prescribing and  
141 dispensing health care practice or facility instead of the name of the  
142 prescribing practitioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-579a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-509c
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-614(g)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-617(d)

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*