



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sen. Patton

BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from using a relationship it has with a retail pharmacy to the competitive disadvantage of other retail pharmacies.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager that directly or indirectly owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, a retail pharmacy from using that relationship to the competitive disadvantage of other retail pharmacies, including allowing coverage of covered drugs dispensed by that retail pharmacy but not by other retail pharmacies. "Pharmacy benefit manager" is defined under the bill as a third party administrator of a prescription drug program. (R.C. 3959.20.)

A violation of this prohibition may result in the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of the pharmacy benefit manager's administrators license if the violation involved a fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice in the transaction of business (R.C. 3959.12, not in the bill).

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	07-08-09