

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill No: H1322

Title: AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO SPECIALTY MEDICATIONS

Sponsor: Rep. Danillo A. Sena (*Acton*)

Hearing Date: June 10, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 9, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (HD4324): Referred to House Rules. No further action taken.

Similar Matters: S734 (Eldridge – Identical)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 112: Registration of Certain Professions and Occupations

Includes pharmacy and pharmacist registration

M.G.L. c. 176D Unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the business of insurance §3B: Requirements for carriers offering pharmacy networks; arrangements between carriers and non-network pharmacies; definitions

Carriers that offer insureds a restricted pharmacy network will in soliciting, arranging, competitively bidding and contracting for such a network, comply with certain requirements to promote fair and competitive bidding.

SUMMARY:

SECTION 1. This bill would add a new section to *M.G.L. c. 112 Registration of certain occupations and professions*.

- “Specialty pharmacy” would be defined to include any pharmacy in the commonwealth engaged in the dispensing of specialty medications as defined in the general laws. “Specialty pharmacy” would not include mail service pharmacies.
- The Board of Pharmacy would establish a procedure to license specialty pharmacies.
- Any registered pharmacy in the commonwealth engaged in dispensing specialty medications would be eligible to be licensed as a specialty pharmacy, with the exception of mail service pharmacies. Pharmacies or pharmacists operating outside of the state would be prohibited from prescribing, shipping, mailing, selling, transferring or dispensing drug preparations in the commonwealth unless granted a specialty license pursuant to this section.
- A specialty pharmacy would designate a pharmacist in charge who would register with the board and would ensure the pharmacy’s compliance with this section.

SECTION 2. This bill would amend *M.G.L. c. 176D Unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the business of insurance*

- A carrier would not prohibit the dispensing of specialty drugs by any licensed pharmacy if the pharmacy was able to comply with the special handling, administration and monitoring requirements of the specialty drug.
- Additionally, a carrier would allow any network pharmacy to provide specialty drugs if the pharmacy agreed to the same reimbursement terms and conditions as other network pharmacies.