



**Testimony Before the General Law Committee  
February 25, 2020 Regarding**

**RAISED BILL 135 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO  
PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES.**

Representative D'Agostino, Senator Maroney and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding Raised Bill 135 An Act Concerning Revision of Pharmacy and Drug Control Statutes. The Connecticut Pharmacists Association (CPA) represents more than 1,000 pharmacists, technicians, and students across all sectors of the pharmacy profession in Connecticut.

In general, we support the provisions of Bill 135. We especially appreciate the language in Section 5 clarifying the requirements for patient counseling by pharmacists as well as the provision that pharmacists may, under certain conditions, transfer prescriptions for controlled substances to another pharmacy.

However, we are concerned by the proposal in Section 3 to increase the time required for compounding pharmacies to notify DCP of remodeling plans from 10 days to 60 days. We believe that a change of this magnitude would be a burden for compounding pharmacies, not only in terms of the significant time and expense associated with compliance, but also in terms of acquiring and scheduling architects, contractors, vendors, etc.

We have discussed our concerns with DCP and understand their reasoning for this change and have suggested a maximum notification period of 45 days. We believe that this amount of time will allow DCP to administer appropriate oversight while at the same time minimizing any adverse impact, financial or otherwise, on the pharmacy.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony and thank you for your consideration.

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