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Bill Number:	S. 0359	Introduced on January 10, 2019
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Subject:	Pharmacy Benefits Managers	
Requestor:	Senate Banking and Insurance	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The fiscal impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Insurance (DOI) and the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill replaces the current Pharmacy Benefit Managers Article in Chapter 71 of Title 38. The bill requires all pharmacy benefits managers to be licensed with the Director of DOI. The fee for the license is \$1,000 for the initial application and \$500 for annual renewal.

Additionally, this bill does not allow pharmacy benefits managers to prohibit, restrict, or penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist from disclosing health care information to an insured. This health care disclosure may include alternative treatment, the process used to authorize or deny coverage, and financial incentives and structures used by the insurer. Further, a pharmacy may provide an insured information on the total cost for pharmacist services for a prescription drug and may sell a more affordable alternative to the insured if available.

Department of Insurance (DOI). DOI is working to provide an estimated fiscal impact for this bill. Therefore, the expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from DOI.

Public Employee Benefits Authority (PEBA). PEBA is working to provide an estimated fiscal impact for this bill. Therefore, the expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from PEBA.

State Revenue

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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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