

Bill Summary
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| Bill No.: | SB 737 |
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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 737 reduces the response time afforded to pharmacy benefits managers to respond to an inquiry from the Insurance Commission from 30 days to 20 days. The CS also prohibits any pharmacy benefits manager from engaging in the practice of spread pricing as defined in the measure. The measure also removes the subpoena power and power to hold hearings from the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Advisory Committee and provides for it to review complaints, but only recommend administrative action to be taken to the Insurance Commissioner. The measure transfers the power to subpoena and hold hearings to the Commissioner. The measure empowers the Insurance Commissioner to suspend or revoke a benefits manager's license and to censure such managers for any violation. The Commissioner may assess an administrative fine on top of any other fines levied against a manager ranging from \$100.00 to \$10,000.00.

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