

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 665-FN, requiring pharmacies to charge consumers the lowest available price for prescription drugs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator David Rochefort for the committee.

As amended, this bill requires written agreement to be formed between pharmacy benefits managers and health carriers before pharmacy benefits managers can operate. The bill amends pharmacy benefits manager reporting and examination requirements. The bill raises the value of the maximum administrative fine that can be levied for violations of the state's pharmacy benefits manager laws. The committee amendment reflects stakeholder collaboration on several bills addressing pharmacy benefits managers.