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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to H.P. 147, L.D. 177, Bill, "AN ACT to Require that Savings from Substitution of Generic Drugs be Passed on to the Purchaser."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Whenever a substitution is made, the pharmacist shall pass on to the purchaser at least 50% of the difference between the acquisition cost of the drug prescribed and the acquisition cost of the drug dispensed.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Identify the amount of savings which is to be passed on to the consumer as the result of a drug substitution;
2. Retain an incentive for the pharmacist to substitute; and
3. Clarify the intent of the existing law by closing an unanticipated loophole in order to assure savings to the purchaser.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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