



HOUSE BILL 618: Ivermectin Access Act.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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Introduced by:	Reps. Almond, Zenger, N. Jackson, Rhyne	Prepared by:	Michael Johnston
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 618 would direct the State Health Director to issue a statewide standing order to allow pharmacists to dispense ivermectin without a written prescription and provide immunity from civil or criminal liability for the State Health Director and any pharmacist who dispenses ivermectin pursuant to the statewide standing order.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 618 would require the State Health Director to issue a statewide standing order authorizing pharmacists licensed under Article 4A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, which governs the practice of pharmacy in this State, to dispense ivermectin suitable for human use without a written prescription or consultation with a healthcare professional. Pharmacists would be authorized to dispense ivermectin in accordance with the statewide standing order.

The State Health Director and any pharmacist who dispenses ivermectin pursuant to the statewide standing order would be immune from any civil or criminal liability for any actions authorized by this act.

The State Health Director would be required to issue the statewide standing order by October 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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