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SB 2656, SD1 – RELATING TO MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2656, SD1, which allows for a pharmacist to provide less than a 30-day prescription for the purpose of synchronizing a patient's medications.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Patients who are on multiple prescriptions with different fill times can create poor adherence to their medications with different fill dates. Synchronizing medications streamlines the process for patients so that they are able to re-fill all of their prescriptions on the same day each month, making it easier to maintain regular prescription drug use.

This measure reduces the burden of a patient and caregiver that has to make multiple trips to the pharmacy and make it more difficult to keep track of multiple medications. For people faced with chronic diseases and have limited mobility, this can become a barrier to care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.