

Committee on Banking and Insurance

SB 422 — Health Insurance Coverage For Opioids

by Senator Benacquisto

The bill allows a health insurance policy providing coverage for opioid analgesic drug products to impose a prior authorization requirement for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product only if the policy imposes the same prior authorization requirement for opioid analgesic drug products without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim. The bill also prohibits a health insurance policy from requiring the use of an opioid analgesic without an abuse-deterrent labeling claim before providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 108-0