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doctor says otherwise or the patient says otherwise. I didn't see anything that related to the relative cost of products. And my question is, can a pharmacist drug select under this set of provisions something that is more expensive? I understand that usually this wouldn't be the case and that in a normal condition you're drug selecting for, I hope, generic and less expensive drugs. But is there anything in here that precludes a pharmacist from drug selecting something that's more expensive?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the best of my knowledge, Senator Beutler, no. The main purpose of this particular part of the bill was that we have different identifying, different ways across state lines and other areas of identifying what is a generic drug, and they have used different terminology. And what we've done here is tried to make sure that we have consistent language. I don't think that that would preclude a pharmacist from using more expensive drugs. Obviously, it's not the practice and it's not the purpose behind why we do drug utilization or abuse and why we do this type of language. Specifically, we do it so that if there is a generic drug, what we refer to as a generic drug with the same qualities and same effect, exactly or not exactly, that it can be... a practitioner can give this drug to a patient.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would there be any reason not to prohibit that practice?

SENATOR BYARS: I can see that possibly being a possibility. I was in my family practice physician's office yesterday who... and as my medical doctor, my family practice doctor, not as a pharmacist, but who found a drug that had been prescribed to me, a generic drug, that he was not happy with, and he moved me back to a more expensive drug because that's one that he felt was treating what he needed to treat in my condition. So the case does happen. We see it in drugs for mental illness in particular, where a psychiatrist or a practicing person who is dealing with people with mental illness will insist on a more expensive drug because it definitely does what they want to accomplish better than a generic.