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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2499

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS PURCHASING PROGRAM
TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS AT THE LOWEST MARKET RATE TO
INDIVIDUALS AGED SIXTY AND OLDER."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2499.

Amend House Bill No. 2499 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 12, delete "SIXTY" and substitute "SIXTY-FIVE"

AND

Page 1, line 20, delete "SIXTY" and substitute "SIXTY-FIVE"

AND

Delete Everything after the Enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Definitions.

For purposes of this act:

(1)(A) "Eligible person" means a person, sixty-five (65) years of age or older, with an annual net income of not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level, as defined by the most recent poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; or a person, sixty-five (65) years of age or older, who with the person's spouse has an annual net income of not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level, as defined by the most recent poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(B) "Eligible person" does not include a person who is eligible for financial assistance for the purchase of prescription drugs under another local, state, or federal program to the extent that the other program provides financial assistance for the purchase of prescription drugs; and

(2) "Program" means the senior pharmaceutical assistance program established in this act.

SECTION 2. Senior pharmaceutical assistance program established.

(a) A senior pharmaceutical assistance program is established within the Department of Human Services to provide, as funds become available, for subsidization of the prescription drug costs of eligible persons.

(b) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this act, including:

(1) A means to determine the eligibility of a person, including proof or the person's actual and anticipated annual net income, evidence of complete or partial payment for the costs of prescription drugs from a provider other than the program, and other provisions deemed relevant by the department;

(2) The program application form, which shall be accompanied by proof of the date of birth of the person;

(3) Upon approval of an application, issuance by the department of a participation card, which shall act as a form of identification for proving eligibility;

(4) Prescription copayment and deductible amount;

(5) Pharmacist case management;

(6) Outreach efforts to build public awareness of the program and maximize the enrollment of eligible residents; and

(7) Procedures for adjusting the requirements and terms of the program to accommodate any new federally funded prescription drug programs.

(c) In establishing copayment and deductible amounts, the goal of the department shall be to provide a benefit to the greatest number of eligible persons.

(d) The department may negotiate group discounts or utilize other methods to reduce the cost of prescription drugs provided under the program.

(e) The department may establish a pharmaceutical assistance education program to provide information regarding options for pharmaceutical assistance.

(f) The department shall submit a report on its progress to the Legislative Council and the Governor by July 1, 2002."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative King
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