

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 956

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ARKANSAS RX PROGRAM TO REDUCE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG PRICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE."

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill No. 956.

Amend Senate Bill No. 956 as engrossed, S3/27/01:

Delete the Title and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE; TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR PRICE REDUCTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

AND

Delete the Subtitle and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY REDUCING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE. "

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "(16)" and substitute "(15)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 30 through 35 and substitute the following:

"(1) The Director of the Department of Human Services or a designee;
(2) The Director of the Department of Health or a designee;
(3) The Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration or a designee, and;"

AND

Page 2, line 36, delete "(5)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"(d) The Director of the Department of Human Services or the designee shall call the"

AND

Page 4, delete line 5 and substitute the following:

"shall schedule subsequent meetings.

(f) The commission may utilize sub-committees or work groups to complete various tasks."

AND

Page 4, line 6, delete "(f)" and substitute "(g)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 23 and substitute the following:

"(4) Persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older;"

AND

Page 4, delete line 25 and substitute the following:

"Legislative Council, and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor every ninety (90) days."

AND

Page 4, delete line 30 and substitute the following:

"recommendations.

(e) The commission shall examine whether to combine efforts with regional authorities or surrounding states to recommend the establishment of a program to reduce prescription drug prices for residents of this state.

(f) The report of the commission shall be completed by June 30, 2002, and shall be made to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

**By: Senator B. Walker
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Secretary