

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2629

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5 By: Representative Bond

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
10 COSTS OF THE ARKANSAS RX PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
15 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE ARKANSAS RX
16 PROGRAM.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-57-1103 is amended to read as follows:

22 26-57-1103. Deposit of ~~general revenues~~ additional cigarette and
23 tobacco tax.

24 ~~Twenty-nine~~ Beginning July 1, 2005, twenty-nine percent (29%) of all
25 moneys collected from the additional tax levied in §§ 26-57-1101 and 26-57-
26 1102 shall be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenue, ~~fifty per~~
27 ~~cent (50%) of which~~ and distributed as follows:

28 (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) shall be credited to the Arkansas
29 Rx Program Fund;

30 (2) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to
31 the Breast Cancer Control Fund;

32 (3) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to the
33 Breast Cancer Research Fund; and

34 (4) Fifty percent (50%) shall be credited to the Aging and Adult
35 Services Fund Account of the Department of Human Services Fund to be used to
36 assist the Meals-on-Wheels program, and fifty per cent (50%) of which shall



1 ~~be credited to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account to be~~
2 ~~used to implement a Prescription Drug for the Elderly Waiver Program. In the~~
3 ~~event, however, that the federal government implements a prescription drug~~
4 ~~assistance program that provides essentially the same benefits or greater to~~
5 ~~the same eligible clients as the Prescription Drug for the Elderly Waiver~~
6 ~~Program, the funds set aside herein for the Prescription Drug for the Elderly~~
7 ~~Waiver Program shall be credited, in lieu thereof, to the Breast Cancer~~
8 ~~Control Fund and to the Breast Cancer Research Fund in the same proportions~~
9 ~~as set out in § 26-57-1106(a).~~

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11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Rx Program
13 created by the Eighty-fifth General Assembly will provide reduced price
14 prescription medicine to many medically needy Arkansans; that the program is
15 in immediate need of start-up funding for the administration and organization
16 of the program; and that it is necessary for this act to become effective on
17 July 1, 2005, in order for the program to begin benefiting needy Arkansans
18 and to meet the state fiscal year budgeting requirements. Therefore, an
19 emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
21 on July 1, 2005.