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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 946
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 13 down through “enroll” in line 14 and substitute “providing that certain individuals shall be automatically enrolled”; strike beginning with “during” in line 15 down through “period” in line 16; in line 20, after “counseling;” insert “requiring the Department to provide to certain retirees a certain customer service hotline and interactive website;”; in line 22, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Department to submit certain quarterly reports to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;”; and in line 27, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide certain notice to certain retirees not later than a certain date; declaring the intent of the General Assembly;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 10, strike beginning with “**DECEMBER**” in line 26 down through “**2018**” in line 27 and substitute “**MAY 31, 2019**”.

On page 11, in line 26, strike “**JANUARY**” and substitute “**JUNE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 12, strike beginning with “A” in line 22 down through “**MEDICARE**” in line 23 and substitute “:”.

1. THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(Over)

2. THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE CATASTROPHIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION”;

in line 31, strike “A” and substitute “THE”; in the same line, after “PLAN” insert “IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED”; and in line 32, after the semicolon insert “AND”.

On page 13, in line 2, strike “; AND” and substitute a period; strike line 3 in its entirety; in line 4, after “(II)” insert “THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A LIST OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III)”;

in line 5, strike “BASED ON WHETHER” and substitute “FOR”; in the same line, after “RETIREE” insert “WHO”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 5 down through “FOR” in line 6; in line 15, strike “MAY ENROLL” and substitute “SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED”; strike beginning with “DURING” in line 17 down through “OPTIONS” in line 18 and substitute “ON ENROLLMENT IN:

(I) THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;
OR

(II) THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE CATASTROPHIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 13, in line 19, strike the third bracket; in the same line, strike “] (3)”; in line 20, strike “, [2018] 2019” and substitute “OF EACH YEAR”; strike beginning with “BE” in line 22 down through the second comma in line 23 and substitute “BECOME ELIGIBLE IN THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR”; in line 32, after “plan” insert “, INCLUDING OPTIONS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED OR SIMILAR TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM”.

On page 14, in line 3, strike “AND”; in line 5, after “SECTION” insert “; AND”

(IV) THE ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 14, in lines 6 and 21, strike “(G)” and “(H)”, respectively, and substitute “(H)” and “(I)”, respectively; in line 6, after “PROVIDE” insert “TO MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES”:

(I)”;

in line 7, strike “TO MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES”; in the same line, after “IN” insert “:

1.”;

in line 9, after “NEEDS” insert “; AND”

2. DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AND APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION

(Over)

DRUG EXTRA HELP LOW INCOME SUBSIDY AND THE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION
DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

(II) A CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE FOR REPORTING ISSUES
WITH AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE COUNSELING UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

(III) AN INTERACTIVE WEBSITE TO ALLOW RETIREES TO
DETERMINE, BASED ON DATE OF RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT INCOME,
ELIGIBILITY FOR:

1. THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAM, THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE CATASTROPHIC
PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND THE STATE RETIREE LIFE-
SUSTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D), (E), AND (F) OF THIS SECTION;

2. THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXTRA
HELP LOW INCOME SUBSIDY; AND

3. THE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM”;

in line 10, strike “PARAGRAPH (1)” and substitute “PARAGRAPH (1)(I)”; in line 12, after “(I)” insert “ENTER INTO A STATEWIDE”; in the same line, after “CONTRACT” insert “WITH AN EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR OR A SIMILAR ENTITY”; in line 14, after “1.” insert “EACH YEAR”; strike beginning with “IN” in line 17 down through “MEDICARE” in line 18 and substitute “IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS TO THE COUNSELING”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 14, after line 27, insert:

“(J) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, ON:

(1) THE STATUS OF ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAMS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D), (E), AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

(I) THE STATUS OF PROCURING ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE PROGRAMS; AND

(II) THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE MARYLAND STATE RETIREE LIFE-SUSTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION;

(2) THE STATUS OF PROCURING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING SERVICES REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION;

(3) THE DETAILS OF THE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS OR OTHER PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAMS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D), (E), AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

(I) THE SPECIFIC OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT;

(Over)

(II) THE REQUIRED PROCESS FOR RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT;

(III) THE METHOD OF REIMBURSEMENT;

(IV) THE TIMING OF REIMBURSEMENT; AND

(V) A PLAN TO USE DEBIT CARDS TO PROCESS REIMBURSEMENTS IN A CONVENIENT AND EFFICIENT MANNER; AND

(4) IN TOTAL AND BY CATEGORY FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THE NUMBER OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS REPORTED TO THE HOTLINE.

(K) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.”

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 15, in lines 10 and 26, in each instance, after “the” insert “Maryland”; after line 30, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, not later than May 1, 2019, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall provide written certified notice of the provisions of this Act to all:

(1) Medicare-eligible State retirees;

(2) Medicare-eligible spouses and surviving spouses of State retirees;

(3) Medicare-eligible dependent children and surviving dependent children of State retirees; and

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- (4) State employees who are eligible, on or before May 31, 2019, to:
- (i) enroll in a prescription drug benefit plan under Medicare; and
 - (ii) retire from State employment.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Budget and Management establish the Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program, the Maryland State Retiree Catastrophic Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and the Maryland State Retiree Life-Sustaining Prescription Drug Assistance Program in § 2-509.1(d), (e), and (f) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, respectively, in a manner that allows retirees to access reimbursement at the time of prescription drug purchase, through a mechanism such as debit cards.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Budget and Management attend at least one meeting each year of the Joint Committee on Pensions to update the Committee on implementation of the provisions of this Act.”;

and in line 31, strike “3.” and substitute “6.”.