
By: **Delegate Hixson**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prescription Drugs - Senior Citizens - Purchasing Outside the State**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
4 evaluate a process for assisting senior citizens in purchasing reduced-cost
5 prescription drugs from sources outside the State; authorizing the Department
6 to implement the process, under certain circumstances; requiring the
7 Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
8 certain date on its evaluation and implementation; and generally relating to a
9 process for assisting senior citizens in purchasing reduced-cost prescription
10 drugs from sources outside the State.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Health - General

13 Section 15-124.3

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Health - General**

19 15-124.3.

20 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE AND MAY IMPLEMENT A PROCESS
21 FOR ASSISTING SENIOR CITIZENS IN PURCHASING REDUCED-COST PRESCRIPTION
22 DRUGS FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE PROCESS IS:

23 (1) FEASIBLE;

24 (2) COST EFFECTIVE; AND

25 (3) CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATION.

26 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE

1 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON ITS EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION UNDER
2 THIS SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2005.