
By: **Delegate Busch**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2002

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan - Termination Provisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a termination provision concerning the Short-Term
4 Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan; repealing certain provisions of law establishing
5 the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan; making certain technical
6 corrections; providing for a delayed effective date for a certain provision of this
7 Act; and generally relating to prescription drug programs.

8 BY repealing
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 15-601 through 15-606, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 6.
11 Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing
15 Article - Insurance
16 Section 15-606(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Chapter 134 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001
21 Section 12

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Chapter 135 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001
24 Section 12

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-601 through 15-606, inclusive, and the subtitle
27 "Subtitle 6. Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan" of Article - Health -
28 General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 15-606(c) of
2 Article - Insurance of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
4 read as follows:

5 **Chapter 134 of the Acts of 2001**

6 SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 3 and 4 of
7 this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. On the earlier of the end of June 30, 2003, or
8 the availability of comparable prescription drug benefits provided by Medicare under
9 Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, with no further action required by
10 the General Assembly, [Sections] SECTION 3 [and 4] of this Act AND THE
11 SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUBSIDY PLAN shall be abrogated and of no
12 further force and effect. If comparable prescription drug benefits are provided by
13 Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and
14 Mental Hygiene shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle,
15 Annapolis, Maryland 21401 not later than 90 days before prescription drug benefits
16 are to be provided.

17 **Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2001**

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28 are to be provided.

29 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 2 of this
30 Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

31 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
32 Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.