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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan - Enrollment**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain limitation on enrollment in the Short-Term
4   Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan; making this Act an emergency measure; and
5   generally relating to enrollment in the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy
6   Plan.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article - Health - General
9   Section 15-603(a)
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

14   **Article - Health - General**

15 15-603.

16   (a)   The Plan provided under this subtitle shall:

17   (1)   Subject to the moneys available in the Fund, provide benefits to [not
18 more than 30,000 enrollees at any one time] THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
19 INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM;

20   (2)   Set the monthly premium charged an enrollee at $10;

21   (3)   Not require a deductible; and

22   (4)   Limit the co-pay charged an enrollee to:

23   (i) $10 for a prescription for a generic drug;

1   (ii) $20 for a prescription for a preferred brand name drug; and

2   (iii) $35 for a prescription for a nonpreferred brand name drug.

3   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
4 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
5 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
6 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
7 the date it is enacted.