

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee and Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1287

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Rudolph” and substitute “Delegates Rudolph, Benson, Boteler, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Frank, Hammen, Hubbard, Hurson, Kach, Kullen, Mandel, McDonough, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, V. Turner, Weldon, F. Turner, Aumann, Barkley, Bates, Branch, G. Clagett, DeBoy, Edwards, Gaines, Haynes, Leopold, Madaleno, Paige, Stocksdale, James, Bohanan, and Cadden”; in line 3, strike “Health and Mental Hygiene” and substitute “Budget and Management”; in line 4, after the first “Program” insert “to achieve savings on the cost of prescription drugs for the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program and certain entities”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “make prescription drugs available at reduced cost” and substitute “seek savings”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 5 down through “cost” in line 11 and substitute “requiring each entity that participates in the Maryland Rx Program to be responsible for the cost of drugs purchased by or on behalf of the entity; requiring the cost of drugs purchased by or on behalf of the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program to be paid in accordance with the State budget and certain provisions of law”; in line 12, after “Program” insert “and recoup any start-up funds from certain savings”; in line 13, after “entities;” insert “requiring the Department to consider contracting with a nonprofit entity under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;”; in the same line, strike “certain terms” and substitute “a certain term”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 2-502.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

(Over)

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 22 through 24, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-502.1.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 25, strike “(1)”; in lines 25 and 26, strike “THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.” and substitute a comma; and in line 27, strike “(2)”.

On page 2, strike line 1 in its entirety; in lines 2 and 3, strike “THAT MAKES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED COST” and substitute “TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS ON THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR:

(1) THE STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM; AND

(2) ANY BUSINESS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT SATISFIES THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM SHALL SEEK SAVINGS”;

in line 5, strike “AND”; in line 6, after “DISCOUNTS” insert “; AND

(4) OTHER COST-SAVING MEASURES”;

strike in their entirety lines 7 through 23, inclusive, and substitute:

“(D) (1) EACH ENTITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF DRUGS PURCHASED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY.

(2) THE COST OF DRUGS PURCHASED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E)”;

in line 24, strike “(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,”; in line 25, after “MAY” insert “;

(1)”;

in the same line, after “PROGRAM” insert “; AND

(2) RECOUP ANY START-UP FUNDS FROM SAVINGS ACHIEVED FOR PARTICIPATING ENTITIES THROUGH THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM”;

in line 27, after “FEE” insert “TO AN ENTITY”; in the same line, strike “ITS” and substitute “THE ADMINISTRATIVE”; in line 28, strike “TO PERSONS THAT PARTICIPATE” and substitute “RESULTING FROM THE ENTITY’S PARTICIPATION”; and after line 30, insert:

“(G) IF THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WITH A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER OR OTHER ENTITY TO ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY.

(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 32, strike “October” and substitute “July”.