

## People on the Go of Maryland



### Senate Bill 202

#### Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

**Position: Favorable**

**Sponsored by Senator [Feldman](#)**

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**Assigned To Senate Finance**

**Written by Mat Rice**

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Honorable chairperson, and members of the Senate Finance Committee

People on the Go of Maryland, the statewide self-advocacy organization ran for and by those with intellectual and or developmental disabilities offers this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 202 (SB 202) which would allow the prescription drug affordability Board under certain circumstances to establish an upper limit for the prices of prescription drugs. Many People on the Go members rely heavily on prescription drugs due to their health needs. We hold the opinion that any measure which could be taken to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible for everyone promotes the health and safety of Maryland as a whole. Moreover, this has the potential in the long-term to save lives, and have a positive economic impact on the state because when

people who need prescription drugs are able to get them they may not require as many visits to the hospital or urgent care centers. People should not be forced into a choice of paying for their food and shelter or their medicines. For all of the reasons outlined herein we respectfully request a favorable report for SB 202. Should you have any questions. Please contact Mat Rice.

Thank you,

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