



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5607**

LCO No. 5110

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DRUG MANUFACTURER REBATE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of Social Services shall apply  
2 for a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to establish a  
3 drug manufacturer rebate program to provide rebates to be used for  
4 discounts in the purchase of prescription drugs by (1) any resident  
5 who is sixty-five years of age or older or who is disabled and not  
6 eligible to receive prescription drug benefits under the ConnPACE  
7 program but whose annual income does not exceed three hundred per  
8 cent of the federal poverty level, and (2) any resident who is under  
9 sixty-five years of age or who is disabled, whose annual income does  
10 not exceed one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty  
11 level and who is not insured under a policy which provides full or  
12 partial coverage for prescription drugs. In determining eligibility for  
13 participation in such program, the commissioner shall require the  
14 resident to submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of the  
15 amount such resident has expended for prescription drugs. The  
16 commissioner shall subtract any such expenditures from the annual

17 income of the resident in order to determine eligibility.

18 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide discounts on prescription drugs to low income seniors and adults through the drug manufacturer rebate program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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