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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 8

File No. 543

Cal. No. 396

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF CANADIAN  
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE CONNPACE PROGRAM."**

1 In line 7, strike "October 1, 2004" and insert "January 1, 2005" in lieu  
2 thereof

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 17b-492 of the general statutes, as  
6 amended by section 15 of public act 03-2, section 58 of public act 03-3  
7 of the June 30 special session and section 1 of public act 04-6, is  
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
9 *passage*):

10 (d) (1) As a condition of eligibility for participation in the  
11 ConnPACE program, a resident with an income at or below one  
12 hundred thirty-five per cent of the federal poverty level, who is

13 Medicare Part A or Part B eligible, shall obtain annually an endorsed  
14 Medicare prescription drug discount card designated by the  
15 Commissioner of Social Services for use in conjunction with the  
16 ConnPACE program. The commissioner shall be the authorized  
17 representative of such resident for the purpose of enrolling a resident  
18 in the transitional assistance program of Public Law 108-173, the  
19 Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of  
20 2003. As the authorized representative for this purpose, the  
21 commissioner may sign required forms and enroll such resident in an  
22 endorsed Medicare prescription drug discount card on his or her  
23 behalf. Such resident shall have the opportunity to select an endorsed  
24 Medicare prescription drug discount card designated by the  
25 commissioner for use in conjunction with the ConnPACE program,  
26 and shall be notified of such opportunity by the commissioner. In the  
27 event that such resident does not select an endorsed Medicare  
28 prescription drug discount card designated by the commissioner for  
29 use in conjunction with the ConnPACE program within a reasonable  
30 period of time, as determined by the commissioner, the department  
31 shall enroll the resident in an endorsed Medicare prescription drug  
32 discount card designated by the commissioner.

33 (2) The commissioner may require, as a condition of eligibility for  
34 participation in the ConnPACE program, that a resident with an  
35 income above one hundred thirty-five per cent of the federal poverty  
36 level, who is Medicare Part A or Part B eligible, obtain an endorsed  
37 Medicare prescription drug discount card designated by the  
38 commissioner for use in conjunction with the ConnPACE program if  
39 obtaining such discount card is determined by the commissioner to be  
40 cost-effective to the state. In such an event, the commissioner may  
41 provide payment for any Medicare prescription drug discount card  
42 enrollment fees."