



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 648**

LCO No. 3092

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LOW COST PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) The Department of Social  
2 Services shall establish a grant program to provide assistance to  
3 federally qualified health centers that have established or expanded, or  
4 are in the process of establishing or expanding, a pharmaceutical drug  
5 program for low-income, elderly and disabled individuals and  
6 families, and recipients of state-administered general assistance. The  
7 grants shall be used for operational and administrative costs associated  
8 with establishing or expanding the drug program and for  
9 programmatic costs.

10 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2006) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
11 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the  
12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the grant program established  
13 under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2006</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2006</i> | New section |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide grants to federally qualified health centers for operational costs associated with establishing or expanding affordable pharmaceutical drug programs.

*[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.]*