



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 107**

February Session, 2016

House Bill No. 5283

*House of Representatives, March 22, 2016*

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. SERRA of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT RESTORING STATE ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICARE PART D BENEFICIARIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-265d of the 2016 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (c) A full benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiary shall be  
5 responsible for any Medicare Part D prescription drug copayments  
6 imposed pursuant to Public Law 108-173, the Medicare Prescription  
7 Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 in an amount not  
8 to exceed fifteen dollars per month in the aggregate. The Department  
9 of Social Services shall be responsible for payment, on behalf of such  
10 beneficiary, of any Medicare Part D prescription drug copayment in  
11 any month in which such copayment amounts exceed fifteen dollars in  
12 the aggregate.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-265d(c)
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**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>	<b>FY 18 \$</b>
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	140,000	140,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill will result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with reinstating Medicaid support for Medicare Part D copays above \$15. In FY 15, state Medicaid payments under the program totaled \$140,000.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5283**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to pay Medicare Part D prescription drug co-payments that exceed \$15 per month for individuals who are eligible for full Medicaid benefits and have Part D coverage. (PA 15-5, June Special Session (§ 386) eliminated DSS' obligation to pay any Part D prescription drug co-payments over \$15 for these individuals.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)