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H 1752. REDUCE COSTS, IMPROVE ACC./SR. PRESC. DRUGS. TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS PROGRAM TO REDUCE COSTS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS AND LOW-INCOME CITIZENS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND COMMISSION TO EXPEND A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND RESERVE FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS PROGRAM. Authorizes the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Comm'n, for 2002-2003, to expend up to \$3 million of funds reserved under GS 147-86.30(c) (the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Reserve), to develop and implement a Senior Prescription Drug Access Program. Defines "senior" as age 65 or older. Sets out purposes and some characteristics of the program and provides that the availability of services may be phased in, so that services are available initially to all geographic regions of the state. Appropriates \$1 million for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Health & Human Services for the program. Effective July 1, 2002.

Intro. by Baddour, Earle, Easterling, Nye.

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