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HOUSE BILL 122

Short Title: Funds for Presc. Drug Assistance. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Russell; Bowie, Cansler, Esposito, Hurley, Justus,
Morris, Sexton, Sherrill, and Walend.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 15, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to pay the cost of outpatient prescription drugs for individuals:

- (1) Over the age of 65 years and not eligible for full Medicaid benefits;
- (2) Whose income is not more than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level; and
- (3) Who have been diagnosed with cardiovascular disease or diabetes.

These funds shall be used to pay the cost of outpatient prescription drugs for the treatment of cardiovascular disease or diabetes. Payment shall be not more than the Medicaid cost including rebates. The Department shall develop criteria to maximize the efficient and effective distribution of these drugs.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.