

1 AN ACT in relation to aging.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (320 ILCS 50/15)

7 Sec. 15. Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review
8 Committee.

9 (a) The Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review
10 Committee is created. The Committee shall consist of 17
11 members as follows:

12 (1) Twelve members appointed as follows: 2 members
13 of the General Assembly and 1 member of the general
14 public, appointed by the President of the Senate; 2
15 members of the General Assembly and 1 member of the
16 general public, appointed by the Minority Leader of the
17 Senate; 2 members of the General Assembly and 1 member of
18 the general public, appointed by the Speaker of the House
19 of Representatives; and 2 members of the General Assembly
20 and 1 member of the general public, appointed by the
21 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. These
22 members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
23 authority.

24 (2) The Director of Aging or his or her designee.

25 (3) The Director of Revenue or his or her designee.

26 (4) The Director of Public Aid or his or her
27 designee.

28 (5) The Secretary of Human Services or his or her
29 designee.

30 (6) The Director of Public Health or his or her
31 designee.

1 (b) Members appointed from the general public shall
2 represent the following associations, organizations, and
3 interests: statewide membership-based senior advocacy
4 organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacists,
5 dispensing pharmacies, physicians, and providers of services
6 to senior citizens. No single organization may have more
7 than one representative appointed as a member from the
8 general public.

9 (c) The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House
10 of Representatives shall each designate one member of the
11 Committee to serve as co-chairs.

12 (d) Committee members shall serve without compensation
13 or reimbursement for expenses.

14 (e) The Committee shall meet at the call of the
15 co-chairs, but at least quarterly.

16 (f) The Committee may conduct public hearings to gather
17 testimony from interested parties regarding pharmaceutical
18 assistance for Illinois seniors, including changes to
19 existing and proposed programs.

20 (g) The Committee may advise appropriate State agencies
21 regarding the establishment of proposed programs or changes
22 to existing programs. The State agencies shall take into
23 consideration any recommendations made by the Committee.

24 (h) The Committee shall report to the General Assembly
25 and the Governor annually or as it deems necessary regarding
26 proposed or recommended changes to pharmaceutical assistance
27 programs that benefit Illinois seniors and any associated
28 costs of those changes.

29 (i) In the event that a prescription drug benefit is
30 added to the federal Medicare program, State-operated senior
31 prescription drug programs shall be realigned to ensure that
32 Illinois residents qualify for at least the same level of
33 benefits available to them prior to implementation of the
34 Medicare prescription drug benefit.

1 To aid in the realignment of the prescription drug
2 programs, the Committee shall make recommendations to ensure
3 that Illinois seniors maintain at least the same level of
4 benefits. The Committee shall report its recommendations to
5 the General Assembly and the Governor within 60 days after
6 the Medicare prescription drug benefit becomes law.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-594, eff. 6-27-02.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.