

1 AN ACT in relation to pharmaceutical assistance.

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

4 Section 5. The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
5 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act is
6 amended by adding Section 9.2 as follows:

7 (320 ILCS 25/9.2 new)

8 Sec. 9.2. Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Review
9 Committee. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Review
10 Committee is created. The committee shall consist of 17
11 members as follows:

12 (1) 2 members of the General Assembly appointed by
13 the President of the Senate, 2 members of the General
14 Assembly appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
15 2 members of the General Assembly appointed by the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 members of
17 the General Assembly appointed by the minority leader of
18 the House of Representatives;

19 (2) the Director of Aging or his or her designee;

20 (3) the Director of Revenue or his or her designee;

21 (4) the Director of Public Aid or his or her
22 designee;

23 (5) the Secretary of Human Services or his or her
24 designee;

25 (6) a representative of AARP;

26 (7) a representative of the Pharmaceutical Research
27 and Manufacturers of America;

28 (8) a representative of the Illinois Pharmacists
29 Association;

30 (9) the Director of Public Health or his or her
31 designee; and

1 (10) a representative of the Illinois State Medical
2 Society.

3 The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives shall each designate one member to serve as
5 co-chairs. The Committee shall meet at the call of the
6 co-chairs. Members shall serve without compensation but may
7 be reimbursed for necessary expenses. The Committee may
8 conduct public hearings to gather testimony from interested
9 parties regarding the necessity for pharmaceutical assistance
10 for Illinois seniors including changes to the pharmaceutical
11 assistance program. The Committee shall report to the General
12 Assembly and the Governor annually or as it deems necessary
13 regarding changes to the pharmaceutical assistance program
14 and any associated costs of those changes.

15 This Section is repealed on July 1, 2006.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.