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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1554

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1554 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Prescription Drug Price Finder Act.

6 Section 5. State of Illinois Prescription Drug Price  
7 Finder. The Department of Public Aid shall establish and  
8 maintain an online clearinghouse to be known as the State of  
9 Illinois Prescription Drug Price Finder ("the Drug Price  
10 Finder"). The Department shall maintain the Drug Price Finder  
11 as part of the Department's official web site as provided in  
12 Section 20. The Drug Price Finder shall identify the 50 most  
13 commonly prescribed drugs in Illinois and their usual and  
14 customary prices, as determined by the Department as provided  
15 in Section 10.

16 Section 10. Drug price reporting.

17 (a) The Department of Public Aid shall acquire and compile  
18 the information necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
19 Act. The Department shall use information reported in  
20 connection with pharmacies' requests for reimbursement under  
21 the medical assistance program under Article V of the Illinois  
22 Public Aid Code.

23 (b) For purposes of this Act, a pharmacy's "usual and

1 customary" price for a drug means the price that a cash-paying  
2 consumer without insurance to cover the cost of the drug would  
3 pay for the drug. The "usual and customary" price does not  
4 include any discount that the pharmacy may offer to senior  
5 citizens or to other persons.

6 (c) From the information reported by pharmacies under this  
7 Act, the Department of Public Aid shall compile a list of the  
8 50 most commonly prescribed drugs and their usual and customary  
9 prices.

10 Section 15. Participating pharmacies. Any licensed  
11 pharmacist or pharmacy in the State may participate in the Drug  
12 Price Finder program. Pharmacies that do not participate in the  
13 program of medical assistance under Article V of the Illinois  
14 Public Aid Code ("non-Medicaid pharmacies") may voluntarily  
15 submit their usual and customary prices of prescription drugs  
16 to the Department of Public Aid. The Department of Financial  
17 and Professional Regulation shall make available to the  
18 Department of Public Aid the licensure status of non-Medicaid  
19 pharmacies participating in the Drug Price Finder program.

20 Section 20. Drug Price Finder web site.

21 (a) The Drug Price Finder web site must contain at least  
22 the following information for each of the 50 most commonly used  
23 prescription drugs as determined by the Department of Public  
24 Aid as provided in Section 10:

25 (1) The drug's brand name.

26 (2) The drug's usual and customary price.

27 (3) The drug's generic name.

28 (4) The drug's strength, based on a typical 30-day  
29 supply.

30 (5) The quantity of the drug prescribed, based on a  
31 typical 30-day supply.

32 (6) The condition or conditions for which the drug is

1 typically prescribed as treatment.

2 (b) The Drug Price Finder web site must be interactive and  
3 must allow a user to perform a variety of searches to obtain  
4 information concerning a particular prescription drug  
5 (including different drug strengths, if applicable), a  
6 particular pharmacy, or a particular geographic location in the  
7 State (including searches by county, municipality, or zip  
8 code). For each prescription drug listed in the Drug Price  
9 Finder, the search results shall identify the pharmacies that  
10 dispensed that drug during the applicable period and each such  
11 pharmacy's usual and customary price for the drug during that  
12 period. For each prescription drug listed in the Drug Price  
13 Finder, the web site must allow a user to access the  
14 information specified in subsection (a) of this Section.

15 (c) The Department of Public Aid shall update the  
16 information contained on the Drug Price Finder web site at  
17 least every 2 months and shall state on the web site the date  
18 of the last update.

19 (d) The web site shall contain a disclaimer stating that  
20 prescription drug prices may vary if the individual purchasing  
21 a prescription drug is eligible for a discounted price under a  
22 discount card or program. The disclaimer may also contain a  
23 statement that the prices might not be the current prices  
24 charged for a prescription and that more current pricing  
25 information may be available from a pharmacy.

26 (e) The web site shall include links to other web sites,  
27 including other State-sponsored prescription drug assistance  
28 web sites and, if available, pharmacy web sites providing drug  
29 pricing information.

30 Section 25. Operation of program; evaluation and report.

31 (a) The Department of Public Aid must ensure that the Drug  
32 Price Finder program is fully operational within 9 months after  
33 the effective date of this Act.

1           (b) Eighteen months after the Drug Price Finder program  
2 begins operation, the Department of Public Aid shall evaluate  
3 the program and report its findings and recommendations to the  
4 General Assembly.

5           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.".