



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4922

Introduced 1/15/2010, by Rep. Rosemary Mulligan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

320 ILCS 50/15

Amends the Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. Expands the scope of the Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee by permitting the Committee to conduct public hearings regarding (i) pharmaceutical assistance for Illinoisans who are not seniors and (ii) the safety, effectiveness, acquisition, distribution, and use of vaccines and other sera, prophylactics, and drugs that are of recognized efficiency in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases. Contains provisions concerning reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Committee
10 is created. The Committee shall consist of 17 members as
11 follows:

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

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

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

2 (4) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services or
3 his or her designee.

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

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

8 (b) Members appointed from the general public shall
9 represent the following associations, organizations, and
10 interests: statewide membership-based senior advocacy
11 organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacists,
12 dispensing pharmacies, physicians, and providers of services
13 to senior citizens. No single organization may have more than
14 one representative appointed as a member from the general
15 public.

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

19 (d) Committee members shall serve without compensation or
20 reimbursement for expenses.

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

23 (f) The Committee may conduct public hearings to gather
24 testimony from interested parties regarding pharmaceutical
25 assistance for Illinois seniors, including changes to existing
26 and proposed programs.

1 (f-5) The Committee may conduct public hearings to gather
2 testimony from interested parties regarding pharmaceutical
3 assistance for Illinoisans who are not seniors, including
4 changes to existing and proposed programs.

5 (f-6) The Committee may conduct public hearings to gather
6 testimony from interested parties regarding the safety,
7 effectiveness, acquisition, distribution, and use of vaccines
8 and other sera, prophylactics, and drugs that are of recognized
9 efficiency in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of
10 diseases, including changes to existing and proposed programs.

11 (g) The Committee may advise appropriate State agencies
12 regarding the establishment of proposed programs or changes to
13 existing programs. The State agencies shall take into
14 consideration any recommendations made by the Committee.

15 (h) The Committee shall report to the General Assembly and
16 the Governor annually or as it deems necessary regarding
17 proposed or recommended changes to pharmaceutical assistance
18 programs that benefit Illinois seniors and any associated costs
19 of those changes.

20 (h-5) The Committee shall report to the General Assembly
21 and the Governor annually or as it deems necessary regarding
22 proposed or recommended changes to pharmaceutical assistance
23 programs that benefit Illinoisans who are not seniors and any
24 associated costs of those changes.

25 (i) In the event that a prescription drug benefit is added
26 to the federal Medicare program, the Committee shall make

1 recommendations for the realignment of State-operated senior
2 prescription drug programs so that Illinois residents qualify
3 for at least substantially the same level of benefits available
4 to them prior to implementation of the Medicare prescription
5 drug benefit, provided that a resident remains eligible for
6 such a State-operated program. The Committee shall report its
7 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor by
8 January 1, 2005.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.