

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 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.

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

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

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

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

30 (b) Members appointed from the general public shall  
31 represent the following associations, organizations, and  
32 interests: statewide membership-based senior advocacy

1 organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacists,  
2 dispensing pharmacies, physicians, and providers of services  
3 to senior citizens. No single organization may have more than  
4 one representative appointed as a member from the general  
5 public.

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

9 (d) Committee members shall serve without compensation or  
10 reimbursement for expenses.

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

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

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

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

26 (i) In the event that a prescription drug benefit is added  
27 to the federal Medicare program, the Committee shall make  
28 recommendations for the realignment of State-operated senior  
29 prescription drug programs so that Illinois residents qualify  
30 for at least substantially the same level of benefits available  
31 to them prior to implementation of the Medicare prescription  
32 drug benefit, provided that a resident remains eligible for  
33 such a State-operated program. The Committee shall report its  
34 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor by  
35 January 1, 2005.

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

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.