

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 1109**

Short Title: Funds for Presc. Drugs.

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Sponsors: Senator Harris.

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Referred to: Insurance.

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO  
CERTAIN PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AND WHO HAVE LIFE-  
THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to pay the cost of prescription drugs for persons:

- (1) Over the age of 55, not eligible for full Medicaid benefits, and not receiving coverage for prescription drugs under any other program or policy of insurance;
- (2) Whose income is not more than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level; and
- (3) Who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening disease or condition for which the drugs have been prescribed.

These funds shall be used to pay the cost of prescription drugs for the treatment of a life-threatening disease or condition. Payment shall be not more than Medicaid cost

1 including rebates. The Division shall develop criteria to maximize the efficient and  
2 effective distribution of these drugs.

3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.