

1 **ESB 6153 - H AMD 295 WITHDRAWN 6/15/01**

2 By Representative \_\_\_\_

3 On page 67, after line 2, insert the following:

4 (5) \$30,000,000 of the health services account is appropriated in  
5 order for the health care authority to operate a prescription  
6 medication assistance program. The authority shall provide financial  
7 assistance to individuals sixty-five years old and older with a  
8 household income above the eligibility standard for medicaid  
9 categorically needy coverage and below two hundred and fifty percent of  
10 the federal poverty guidelines and whose prescription medication costs  
11 exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per month. The administrator shall  
12 determine an appropriate standard benefit for recipients and if the  
13 administrator determines that the funds appropriated for the program  
14 are not sufficient to serve all individuals who qualify for assistance,  
15 the administrator must take steps necessary to limit program  
16 expenditures to an amount equal to appropriated funds. Funding for this  
17 program shall be derived from the receipt of federal proshare money.-

**EFFECT:** Creates a prescription assistance programs for low-income seniors with high prescription costs.