
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

SB 6837

Brief Description: Increasing the membership of the prescription drug assistance foundation.

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Swecker, Marr and McAuliffe.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the membership of the Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation, Board of Directors from five to 11 members.

Hearing Date: 2/21/08

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation (Foundation) assists low-income, uninsured individuals in obtaining free or low cost prescription drugs. The foundation helps individuals access the various prescription drug assistance programs offered by manufacturers by assisting qualified residents with filling out applications for free or low cost drugs. The Foundation also raises private dollars to assist in achieving its goal.

There are a total of five Foundation board members. These individuals are selected by the Governor and serve three-year terms. Board members must represent the interests of those who do not have prescription drug coverage and must possess expertise in business management and not-for-profit organization administration. No General Fund-State funds are used for the ongoing operation of the foundation.

Summary of Bill:

The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation, Board of Directors membership is increased from five to 11 members.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.