

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H*3221 (Rat #0231, Act #0233 of 2006) General Bill, By Clemmons, Rice, Simrill, Mahaffey, Wilkins, Harrell, Harrison, Cato, J. Brown, Townsend, Edge, Merrill, Chellis, Ott, R.L. Brown, Mack, Barfield, Witherspoon, Duncan, M.A. Pitts, Owens, Chalk, Bailey, Ceips, Haley, Viers, Hardwick and Toole

Summary: SC Retirees and Individuals Pooling Together for Savings Act

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREES AND INDIVIDUALS POOLING TOGETHER FOR SAVINGS ACT (SCRIPTS), SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THIS ACT TO THE GAP ASSISTANCE PHARMACY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS ACT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROGRAM CREATED WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MUST COORDINATE WITH MEDICARE PART D TO PROVIDE TO LOW INCOME SENIOR RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DURING THE ANNUAL MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP, TO REQUIRE THAT A PARTICIPANT BE ENROLLED IN A GAPS PARTICIPATING MEDICARE PART D DRUG PLAN, TO CLARIFY OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AND TO SPECIFY THAT AN ENROLLEE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS WHEN THE ENROLLEE'S ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET DRUG EXPENSES REACH THE POINT THAT STANDARD MEDICARE PART D BENEFITS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AND THAT BENEFITS TERMINATE WHEN THE PARTICIPANT'S ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES REACH THE POINT THAT CATASTROPHIC MEDICARE PART D BENEFITS BECOME AVAILABLE; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 130, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENIORS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM ACT. - ratified title

12/22/04	House	Prefiled
12/22/04	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
01/11/05	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-135
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01/12/05	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wilkins, Harrell, Harrison, Cato, J.Brown, Townsend, Edge, Merrill, Chellis, Ott, R.L.Brown, Mack, Barfield, Witherspoon
02/01/05	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Duncan, M.A.Pitts, Owens, Chalk, Bailey, Ceips, Haley, Toole, Viers, Hardwick
05/11/05	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means HJ-14
05/12/05		Scrivener's error corrected
05/17/05	House	Amended HJ-41
05/17/05	House	Read second time HJ-43
05/18/05	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-62
05/18/05	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-5
05/18/05	Senate	Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-5
02/01/06	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance SJ-44
02/02/06	Senate	Amended SJ-15
02/02/06	Senate	Read second time SJ-15
02/02/06	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-15
02/03/06	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-3
02/09/06	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-27
02/15/06		Ratified R 231
02/21/06		Signed By Governor
02/23/06		Copies available
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