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SENATE BILL 689

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; PROVIDING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG
DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. CREATION OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD
PROGRAM.--

A. The human services department shall create a
prescription drug discount card program with the cooperation
and assistance of the department of health and the aging and
long-term services department. For the purposes of this
section, "program" means the prescription drug discount card
program.

B. To be eligible for the program, a person shall:

- (1) be a resident of the state;
- (2) be less than sixty-five years of age;

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1 (3) not have any other prescription drug
2 benefit; and

3 (4) voluntarily enroll.

4 C. Upon a determination that a person qualifies for
5 the program, the human services department shall enroll and
6 provide participants with an electronic or other form of
7 membership identification for use by pharmacies for each
8 transaction.

9 D. The amount a qualified person pays for a
10 prescription drug shall not exceed the total cost of the
11 dispensing fee plus the contracted discounted price made
12 available to enrolled persons.

13 E. The human services department, in cooperation
14 with the department of health and the aging and long-term
15 services department, shall actively promote membership and
16 benefit information on the program to the general public
17 statewide.