

(c) The assessments and recommendations required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be submitted, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on or before January 1, 2006.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect contingent on the approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of a waiver amendment applied for under Section 6 of this Act. If the waiver amendment applied for under Section 6 of this Act is denied, Section 1 of this Act, without the necessity of any further action by the General Assembly, shall be null and void and of no further force and effect.

SECTION ~~6~~ ~~9~~ 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, ~~except as provided in Section 5 of this Act, and~~ subject to Section 7 ~~13~~ of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. ~~Section 2~~ Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of ~~2~~ 5 years and, at the end of June 30, ~~2007~~ 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, ~~Section 2~~ Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Section ~~3~~ 5 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section ~~3~~ 5 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 10, 2005.

## CHAPTER 281

(Senate Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

**Senior Prescription Drug Program — Sunset Extension**  
**Maryland Pharmacy Programs — Modifications and Subsidies for Medicare**  
**Drug Benefits**

FOR the purpose of ~~extending the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Program; and generally relating to the Senior Prescription Drug Program;~~ renaming the Senior Prescription Drug Program to be the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; altering the eligibility requirements for and purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to provide a State subsidy for the cost of a portion of Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage Plan premiums and deductibles; altering the amount of the subsidy a certain nonprofit health service plan is required to provide to the Program; repealing the requirement that a certain nonprofit health service plan administer the Program; requiring the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to contract with a third party to administer the Program; specifying the amount of the subsidy provided to enrollees by the Program; requiring an enrollee to pay a certain copayment or coinsurance amount; requiring the Program to establish a certain subsidy limit; altering the method of payment to the Program Administrator; repealing a requirement that certain rebates or other discounts inure to the