

**Senate Bill No. 728**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program - ~~Expansion~~ - State Discount - Eligibility**

FOR the purpose of ~~expanding~~ altering the eligibility requirements of the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program to include additional Medicare beneficiaries and cover individuals who are not Medicare beneficiaries and lack other public or private prescription drug coverage and have a certain annual household income; authorizing enrollees in the Program to receive a certain discount subsidized by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for certain prescription drugs; ~~altering the discount provided to certain Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in the Program;~~ altering the price at which an enrollee may purchase certain prescription drugs; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an application for an amendment to a certain demonstration waiver; requiring the Department to apply for certain federal matching funds; providing that certain enrollees in the Program may remain enrolled in the Program through a certain date if the application for a certain amendment to a certain demonstration waiver is approved; requiring the Department to forward a copy of a certain notice to the Department of Legislative Services within a certain number of days after receiving notice of the approval or denial of a certain waiver amendment application; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-124.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

15-124.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated:

(2) "Enrollee" means an individual who is enrolled in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program.

(3) "Program" means the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under this section.