

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 134

(Senate Bill 236)

AN ACT concerning

~~Maryland Health Care Foundation – Statewide Access to Free or Subsidized
Maryland Prescription Pharmaceutical Products Drugs Access
Enhancement Act of 2001~~
Senior Prescription Drug Relief Act

~~FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Foundation to facilitate certain access to prescription pharmaceutical products drugs to certain persons in a certain manner; requiring the Foundation to ensure that the access provided under this Act is available in specified regions of the State; authorizing the Foundation to establish regional offices in certain locations; requiring the Foundation to use specified offices as regional offices for certain regions; authorizing the Foundation to establish a central office in a certain region; requiring the Governor to provide certain funding to the Foundation for certain purposes; requiring that the funding required under this Act be appropriated directly to the Foundation; requiring the Foundation to use the funding required under this Act for certain purposes; providing for the termination of this Act; requiring the Foundation to study and examine certain issues and to provide certain reports by a certain date in a certain manner; establishing the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program in a certain manner; providing for the purpose, eligibility, benefits, and mechanics of the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to recover certain costs; altering the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; expanding the~~