

~~(2) notwithstanding the goal specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the total distributed does not exceed \$8 million; and~~

~~(b) the revenues collected are distributed to the Foundation until the level of funding required under subsection (a) of this section is achieved before distributions for any other purpose may be made.~~

~~SECTION 18. 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1, 3, 10, and 17-19 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (H.B. 828) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, and if Chapter _____ does not become effective, Sections 1, 3, 10, and 17-19 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~

~~SECTION 19. 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 15 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001, contingent on the enactment of Chapter _____ (H.B. 828) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, and, if Chapter _____ is not enacted, Section 15 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~

~~SECTION 3. 20. 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 13 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

~~SECTION 21. 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 16, 18, 19, and 20-18, 20, 21, and 22 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing certain prescription drug benefit programs; establishing eligibility criteria for certain prescription drug benefit programs; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer and operate a certain program as permitted by federal law or waiver; providing for an exception to a certain eligibility limitation; authorizing the Department to establish certain mechanisms to recover certain administrative costs, to reimburse certain participating pharmacies, and to allow certain pharmacies to charge a certain processing fee; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to apply for a certain waiver expansion to implement certain programs; requiring the Maryland Health Care Foundation to operate and administer a certain program; requiring the Foundation to contract with certain government or nonprofit organizations to operate and administer the program; specifying the funding for the program; authorizing certain funds to be spent on certain interim supplies of prescription drugs; requiring the Foundation to make the program available in each geographic region of the State; altering the eligibility requirements for the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan; altering certain definitions; repealing certain definitions; altering the conditions for a carrier to provide the subsidy plan; extending the duration of the subsidy plan; lowering the monthly premium under the subsidy plan; increasing the benefit limit under the subsidy plan; eliminating the deductible under the subsidy plan; expanding the total number of enrollees allowed under the subsidy plan; requiring a certain carrier