

(3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the transition of enrollees from the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan to the Senior Prescription Drug Program be accomplished without interruption of benefits for enrollees.

(4) Subsidies shall be offered to enrollees through the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program established under Title 14, Subtitle 5, Part II of the Insurance Article beginning January 1, 2006. At the end of December 31, [2009] 2010, the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program established under Title 14, Subtitle 5, Part II, as amended, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

(5) Beginning April 1, 2003, the carrier required to offer the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan under Title 15, Subtitle 6 of the Health - General Article and the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the Insurance Article shall subsidize the Plan and beginning January 1, 2006, the Program, using the value of the carrier's premium tax exemption.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.

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## CHAPTER 559

(Senate Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

### Maryland ~~Legislative~~ Youth Advisory Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland ~~Legislative~~ Youth Advisory Council; providing for the appointment, selection, membership, terms, and duties of the Council; establishing an executive board; providing for the selection of the executive board; requiring the consideration of certain factors in the appointment or selection of certain members by certain persons; providing for the appointment of the cochaIRS of the Council; providing for the development of a certain initial application and application process; providing for the staffing for the Council; requiring the Council to work with the State Department of Education regarding the granting of school credit for Council service; requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to notify certain individuals of the creation of the Council for a certain purpose; requiring the Council to hold certain public meetings, conduct