

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1407**

Short Title: Funds/Prescription Drug Access Program. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Alexander, Baddour, Barefoot, Bell, Bonner, Fox, Gibson, Gulley, Hackney, Hall, Insko, Jarrell, Lucas, Luebke, McLawhorn, Michaux, Rogers, Saunders, Sutton, Tolson, Walker, Warner, Warren, West, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG ACCESS PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The Department shall use these funds to develop and implement a Prescription Drug Access Program. The Program shall be designed to provide assistance to physicians and eligible individuals in obtaining for the individual prescription drugs at no cost or for a nominal fee through pharmaceutical company programs or initiatives. Not later than October 1, 2001, and again on March 1, 2002, the Department shall report on the development, implementation, and use of the Program to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.