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HOUSE BILL 1560*

Short Title: Coordinate Drug Program Access. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Bell, Easterling, Hackney, Insko, Lucas,
Wainwright, Weiss, Willingham, and Wright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 6, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO STUDY WAYS THE STATE CAN COORDINATE AND
4 FACILITATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FREE AND
5 DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study
8 ways the State can coordinate and facilitate public access to public and private free and
9 discount prescription drug programs for senior citizens. In undertaking this study, the
10 Department shall consider the coordination and facilitation methods being implemented
11 by other states. On or before January 1, 2003, the Department shall report its findings
12 and recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging. The report
13 shall include the following:

- 14 (1) A description of the various coordination and facilitation methods
15 considered.
16 (2) A description of the coordination and facilitation methods of other
17 states.
18 (3) A recommendation as to the best way to coordinate and facilitate
19 access in this State, which shall include the reasons for the
20 recommendation, a fiscal analysis of the cost of the recommendation,
21 and whether any legislation is necessary to implement the
22 recommendation.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.