

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1193

Short Title: DHR Pharmacy Study.

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Sponsors: Representative Nye.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 9, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
2 CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE COST OF A PHARMACY  
3 DISPENSING FEE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. From funds available to the Department, the Department of  
7 Human Resources shall conduct a study to determine the cost of a pharmacy dispensing  
8 fee. This study shall include the cost of drugs, of professional services, overhead  
9 expenses, and an appropriate profit margin. The Department shall adjust the pharmacy  
10 dispensing fee as set in the State Medicaid Plan after this study. This fee shall be a  
11 single fee per prescription that is the average of the cost of prescription drugs, less ten  
12 percent (10%), plus the estimated acquisition cost of drugs. This fee shall be adjusted  
13 annually to reflect appropriate inflationary increases as established in nationally  
14 recognized pricing indexes.

15 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
16 Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of \$50,000 for the 1991-92  
17 fiscal year to implement this act.

18 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.