

~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA~~

~~SESSION 1995~~

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~~HOUSE BILL 882~~

~~Short Title: Prescription Drug Pricing/Access.~~

~~(Public)~~

~~Sponsors: Representatives Arnold, Aldridge, Baker, Crawford, Davis, Dickson, Edwards, Fitch, Howard, Locke, McCrary, Nichols, Rayfield, Robinson, Sexton, Weatherly, and Wilkins.~~

~~Referred to: Insurance.~~

~~April 12, 1995~~

~~A BILL TO BE ENTITLED~~

~~AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING,
TO PROHIBIT COST SHIFTING BY MANUFACTURERS AND SELLERS OF
PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS, AND TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS THE
FREEDOM OF CHOOSING THE PHARMACY AT WHICH TO REDEEM A
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT.~~

~~The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:~~

~~Section 1. Chapter 75 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
Article to read:~~

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~~Sec. 2. Article 51 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:~~

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~~Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the other provisions or applications of this act shall be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications.~~

~~Sec. 4. Existing health benefit plans that are subject to the provisions of G.S. 58-51-38, as enacted in Section 2 of this act, shall be brought into compliance with the provisions of G.S. 58-51-38 by December 31, 1995. On January 1, 1996, the Commissioner of Insurance shall revoke the approval of any health benefit plan that the Commissioner of Insurance had previously approved that does not comply with the provisions of G.S. 58-51-38. No health benefit plan shall be marketed, sold, or contracted for after January 1, 1996, that includes a benefit plan that does not comply with the provisions of G.S. 58-51-38.~~

~~Sec. 5. This act becomes effective October 1, 1995.~~