

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2320*

Short Title: Prescription Drug Assistance Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Coleman, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Harrison, Luebke, Pierce, Wainwright, Warren, Weiss, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 23, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES TO ASSIST CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH
3 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of twenty-five million dollars
8 (\$25,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, to be allocated for the following purposes:

- 9 (1) \$20,000,000 to provide prescription drug premium assistance for
10 Medicare beneficiaries at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
11 (2) \$5,000,000 to be used to provide grants-in-aid to local agencies to
12 provide prescription drug access and medication therapy management
13 services and for administrative costs to implement this act.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.