GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1651*

Short Title:	Prescription Drug Assistance Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Purcell; and Atwater.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ASSIST CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS.

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 twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, to be allocated for the following purposes:

(1) $20,000,000 to provide prescription drug premium assistance for Medicare beneficiaries at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

(2) $5,000,000 to be used to provide grants-in-aid to local agencies to provide prescription drug access and medication therapy management services and for administrative costs to implement this act.

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