

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6837

As Passed House:

March 4, 2008

Title: An act relating to the prescription drug assistance foundation.

Brief Description: Increasing the membership of the prescription drug assistance foundation.

Sponsors: By Senators Brown, Swecker, Marr and McAuliffe.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care & Wellness: 2/21/08, 2/25/08 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/4/08, 93-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the membership of the Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation Board of Directors from five to 11 members.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow, Condotta, DeBolt, Green, Moeller, Pedersen, Schual-Berke and Seaquist.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation (Foundation) assists low-income, uninsured individuals in obtaining free or low cost prescription drugs. The Foundation helps individuals access the various prescription drug assistance programs offered by manufacturers by assisting qualified residents with filling out applications for free or low cost drugs. The Foundation also raises private dollars to assist in achieving its goal.

There are a total of five Foundation board members. These individuals are selected by the Governor and serve three-year terms. Board members must represent the interests of those

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who do not have prescription drug coverage and must possess expertise in business management and not-for-profit organization administration. No General Fund-State funds are used for the ongoing operation of the Foundation.

Summary of Bill:

The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation Board of Directors membership is increased from five to 11 members.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation helps connect people without health insurance with free or reduced price prescription drugs. The workload is greater than expected and additional members on the Board of Directors would help with the work of the Foundation.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Kristen West, Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation; and Holly Detzler, Communities Connect.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.