

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6837

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Swecker, Marr and McAuliffe.

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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 who don't 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: The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation, Board of Directors' membership is increased from five to 11 members.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	93	0

Effective: June 12, 2008