

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1148

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2002

Introduced by Jensen, 20; Connealy, 16; Cudaback, 36; Price, 26; Preister, 5

AN ACT relating to prescription drug assistance; to amend section 71-7605, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2001; to provide duties for the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Pursuant to section 71-7611.06, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall conduct research and provide recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor relating to the provision of prescription drug assistance to persons in the State of Nebraska. The committee shall consult with members of the Legislature, the Governor, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support, the Policy Cabinet, the Department of Insurance, the Department of Revenue, political subdivisions, area agencies on aging, pharmacists, pharmaceutical manufacturers, organizations advocating for the elderly, organizations advocating for persons with mental illness, health care providers, insurance companies, and other interested persons. The committee shall provide its recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor on or before December 1, 2002. This section shall terminate on January 1, 2003.

Sec. 2. Section 71-7605, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2001, is amended to read:

71-7605. Sections 71-7605 to 71-7614 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-7605, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2001, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.