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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 866

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 866 creates the Chronic Disease Drug Repository Program and Participant Registry.

Chronic disease includes, but is not limited to, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, stroke, all cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic lower respiratory disease, diabetes mellitus, cirrhosis, hepatitis C, and kidney disease.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a chronic disease drug repository program to accept and dispense donated prescription drugs used to treat a chronic disease or its side effects or the side effects of a prescription drug used to treat a chronic disease or its side effects. Program participation by medical professionals is voluntary. Drugs may not be resold but participants may charge a handling fee to cover dispensing costs.

Donated drugs must be in their original, unopened, sealed and tamper-evident packages. Single-unit doses may be accepted if the outside packaging is opened but the single-unit dose packaging is unopened. Expired drugs can't be accepted. There's no limit on the number of doses that can be donated as long as the drugs meet the packaging and expiration requirements.

The program may accept donated chronic disease drugs from any person, drug manufacturer or health care facility as long as the drugs meet eligibility requirements.

The Department is required to create a participant registry which allows drug donors to locate a participating physician, pharmacist, hospital or health clinic. In addition, the Department will be required to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations in cooperation with the Board of Pharmacy.

Principal Introducer:

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