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H 669. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE FUNDS. TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED AGED PERSONS. Establishes Prescription Drug Assistance Program in Dep't of Health and Human Services. Makes benefits available to individuals (1) over age 65, (2) not eligible for full Medicaid benefits, and (3) enrolled in Medicaid as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries or Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries. Limits individual benefits and requires co-payment. Requires pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide rebate as a condition of participation in program. Requires Health and Wellness Trust Fund Comm'n to allocate 100% of nonreserved funds for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 to program. Makes program benefits available only to the extent funds are available from that trust fund for program. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.

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Ref. to Rules	APPROP
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