

HOUSE BILL No. 5191

September 20, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Donigan, Meisner, Vagnozzi, Gonzales, Hopgood, Anderson, Brandenburg, Condino, Sheltroun, Kathleen Law, Alma Smith, Plakas, Tobocman, Byrum, Waters, Cushingberry, Zelenko and Bieda and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
(MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 260.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 260. (1) THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THE**
2 **FOLLOWING:**

3 **(A) I-SAVERX IS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY**
4 **ILLINOIS' GOVERNOR IN OCTOBER 2004.**

5 **(B) I-SAVERX ALLOWS ALL ILLINOIS RESIDENTS TO REFILL**
6 **PRESCRIPTIONS FOR 100 OF THE MOST COMMON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS USED TO**
7 **TREAT CHRONIC ILLNESSES FROM A NETWORK OF INSPECTED AND APPROVED**
8 **PHARMACIES AND WHOLESALERS IN CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND**
9 **IRELAND. THE PROGRAM IS ACCESSIBLE THROUGH A WEBSITE AND 24-HOUR**

1 TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

2 (C) PARTICIPANTS IN I-SAVE RX ARE EXPECTED TO SAVE AN AVERAGE
3 OF 25% TO 50% ON THE COST OF MEDICATIONS. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES
4 PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF THE PRESCRIPTIONS BY
5 REQUIRING THE INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE PHARMACIES OR
6 WHOLESALERS THAT PARTICIPATE.

7 (D) SINCE IMPLEMENTATION OF I-SAVERX, WISCONSIN, MISSOURI, AND
8 KANSAS HAVE JOINED THE PROGRAM.

9 (E) SINCE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS ALSO REQUIRE ALTERNATE TIMELY
10 ACCESS TO SAFE, HIGH QUALITY, AND EFFICACIOUS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
11 THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES,
12 MICHIGAN SHOULD JOIN AND WORK WITH ILLINOIS TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF
13 THIS STATE WITH AN ALTERNATE PROGRAM TO SECURE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE
14 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

15 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL JOIN THE I-SAVERX PROGRAM AND ALLOW
16 RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE TO PURCHASE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THROUGH THE
17 I-SAVERX PROGRAM.

18 (3) ONE YEAR AFTER THIS STATE JOINS THE I-SAVERX PROGRAM, THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE, THE
20 GOVERNOR, AND THE STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT
21 LIMITED TO, THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THE
22 SAVINGS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF JOINING THIS PROGRAM.