

Committee: Human Services

RESOLUTION
Affordable Drug Prices

A RESOLUTION TO have the State of Texas insure affordable prescription drug prices for older adults who have little or no prescription drug coverage.

WHEREAS, The quiet and growing crisis of prescription drug prices is alarming to adults who have little or no prescription drug coverage; and

WHEREAS, Older adult retirement income goes up very little and investment income is dramatically decreasing, a 10% to 15% discount is not enough since prescription drug prices rose on the average, triple the rate of inflation last year (Families, USA Reports); and

WHEREAS, Older adults who diligently saved their money for their retirement, now, not only fear the bad diagnosis when going to doctors, but also they cannot afford to buy their prescription drugs to treat the ailment; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the 9th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature strongly recommend that the 78th Texas Legislature enact legislation to permit the seniors with little or no prescription coverage to buy their prescription drugs at the same price as the State pays on their Medicaid program.

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002, by the Human Services Committee.

Alice Stubbs, Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 18, 2002 by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary