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H 4045 General Bill, By Govan, Bailey, R.L. Brown, Freeman, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Mack, Mahaffey, Moody-Lawrence, J.H. Neal, Pinson, Sinclair and Vaughn

Summary: Medication Assistance to Seniors (MATS) program

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-195 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICATION ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS (MATS) PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION ON AGING, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ASSIST LOW INCOME SENIORS WITH OBTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM MANUFACTURERS' PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MATS IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM AND IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ASSIST ALL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, THE DIVISION MAY DEVELOP A WAITING LIST PRIORITIZED BY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DIVISION.

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