

House Bill 711

By: Representatives Stokes of the 92nd, Walker of the 141st, Smyre of the 136th, Coleman of the 142nd, Jamieson of the 22nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state employees' health insurance plans, so as to provide for senior citizens of this
3 state to obtain cards enabling them to obtain prescription drugs at reduced prices; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 state employees' health insurance plans, is amended by adding after Code Section 45-18-6
9 a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "45-18-6.1.

11 (a) The department shall make available in each county of this state one or more sites at
12 which any resident of this state who is 62 years of age or older may obtain Georgia Care
13 Cards for an annual fee, established by the department, not to exceed \$10.00. The cards
14 shall be used for obtaining prescription drugs at prices established pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of this Code section.

16 (b) Any pharmacy, pharmacist, insurer, or other entity which contracts with the board or
17 the health insurance plan established under this article to provide prescription drugs to
18 public officers and employees covered under such plan shall agree, as a condition for
19 executing or renewing any such contract on or after July 1, 2001, to provide prescription
20 drugs to any citizen with a Georgia Care Card at the same price as such drug is reimbursed
21 for recipients of medical assistance, as defined in Code Section 49-4-141."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.