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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2005**

**Committee Substitute for**  
**Senate Bill No. 547**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 547 - By: ADELSON, LAWLER,  
PADDACK and RABON of the Senate and SHELTON and STEELE of the House.

[ professions and occupations - Oklahoma Prescription Drug  
Discount Program Act of 2005 - codification - effective  
date -  
emergency ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 368 of Title 59, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
"Oklahoma Prescription Drug Discount Program Act of 2005".

2. Recognizing that many Oklahomans do not have health  
insurance coverage for prescription drugs, the Oklahoma Legislature  
herby establishes provisions to increase access to prescription  
drugs for low income Oklahomans.

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall contract with a  
pharmacy benefit manager for the administration of a prescription  
drug discount program that will:

- 1           1. Enable persons without prescription drug coverage to be  
2 linked to appropriate manufacturer-sponsored prescription drug  
3 programs via the use of implementation of computer software;
- 4           2. Establish agreements with prescription drug manufacturers  
5 that outline available discounts and drugs, and in which  
6 prescription drug manufacturers agree to allow the Oklahoma Health  
7 Care Authority contracted pharmacy benefit manager to be the means  
8 testing agent for their program;
- 9           3. Negotiate prescription drug discounts with manufacturers and  
10 pharmacy networks and implement a "one-stop" Oklahoma Prescription  
11 Drug Discount program for uninsured seniors and families;
- 12           4. Enroll persons into a prescription drug discount card  
13 program using specialized computer software that will allow the  
14 consumer to have access via a single application process to all  
15 participating prescription drug manufacturer discount programs;
- 16           5. Include outreach and advertising of the program in order to  
17 provide access to the program to potential consumers who do not have  
18 access to prescription drug coverage; and
- 19           6. Charge a basic enrollment fee to cover the administrative  
20 costs of the program; provided, however, this provision shall not  
21 apply to an applicant whose income is less than 150% of the Federal  
22 Poverty Level.

23           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

1           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-23-05 - DO  
6 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.