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SENATE BILL 513

Short Title: Presc. Drug ID Card.

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Sponsors: Senators Wellons; Albertson, Cochrane, Dalton, Foxx, Garrou, Gulley, Kinnaird, Lucas, Purcell, Reeves, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Insurance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT COVER PRESCRIPTION
3 DRUGS TO ISSUE UNIFORM PRESCRIPTION DRUG IDENTIFICATION
4 CARDS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding the following section to read:

8 "**§ 58-3-174. Uniform prescription drug identification cards.**

9 (a) Every health benefit plan that provides coverage for prescription drugs or
10 devices and that issues a prescription drug card, shall issue to its insureds a uniform
11 prescription drug identification card. The uniform prescription drug identification card
12 shall conform to the format adopted by the National Council for Prescription Drug
13 Programs and shall include the following:

- 14 (1) Identification number of the insured's dependents covered under the
15 health benefit plan.
16 (2) Name of the insured's dependents covered under the health benefit plan.
17 (3) Date of birth of the insured's dependents covered under the health
18 benefit plan.

1 (b) A new uniform prescription drug identification card as required under
2 subsection (a) of this section shall be issued annually by a health benefit plan if there has
3 been any change in the insured's coverage in the previous twelve months. A change in
4 the insured's coverage shall include, but is not limited to, the addition or deletion of a
5 dependent of the insured covered by a health benefit plan.

6 (c) Not later than January 1, 2001, the uniform prescription drug identification
7 card provided under subsection (a) of this section shall contain a magnetic strip or bar
8 code, or both, for electronic verification.