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APPROPRIATIONS

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Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a prescription drug program and making an
2 appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM -- APPROPRIATION.

2 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
3 the Iowa department of public health for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, the
5 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
6 used for the purpose designated:

7 To provide direct services to participants in the program
8 developed by the department as a result of the directive to
9 the department under the federal Consolidated Appropriations
10 Act, 2001, H.R. 4577 to establish and operate a mercantile
11 prescription drug purchasing cooperative or nonprofit
12 corporation demonstration:

13 \$ 5,000,000

14 For the purposes of this section, "direct services"
15 includes but is not limited to all of the following:

- 16 1. Subsidization of the costs of pharmaceuticals purchased
17 by members of the cooperative.
- 18 2. Subsidization of the membership fees of low-income
19 members as determined by the department.
- 20 3. Provision of pharmaceutical assistance consumer
21 education programs for seniors.
- 22 4. Any other direct service provided to members under the
23 cooperative.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill appropriates \$5 million to the Iowa department of
26 public health for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to be used to
27 provide direct services to participants in the prescription
28 drug program which is to be developed by the Iowa department
29 of public health under a directive of the federal Consolidated
30 Appropriations Act, 2001. The bill defines "direct services"
31 for the purpose of the bill.

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