

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, Delzer, Nelson, Price

Senators Fischer, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create a pharmaceutical manufacturers drug access program within the  
2 office of insurance commissioner for low-income individuals; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Prescription drug assistance.** The insurance commissioner shall create  
5 and implement a program to assist individuals of low income to gain access to prescription  
6 medications through prescription drug assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical  
7 manufacturers, including free discount and coverage programs. The commissioner shall use  
8 available computer software programs that link an eligible individual with the appropriate  
9 pharmaceutical company patient assistance program relating to the individual's medically  
10 necessary drugs. The commissioner shall provide education to individuals and providers to  
11 promote the program and to expand enrollment and access to necessary medications for  
12 low-income individuals qualifying for the programs.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much  
15 of the sum as may be necessary, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of  
16 implementing the pharmaceutical manufacturers drug access program, for the biennium  
17 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.