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SENIORS RX DRUG PROGRAM

House Bills 4012 and 4013
Sponsor: Rep. Clark Harder
Committees: Taxation (HB 4012)
Senior Citizens (HB 4013)

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4012 AND 4013 INTRODUCED 2-2-93

House Bill 4013 would amend the Older Michiganians Act (MCL 400.586l) to establish an Older Michiganians Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund. The fund would be administered by the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA), and used to establish a program to assist older persons with prescription drug payments. The bill would require the OSA to promulgate rules to implement the program. (For the purposes of the act, prescription drugs would include drugs dispensed according to a prescription, including those designated by the Board of Pharmacy, and those that bore the federal legend "CAUTION: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription"; insulin; syringes; and needles.)

House Bill 4013 is tie-barred to House Bill 4012, which would amend the Income Tax Act (MCL 206.273) to provide for an annual appropriation to the fund beginning with the 1993-94 fiscal year. The annual appropriation would be \$20 million, minus the amount of prescription drug tax credits granted in the preceding fiscal year.

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