

## SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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### SB 1542 Pharmaceutical Drugs by Senator Ring

Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to establish the Florida Saves on Rx Program. Requires the Secretary of Health Care Administration to contract with a program administrator to develop a system to purchase prescription medications at discounted prices from authorized pharmacies and pharmacies outside the United States. Requires the AHCA and the program administrator to verify program eligibility, ensure against illicit diversion of prescription drugs, and to adopt a preferred drug list or formulary for the program. Authorizes the secretary or the program administrator to negotiate rebates for the inclusion of drugs on the preferred drug list or formulary. Provides a list of prescription medications that are excluded from the preferred drug list including medications requiring refrigeration which may spoil during transit; narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, and anabolic steroids as regulated by the federal Controlled Substances Act; and medications that must be taken immediately to prevent the spread of infectious diseases or that treat infections that may worsen due to the time required to process the prescription through the program. Specifies that the program is not an entitlement. (See bill for details)