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H.B. No. 1676

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to Internet access to information on prescription drug
3 prices.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.0317, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c-1) and (g) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) The Internet site must also contain a listing of the
8 prices of prescription drugs available through the medical
9 assistance program under the vendor drug program and links to any
10 other appropriate sites through which prescription drugs may be
11 purchased at a discount or through which a person may obtain
12 information regarding prescription drug prices.

13 (g) The commission shall ensure that the Texas Department on
14 Aging or any successor to that agency provides on its Internet site
15 links to any other appropriate Internet sites through which
16 prescription drugs may be purchased at a discount or through which a
17 person may obtain information regarding prescription drug prices.
18 The links provided must be comparable to the links provided on the
19 commission's Internet site in accordance with Subsection (c-1).

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.