



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 577**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 7, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill would create the Medical Assistance Act which would, establish a minimum reimbursement rate under the medical assistance program for pharmacy dispensing services related to multiple-source generic prescription drugs that reflects state pharmacies' actual cost to dispense those drugs at a reasonable cost. The bill would also provide for an annual increase to the previous years minimum reimbursement rate with the increase being the annual percentage increase as of July of the previous calendar year in the Consumer Price Index for Medical Care, United States City Average.

This bill would also provide for a study to determine state pharmacies' actual cost to dispense multiple-source generic prescription drugs.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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