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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to the New York state prescription medication cost containment program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section 159-c to read as follows:

§ 159-c. New York state prescription medication cost containment program. 1. The president, as defined in subdivision two of section two of this chapter is authorized and directed to create the New York state prescription medication cost containment program.

2. Such program shall offer New York state residents who are employed in the civil service of the state or New York state residents who are retired from state service and are participating in the New York state health insurance plan (NYSHIP) and their dependents, several options to fill medical prescriptions through a Canadian mail order company. Such companies shall be selected through competitive bidding process, to be designed and implemented by the president, as defined in subdivision two of section two of this chapter. Canadian drug suppliers shall include, but shall not be limited to all manufacturers and distributors by Canada's researched based pharmaceutical companies.

§ 2. Nothing contained in this act shall supersede or diminish the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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