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## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 860

February 21, 2008 - Introduced by Representative Pocan. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

AN ACT to repeal 20.515 (1) (bd); and to create 20.515 (1) (bd) of the statutes;
relating to: payment of annual enrollment fees for participation in drug
prescription benefit program administered by the Group Insurance Board and
making an appropriation.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Group Insurance Board (board) currently administers a drug prescription benefit program for the state and for any employer or person in this state who satisfies conditions for participation in the program. This program is called the BadgerRX Gold Program. For families and individuals, there is currently an annual enrollment fee to participate in the program. This bill prohibits the imposition of this fee during the remainder of 2008 and for all of 2009 and 2010. Instead, the state must pay the board, from general purpose revenues, an amount that the board would otherwise have received from these annual enrollment fees.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**Section 1.** 20.515 (1) (bd) of the statutes is created to read:

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2	20.515 <b>(1)</b> (bd)	Payment of enrollme	nt fees for pharmo	acy benefits purcha	ising
pool.	A sum sufficien	nt to make the paymen	nts required under	2007 Wisconsin A	ct
(this a	act), section 3.				

**SECTION 2.** 20.515 (1) (bd) of the statutes, as created by 2007 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed.

## **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

- (1) Payment of annual enrollment fees for participation in the pharmacy benefits purchasing pool. Beginning on the effective date of this subsection, the group insurance board may not impose annual enrollment fees for families and individuals participating in the pharmacy benefits purchasing pool under section 40.53 of the statutes for the remainder of 2008 and for all of 2009 and 2010. Instead, the state shall pay the group insurance board, from the appropriation under section 20.515 (1) (bd) of the statutes, as created by this act, an amount that the board would otherwise have received in fees from families and individuals participating in the pharmacy benefits purchasing pool during these years. The state shall pay this amount on an annual basis at the time that the fees would otherwise have been due for participation in the pharmacy benefits purchasing pool.
- **Section 4. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:
- (1) The repeal of section 20.515 (1) (bd) of the statutes takes effect on January1, 2011.

22 (END)