CHAPTER 56 FORMERLY HOUSE BILL NO. 68 AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFENDER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Section 6536(c) of Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

(c) The Department <u>may</u> <u>shall</u> charge a reasonable fee, <u>not to exceed</u> <u>representing</u> the cost to the Department, for any <u>prescription or nonprescription medication</u>. <u>drugs</u>. The Department shall not be responsible for the cost of prescriptive drugs or medications prescribed by outside medical consultants unless approved by institutional medical services personnel. Notwithstanding the above, an inmate shall not be refused medications for financial reasons; provided, however, that the Department shall debit an inmate's account for future payment to the Department in the event funds are deposited in said account and the Department shall retain account records upon the release of the inmate from the custody of the Department if such account has a negative balance. The outstanding balance of such account shall be reinstated should that person be committed to the custody of the Department in the future.

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