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Amend the amendment in section 1 in §1711-E in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 5, lines 20 to 28 in amendment) and inserting the following:

‘C. The department shall assess an annual fee payable by October 1st each year beginning in 2007 on manufacturers of prescription drugs whose drugs are dispensed to members of the MaineCare program under chapter 855 and enrollees in the elderly low-cost drug program under section 254-D. Eighty percent of the fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in a separate account that does not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and must be used to cover the costs of the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to paragraph A and section 8713. Twenty percent of the assessments must be retained by the department.’

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provisions that would have 20% of the amount of assessments to cover boards of licensure costs and instead allows the Department of Health and Human Services to use those funds.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)