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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 105, L.D. 239, “An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Remote dispensing site;

Sec. 2. Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules. No later than June 30, 2026, as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13751, subsection 2, paragraph A-1, the Maine Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to establish the criteria that a remote dispensing site must meet to qualify for licensure. The rules must, at a minimum, require a demonstration that the geographic area in which the remote dispensing site is to be located lacks adequate access to retail pharmacy services for the general public; authorize a licensed pharmacist to provide supervision, drug regimen review and patient counseling through telehealth services under Title 32, chapter 117, subchapter 15; set minimum staffing levels for pharmacy technicians at the remote dispensing site; and establish procedures for record keeping, security and surveillance. The operation of a remote dispensing site by a retail pharmacy is not permitted until rules are adopted by the board pursuant to Title 32, section 13751, subsection 3 and this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes a remote dispensing site as a new category of license for a pharmacy and requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to establish criteria that a remote dispensing site must meet to qualify for a

1 license. The amendment requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules no later than
2 June 30, 2026.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**