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An Act To Reduce Waste of Prescription Medications

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2213** is enacted to read:

3 **§2213. Requirement regarding new prescriptions**

4 An individual licensed under this chapter may not prescribe to a patient more than a
5 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the individual has not previously prescribed to
6 that patient, unless it is prescribed in accordance with section 2210, subsection 2.

7 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-G** is enacted to read:

8 **§2600-G. Requirement regarding new prescriptions**

9 An individual licensed under this chapter may not prescribe to a patient more than a
10 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the individual has not previously prescribed to
11 that patient, unless it is prescribed in accordance with section 2600-C, subsection 2.

12 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-J** is enacted to read:

13 **§3300-J. Requirement regarding new prescriptions**

14 An individual licensed under this chapter may not prescribe to a patient more than a
15 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the individual has not previously prescribed to
16 that patient, unless it is prescribed in accordance with section 3300-F, subsection 2.

17 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3658** is enacted to read:

18 **§3658. Requirement regarding new prescriptions**

19 An individual licensed under this chapter may not prescribe to a patient more than a
20 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the individual has not previously prescribed to
21 that patient, unless it is prescribed in accordance with section 3657, subsection 2.

22 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §13786-E** is enacted to read:

23 **§13786-E. Dispensing of new prescriptions**

24 A pharmacist may not dispense more than a 30-day supply of a new prescription drug
25 order for a patient who does not have a previous prescription drug order for that drug, unless
26 the prescription drug order is prescribed in accordance with section 2210, subsection 2;
27 section 2600-C, subsection 2; section 3300-F, subsection 2; section 3657, subsection 2; or
28 section 18308, subsection 2.

29 **Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §18309** is enacted to read:

30 **§18309. Requirement regarding new prescriptions**

31 An individual licensed under this chapter may not prescribe to a patient more than a
32 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the individual has not previously prescribed to
33 that patient, unless it is prescribed in accordance with section 18308, subsection 2.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill provides that registered nurses, providers of osteopathic medicine, providers
36 of allopathic medicine, podiatrists and dentists may not prescribe to a patient more than a
37 30-day supply of a prescription drug that the provider has not previously prescribed to that
38 patient. The bill also provides that a pharmacist may not dispense more than a 30-day

1 supply of a new prescription drug order to a patient who does not have a previous
2 prescription drug order for that drug. The prescribing and dispensing requirements
3 provided in this bill provide exemptions for opioid medications prescribed or dispensed in
4 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 2210, subsection 2; section
5 2600-C, subsection 2; section 3300-F, subsection 2; section 3657, subsection 2; or section
6 18308, subsection 2.