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### An Act Relating to Long-term Care Pharmacies

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives:  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAUCH of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

3 **12-B. Enhanced pharmacy and clinical services.** "Enhanced pharmacy and clinical  
4 services" means services defined by the board by rule, including but not limited to:

5 A. Dispensing of drugs pursuant to a prescription or chart order in specialized  
6 packaging, including unit-of-use packaging, unit-dose packaging, single-use  
7 containers, packaging from remote automated dispensing technology or other required  
8 packaging;

9 B. Comprehensive drug utilization review and appropriate clinical monitoring,  
10 including monitoring to identify potential adverse drug reactions and inappropriate  
11 drug usage;

12 C. Drug reconciliation services at the transition of care into and out of a long-term care  
13 setting and other necessary clinical management and drug services;

14 D. Timely drug delivery 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

15 E. Pharmacist on-call availability to provide dispensing and clinical services 24 hours  
16 a day, 7 days a week; and

17 F. Providing of emergency supplies of drugs as permitted by law, including emergency  
18 kits or remote automated dispensing technology.

19 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§14-B** is enacted to read:

20 **14-B. Individuals who require enhanced drug services.** "Individuals who require  
21 enhanced drug services" means individuals who have one or more comorbid and medically  
22 complex chronic conditions that are life-threatening or significantly limit overall health or  
23 function, pose a high risk of hospitalization or other adverse health outcomes and require  
24 enhanced pharmacy and clinical services.

25 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§15-A** is enacted to read:

26 **15-A. Long-term care pharmacy.** "Long-term care pharmacy" means a pharmacy  
27 that is licensed to provide enhanced pharmacy and clinical services to individuals who  
28 require enhanced drug services and reside in an intermediate care facility for persons with  
29 intellectual disabilities as defined in Title 34-B, section 1001, subsection 4-B, a nursing  
30 facility as defined in Title 22, section 1812-A, a rehabilitation facility as defined in Title  
31 22, section 328, subsection 25, an assisted housing program as defined in Title 22, section  
32 7852, subsection 2 or an assisted living program as defined in Title 22, section 7852,  
33 subsection 4.

34 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §13712**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. DD, §3, is further  
35 amended to read:

36 **§13712. Membership**

37 The board consists of 7 ~~8~~ members, two ~~2~~ of whom must be public members as defined  
38 in Title 5, section 12004-A and the remainder of whom must be licensed pharmacists who  
39 possess the qualifications specified in section 13713. At the time of the appointment, at  
40 least one of the licensed pharmacists must be a hospital pharmacist, at least one must be a

1 chain pharmacist ~~and~~, at least one must be an independent pharmacist and at least one must  
2 be a pharmacist in a long-term care pharmacy.

3 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 454, §1, is  
4 further amended to read:

5 E. Free clinic; ~~or~~

6 **Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 454, §1, is  
7 amended to read:

8 F. Vending machine outlet; ~~or~~

9 **Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

10 G. Long-term care pharmacy.

11 **Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §13791**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 231, §1, is further amended  
12 to read:

13 **§13791. Return of drugs**

14 A drug or pharmaceutical preparation that has been dispensed on prescription may not  
15 be returned to pharmacy stock after being in possession and under the control of another  
16 person ~~and if the drug or pharmaceutical preparation has been removed from the sealed~~  
17 manufacturer packaging. The drug or pharmaceutical preparation may be dispensed again  
18 only if the drug or preparation is packaged in an unbroken, sealed container ~~or if, in the~~  
19 ease of a hospital, a licensed pharmacist determines that the drug has not been impaired.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill creates a new category of pharmacy facility licensure for long-term care  
22 pharmacies. It defines terms regarding long-term care pharmacies for the Maine Pharmacy  
23 Act to mirror a proposed federal law. It increases the number of individuals on the Maine  
24 Board of Pharmacy from 7 to 8 members and requires that the additional member be a  
25 pharmacist working at a long-term care pharmacy at the time of appointment. It provides  
26 that a drug or pharmaceutical preparation may only be accepted back by a pharmacy to be  
27 dispensed again if the drug or preparation is packaged in an unbroken, sealed container.