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An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, COOPER of Yarmouth, CUDDY of Winterport,
DOORE of Augusta, MEYER of Eliot, SHEATS of Auburn, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator:
CHENETTE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13794, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 34, §5, is further
3 amended to read:

4 Every drug dispensed pursuant to prescription, whether for a legend drug or not, must
5 carry on the label the following information: the prescription number; the date of filling;
6 the patient's name; directions for use; the name and strength of the drug and the amount
7 dispensed, including either the brand name of the drug or, if a generic and therapeutically
8 equivalent drug or interchangeable biological product is dispensed ~~the label must be~~
9 information in accordance with section 13781; the beyond use date of the drug; the name
10 of the practitioner prescribing the drug; ~~and~~ the name, address and telephone number of
11 the pharmacy where the prescription was compounded and dispensed; and a barcode that
12 allows the patient to digitally access the information on the label. For purposes of this
13 section, "barcode" means a 2-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that can be read by
14 a camera in a mobile device, such as a smartphone, and is used for storing information or
15 directing or leading a user to additional information. For purposes of this section,
16 "beyond use date" means a date beyond which the contents of the prescription are not
17 recommended to be used.

18 **Sec. 2. Maine Board of Pharmacy rulemaking.** By January 1, 2021, the
19 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy shall
20 adopt rules to implement the requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section
21 13794 that a barcode that allows a patient to digitally access prescription information
22 appear on a prescription label. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
23 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill requires a 2-dimensional machine-scannable barcode that allows a patient to
26 digitally access prescription information to appear on the prescription label. It also makes
27 a clarifying technical correction.