

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 71 - L.D. 799

**An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled  
Substances Prescription Monitoring Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4878, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 360, §9, is further amended to read:

**2. Electronic prescribing.** A veterinarian licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice includes prescribing a benzodiazepine or an opioid medication and who has the capability to electronically prescribe shall prescribe all benzodiazepine or opioid medication electronically by July 1, ~~2022~~ 2025 or when an electronic platform for prescribing is widely available for veterinarians if that occurs before July 1, ~~2022~~ 2025 as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. A veterinarian licensed under this chapter unable to comply with the electronic prescribing requirements of this subsection may request a waiver from the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for circumstances in which exceptions are appropriate as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.