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## An Act To Require Hospitals To Allow Patients To Provide Their Own Medications

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, DUTREMBLE of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, HERBIG of Belfast, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1726 is enacted to read:

## 3 §1726. Patient medication

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6 7 **1. Request to provide own medication.** If a patient of an institution licensed as a hospital under chapter 405, whether admitted to the hospital or in the hospital on observation status, makes a request to provide the patient's own medication, the hospital shall:

8A. Provide to the patient a request form on which to make a written request. The9patient shall complete the request form and list each of the patient's own medications10that the patient requests to provide, including the name and dosage of each11medication; and

12 B. Review the patient's medical condition, records of any medications ordered by the 13 patient's health care practitioners and any medications that the patient listed on the request form under paragraph A and determine whether the patient should continue to 14 take the medication while in the hospital and whether it is safe and appropriate for the 15 patient to provide the medication. If the hospital determines that it is safe and 16 appropriate for the patient to provide the medication, the hospital shall approve the 17 request and provide secure storage for the medication and a procedure by which the 18 19 patient may have access to the medication for administration as prescribed by the patient's health care practitioner. 20

21 SUMMARY

This bill provides a process by which a patient admitted to a hospital or on observation status in a hospital may request and obtain approval to provide the patient's own medication while in the hospital.