

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

S.P. 484 - L.D. 1406

**An Act To Promote Prescription Drug Price Transparency**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8712, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Prescription drug information.** By December 1, 2018 and annually thereafter, the organization shall provide a report containing the following information about prescription drugs, both brand name and generic:

A. The 25 most frequently prescribed drugs in the State;

B. The 25 costliest drugs as determined by the total amount spent on those drugs in the State; and

C. The 25 drugs with the highest year-over-year cost increases as determined by the total amount spent on those drugs in the State.

**Sec. 2. Further data collection by Maine Health Data Organization.** The Maine Health Data Organization shall develop a plan to collect data from manufacturers related to the cost and pricing of prescription drugs in order to provide transparency in and accountability for prescription drug pricing. The organization shall consult with other state and national agencies and organizations to determine how to institute such data collection. The organization shall submit the plan, its findings and any recommendations for suggested legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature no later than April 1, 2019. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out legislation related to prescription drug price transparency and the organization's findings and recommendations to the First or Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE**

**Maine Health Data Organization 0848**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to the Maine Health Data Organization to collect and present certain data to the Legislature and to develop a plan for further data collection.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$25,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>