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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 105, L.D. 239, "An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Remote dispensing site;

Sec. 2. Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules. No later than June 30, 2026, as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13751, subsection 2, paragraph A-1, the Maine Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to establish the criteria that a remote dispensing site must meet to qualify for licensure. The rules must, at a minimum; require a demonstration that the geographic area in which the remote dispensing site is to be located lacks adequate access to retail pharmacy services for the general public; authorize a licensed pharmacist to provide supervision, drug regimen review and patient counseling through telehealth services under Title 32, chapter 117, subchapter 15; set minimum staffing levels for pharmacy technicians at the remote dispensing site; and establish procedures for record keeping, security and surveillance. The operation of a remote dispensing site by a retail pharmacy is not permitted until rules are adopted by the board pursuant to Title 32, section 13751, subsection 3 and this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes a remote dispensing site as a new category of license for a pharmacy and requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to establish criteria that a remote dispensing site must meet to qualify for a

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2 June 30, 2026.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-85)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine Board of Pharmacy associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional revenue from licensing fees is expected to be minor.