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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1175, L.D. 1496, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Pharmacy Laws."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, §2212, amended. Section 2212 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 390 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

It shall not be unlawful to use generic drugs or ingredients rather than the brand names mentioned in the prescription.

Sec. 2. R.S., T. 32, §2802, amended. Section 2802 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

The typing of labels and counting of pills or capsules may be done under the direction of the apothecary.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, §§2803-A-- 2803-B, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to be numbered 2803-A and 2803-B, to read as follows:

§2803-A. Fees

The pharmacist's fee for professional services rendered shall be fair and equitable, commensurate with his professional knowledge, skill and care in the compounding of prescriptions and the rendering of other professional services.

Discounts to the blind, disabled and those suffering from any terminal illness and volume discounts shall be deemed fair and equitable under this section.

§2803-B. Price

No registered apothecary shall sell prescription drugs at a markup of more than 100% of the cost of such drugs, except that in lieu thereof in any prescription \$1.65 may be charged as a professional fee.'

Proposed by Senator MILLS of Franklin.

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