

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 391

In Senate, March 6, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down forthwith for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Representative K. Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Repeal the Prohibition Against Transfer of Birth Control Prescriptions between Pharmacies.**

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

22 MRSA § 2212-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 499, § 32, is amended to read:

**§ 2212-A. Refill prescriptions**

If a pharmacist or person employed by a pharmacist refills from a copy of the original, any prescription for depressant or stimulant or ~~oral contraceptive~~ drugs, such refilling shall constitute a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$50 may be adjudged.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present law prohibits an individual from transferring her birth control prescription from one pharmacy to another. The Board of Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy is promulgating regulations that will control the transfer between pharmacies of all prescriptions, hence the prohibition on the transfer of birth control prescriptions will no longer be necessary.