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L.D. 182

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 157,
L.D. 182, Bill, "AN ACT to Require the Use of
Generic Drugs in the Low-cost Drug Program for the
Elderly."

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

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'22 MRSA §254, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c.
619, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

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4. Method of prescribing or ordering drugs. The
method of prescribing or ordering these drugs which
may include, but not be limited to, the use of stan-
dard prescription refill sizes so as to minimize
operational costs. Unless the prescribing physician
indicates otherwise, the use of generic or chemically
equivalent drugs shall be required, provided that
these drugs are of the same quality and have the same
mode of delivery as is provided to the general
public, consistent with good pharmaceutical prac-
tice;

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment modifies the language in the bill
by incorporating specifications which are currently
in the Department of Human Services' regulations for
this program. The regulations specify that the drugs
be of the same quality and mode of delivery as other
drugs provided to the public. The phrase "consistent
with good pharmaceutical practice" allows the pharma-
cist to exercise professional judgment.

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Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Health & Institutional
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