

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 182

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7 H.P. 157

House of Representatives, January 13, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up  
9 for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Smith of Island Falls.

Cosponsors: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook, Representative Michaud of  
11 E. Millinocket and Representative Melendy of Rockland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Require the Use of Generic  
18 Drugs in the Low-cost Drug Program  
19 for the Elderly.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 22 MRSA §254, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c.  
24 619, §1, is amended to read:

25 4. Method of prescribing or ordering drugs. The  
26 method of prescribing or ordering ~~such these~~ drugs  
27 which may include, but not be limited to, ~~the use of~~  
28 ~~generic prescribing and~~ the use of standard prescrip-  
29 tion refill sizes so as to minimize operational  
30 costs. The use of generic equivalent drugs shall be  
31 required unless the prescribing physician otherwise  
32 indicates;

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to require the use of money-saving generic equivalent drugs under the low cost drug program for the elderly, unless the prescribing physician requires that a brand name drug be used. The change required by this bill could save money and thereby allow the program's limited funds to be extended to more people.

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