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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MANNING of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative GOODRIDGE of Cornville, Representative HICHENS of Eliot and Senator CONLEY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Institute Conformity to the Low-cost Drug Program.

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

22 MRSA §254, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, 4 c. 66, is amended to read:

6 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 standard or larger prescription refill sizes so as to minimize operational costs and to maximize
10 economy. Unless the prescribing physician indicates otherwise, the use of generic or chemically equivalent drugs shall-be is
12 required, provided that these drugs are of the same quality and have the same mode of delivery as is provided to the general
14 public, consistent with good pharmaceutical practice;

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows greater flexibility in the size of refills of prescription drugs available through the elderly low-cost drug program.

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