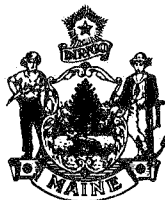


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House of Representatives, March 20, 1997

An Act Regarding Information Provided to Pharmaceutical Companies.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: MAYO of Bath, McELROY of Unity, QUINT of Portland, SHIAH of
Bowdoinham, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13796** is enacted to read:

6 **§13796. Prohibited disclosures of prescribing practices**

8 A pharmacist, health maintenance organization, insurance
10 company or pharmaceutical wholesaler may not provide a
12 pharmaceutical company, for marketing purposes, with information
14 concerning the prescribing practices of any practitioner.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill prohibits pharmacists, health maintenance
20 organizations, insurance companies or pharmaceutical wholesalers
from giving information used for marketing purposes to drug
companies about the prescribing practices of physicians and
others who can lawfully prescribe drugs.