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Legislative Document

No. 170

S.P. 67

In Senate, January 11, 1999

An Act Regarding a Prescription Drug Consortium.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn and
Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, MUSE of South Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §258 is enacted to read:**

6 **§258. Prescription drug consortium established**

8 The department shall establish or join with other states in
10 a consortium for purchasing prescription drugs for low-income and
12 elderly residents of the State. The department shall report to
14 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
16 jurisdiction over health and human services matters on or before
January 1, 2000 on progress in establishing a consortium. The
report must include recommendations for legislation and
rulemaking to implement a program to distribute to low-income and
elderly residents the prescription drugs purchased through the
consortium.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill directs the Department of Human Services to
22 establish or join with other states in a consortium for the
24 purchase of prescription drugs for low-income and elderly Maine
26 residents. The bill requires a report to the Joint Standing
Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2000
containing recommendations for legislation and rulemaking.