

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1564

H.P. 1105

House of Representatives, March 2, 1999

An Act to Require That Physician Signatures on Prescriptions Be Legible.

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 KASPRZAK of Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3300-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§3300-A. Identification of persons prescribing medicines on
prescription blanks**

8 A physician who writes a prescription upon a prescription
10 blank shall sign the physician's name and cause that name to be
12 printed, stamped or typed below the signature so that the name of
the physician is clearly legible. The physician's identification
number must be included with the name for identification purposes
by a pharmacist.

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16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a physician to print, stamp or type the
20 physician's name below the signature blank for prescriptions in
order for pharmacists to identify the physician requesting the
22 prescription. The physician's identification number must also be
printed, stamped or typed alongside the physician's name.