

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1873

S.P. 651

In Senate, March 16, 1999

An Act to Require Prescription Labels to Include Certain Information.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 BENOIT of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13794**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 710, §5, is
amended to read:

6 **§13794. Labeling of prescriptions**

8 Every drug dispensed pursuant to prescription, whether for a
legend drug or not, shall must carry on the label the following
10 information: The the prescription number; the date of filling;
the patient's name; directions for use; the name and strength of
12 the drug and the amount dispensed, including either the brand
name of the drug or, if a generic and therapeutically equivalent
14 drug is dispensed, it shall must be in accordance with section
13781; the medical diagnosis for which the prescription has been
16 prescribed; the name of the practitioner prescribing the drug;
and the name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy where
18 the prescription was compounded and dispensed.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires that for all prescriptions written, in
24 addition to information already required on the label, the
medical diagnosis for which the prescription is written must also
26 appear on the label.