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House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

An Act to Ensure that Parents of Children Prescribed Psychotropic Drugs Receive Adequate Information.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ASH of Belfast, FULLER of Manchester, LEDWIN of Holden, MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, RICHARD of Madison, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

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

§13796. Psychotropic drugs

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Prior to a practitioner prescribing a psychotropic drug to a 8 person under 18 years of age, the practitioner must have the person's parent or guardian read the full information on the 10 psychotropic drug in a nationally recognized physician's desk reference family guide to prescription drugs and obtain written 12 attestation from the parent or guardian that the information, including the drug's side effects, is understood. If the parent 14 or legal guardian does not understand the written psychotropic drug information, the practitioner shall fully explain the 16 information, including the drug's side effects, to the parent or guardian before obtaining the written attestation. The attestation must be kept on file as part of the person's medical 18 record. 20

SUMMARY

24 This bill requires a practitioner, prior to prescribing a psychotropic drug to a person under 18 years of age, to ensure that the person's parent or guardian fully understands the information concerning the drug, including the drug's side effects.