MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY

at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied (searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

Legislative Document

No. 1816

S.P. 636

In Senate, May 29, 2001

Resolve, Regarding Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Benefits

(NEW DRAFT OF S.P. 528, L.D.1651)

(NEW TITLE)

Reported by Senator Martin from the Committee on Health and Human Services and printed under Joint Rule 310.4.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Original Bill sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York, TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: LOVETT of Scarborough. Sec. 1. Study regarding pharmacists. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall undertake a study of the implications of including pharmacists as health care practitioners under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, chapter 21. In conducting the study, the bureau shall solicit information from the Maine Pharmacy Association and the Maine Board of Pharmacy. The bureau shall report the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2002 and shall include any recommendations from the bureau; and be it further

12

14

16

18

20

22

24

10

2

6

8

Sec. 2. Study regarding pharmaceutical benefits. Resolved: the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall undertake a study of the feasibility, costs and implications of establishing by rule а pharmaceutical benefits identification card for issuance by health coverage providers that provide pharmaceutical benefits, including insurers, health maintenance organizations and other The bureau shall providers of health coverage. information from the Maine Pharmacy Association and the Maine Board of Pharmacy. The bureau shall report the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2002 and shall include any recommendations from the bureau.

26

FISCAL NOTE

28

30

32

The Bureau of Insurance within the Department Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor study the implications of additional costs to including pharmacists as health care practitioners and the feasibility, cost and implications of establishing a standardized pharmaceutical benefits identification card. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

36

38

40

42

44

46

48

50

34

SUMMARY

This resolve is a new draft of 2 provisions of L.D. 1651, which was voted "Ought to Pass in New Draft" by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. This resolve requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to undertake 2 studies and to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with the results of the studies by January 1, 2002. The studies cover amending the Maine Health Security Act so that it includes pharmacists as health care practitioners and the feasibility, cost and implications of establishing by rules a standardized pharmaceutical benefits identification card.