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House of Representatives, January 16, 2003

An Act To Allow Free Clinics To Purchase Medications and Supplies through State Contracts

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: BREault of Buxton, CANAVAN of Waterville, DUDLEY of Portland,
MARLEY of Portland, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of
North Haven, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718** is enacted to read:

6 **§1718. Free clinics**

8 A health care facility licensed under this Title as a
10 federally qualified health center, federally qualified look-alike
12 or rural health clinic that provides free primary and preventive
14 care services may purchase prescription drugs and medical
16 supplies for patients who utilize the health centers for free
18 services or supplies through an arrangement with the department,
20 the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, the
22 Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety or any
24 agency or entity that purchases prescription drugs or medical
26 supplies through a contract with the State. By January 1, 2004,
28 the department, the Department of Behavioral and Developmental
30 Services, the Department of Corrections and the Department of
32 Public Safety shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows health care facilities that are federally
28 qualified health centers, federally qualified look-alikes or
30 rural health centers that provide primary and preventive care
32 services to purchase through state agencies or state contracts
prescription drugs and medical supplies for patients to whom they
provide free care. The bill requires rulemaking by January 1,
2004 to implement the directive.