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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 111, L.D. 102, Bill, "An Act to Require Disclosure of Retail Prescription Drug Prices"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13784, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Retail price. With each prescription dispensed, the pharmacist shall disclose to the patient in writing the usual and customary price of the prescription and the cost of any payment toward the price required of the patient.

Sec. 2. Application. The provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13874, subsection 3 apply to a pharmacy beginning January 1, 2006 or when the pharmacy updates its computer software program with regard to prescription drug price and patient payment, whichever occurs first.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement that price information be provided on the label, removes the restriction to new prescriptions only and removes the requirement that price information be provided on the receipt. It requires disclosure

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2 in writing of the usual and customary price and the payment
required of the patient when a prescription is filled. The
amendment applies these requirements January 1, 2006 or when
4 computer software with regard to prescription drug price and
patient payment is updated by a pharmacy, whichever occurs first.