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An Act To Authorize Collaborative Practice for Emergency Contraception

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research 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 President DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick and
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BRUNO of
Raymond, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, McNEIL of Rockland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,
PINGREE of North Haven, RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 117, sub-c. 12** is enacted to read:

6 **SUBCHAPTER 12**

8 **COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION**

10 **§13821. Short title**

12 This subchapter is known and may be cited as "the Collaborative Practice for Emergency Contraception Act."

14 **§13822. Collaborative practice authorized**

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed pharmacist who has completed the training required in section 13823 may initiate emergency contraception drug therapy in accordance with standardized procedures or protocols developed by the pharmacist and an authorized prescriber who is acting within the prescriber's scope of practice.

22 **§13823. Training required**

24 Prior to performing any procedure authorized under this chapter, a pharmacist must have completed a training program on emergency contraception, delivered by an entity authorized by a national council on pharmaceutical education, or another training program approved by the board. The training program must include, but is not limited to, conduct of sensitive communications, quality assurance, referral to additional services and documentation.

34 **§13824. Provision of standardized fact sheet required**

36 For each emergency contraception drug therapy initiated pursuant to this subchapter, the pharmacist shall provide the recipient of the emergency contraceptive drugs with a standardized fact sheet developed by the board that includes, but is not limited to, the indications for use of the drug, the appropriate method for using the drug, the need for medical follow-up and referral information, information on sexual assault and referral information and other appropriate information.

44 **§13825. Confidentiality**

46 Nothing in this subchapter affects the provisions of law relating to maintaining the confidentiality of medical records.

2 **Sec. 2. Development of fact sheet.** In developing the fact sheet
3 required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section
4 13824, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
5 Maine Board of Pharmacy shall consult with and solicit input from
6 the Department of Human Services, the American College of
7 Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Maine Pharmacy Association
8 and other relevant health care organizations. After this
9 consultation and review, the Maine Board of Pharmacy may use, as
10 its standardized fact sheet, an existing publication developed by
11 nationally recognized medical organizations.

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SUMMARY

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14 This bill authorizes a pharmacist to initiate emergency
15 contraception drug therapy in accordance with standardized
16 protocols developed by the pharmacist and an authorized
17 prescriber acting within his or her scope of practice. The bill
18 requires a pharmacist who initiates emergency contraception drug
19 therapy pursuant to these provisions to provide the recipient
20 with a standardized fact sheet developed by the Department of
21 Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy,
22 in consultation with the Department of Human Services, the
23 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Maine
24 Pharmacy Association and other health care organizations.

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26 The bill also requires that prior to performing this
27 procedure a pharmacist complete a specified training program.
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