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House of Representatives, December 22, 2003

An Act To Permit the Filling of a Prescription Refill Prior to the End of the Prescription

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOWEN of Rockport, CRAVEN of Lewiston, EARLE of Damariscotta,
PARADIS of Frenchville, SUSLOVIC of Portland, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WOODBURY of
Yarmouth, Senator: HALL of Lincoln.

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

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

6 **§13796. Refills requested by professional nursing service**

8 A pharmacist may refill a prescription for a nonnarcotic
10 drug up to one week prior to the end of the prescription when the
12 refill is requested by a registered professional nurse providing
14 nursing services in a home setting. By October 1, 2004, the
16 board shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
18 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined
20 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill proposes to allow pharmacists to refill a
20 prescription for a nonnarcotic drug up to a week prior to the end
22 of the prescription if the refill is ordered by a registered
 professional nurse providing nursing services in a home setting.
 The bill proposes to direct the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt
 routine technical rules to implement the section.