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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 369, L.D. 494, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Program for the Purchase of Prescription Drugs from out of the State and out of the Country for the Elderly and Disabled"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish a Program for the Purchase of Prescription Drugs from out of the Country for the Elderly and Disabled'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§254-C." by striking out all of the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 5 and 6 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'§254-C. Prescription drug program for out-of-country prescription drugs'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§254-C." by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 1, lines 8 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The department shall establish a prescription drug program, when permitted by federal law or by the granting of a waiver by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, to provide access to prescription drugs from out of the country to residents of the State who are 62 years of age or older or have disabilities. The program must operate within the limits of federal law and regulation and state law and rule.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§254-C.~~" in subsection 3 in paragraph C in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 40 and 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "located outside of the State and outside of the country, including Canada" and inserting in its place the following: 'located outside the country, provided that the department has specifically approved the use of any pharmacies located outside the country'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the prescription drug program to operate within the limits of federal law and regulation and state law and rule and authorizes it to operate when permitted by federal law or under a federal waiver. The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to specifically approve the use of any pharmacy outside the country that is used by the program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/28/05 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 494

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An Act To Establish a Program for the Purchase of Prescription Drugs from out of the State and out of the Country for the Elderly and Disabled

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources. The State already has such an initiative in progress.