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In Senate, May 3, 2005

An Act Regarding the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Senator Mayo for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 576 and printed under Joint Rule 401.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the beginning date of July 1, 2005 of the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program, enacted by Public Law 2003, chapter 679, is contingent upon the acquisition of outside funding that has not been obtained; and

10 Whereas, enactment of a later beginning date of July 1, 2006 will allow for a more orderly beginning for the program; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2700, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 679, 22 §1 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

24 Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund; funding. 5. The Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund, referred to in 26 this chapter as "the fund," is established within the agency to be used by the director of the agency to fund or assist in funding the program. Any balance in the fund does not lapse but 28 is carried forward to be expended for the same purposes in 30 succeeding fiscal years. The fund must be deposited with and maintained and administered by the agency. The agency may accept funds into the fund from any non-General Fund, -- nonpublic -- fund 32 source, including grants or contributions of money or other things of value, that it determines necessary to carry out the 34 purposes of this chapter. Money received by the agency to establish and maintain the program must be used for the expenses 36 of administering this chapter.

Sec. 2. PL 2003, c. 679, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. Effective date. That section of this Act that enacts
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 604 takes effect July 1, 2005 2006.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

This bill allows the acceptance into the Unused Pharmaceutical Disposal Program Fund of public funds that are not General Fund funds and changes the beginning date of the program from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006. This bill is an emergency bill that takes effect when approved. 8

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