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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1267, L.D. 1827, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Prescription Drug Labels"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study Prescription Drug Labeling Requirements'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Prescription drug labeling practices. Resolved:** That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall review the following: current statutory requirements for prescription drug labeling, pharmacy practices in the area of prescription drug labeling and the methods used by pharmacists to inform consumers about their prescription drugs and any substitutions made to prescriptions; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters by January 15, 2007 its findings under section 1 and its recommendations for best practices in prescription drug labeling and for enhancing methods for providing consumer information and education in this area. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on prescription drug labeling practices to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to review current statutory requirements for prescription drug labeling, pharmacy practices in the area of prescription drug labeling and methods used by pharmacists to inform consumers about their prescription drugs and any substitutions made to prescriptions. It requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters by January 15, 2007 its findings and its recommendations for best practices in the area of prescription drug labeling and enhancing methods for providing consumer information and education in this area. This amendment also provides that the joint standing committee has the authority to report out legislation on prescription drug labeling practices to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1827

LR 2475(02)

An Act To Clarify Prescription Drug Labels

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

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation associated with conducting the required review can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.