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H.P. 1267

House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

### An Act To Clarify Prescription Drug Labels

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. 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 THOMPSON of China.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BURNS of Berwick, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13781, 4th ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 710,  
§5, is amended to read:

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8       Any pharmacist who substitutes a generic and therapeutically  
equivalent drug under this section shall inform the person to  
whom the drug is dispensed of the substitution. When any  
substitution is made under this section, the pharmacist shall  
10       cause the name of the generic and therapeutically equivalent  
12       drug, the name of the drug as it appeared on the prescription,  
the name or abbreviation of the drug manufacturer or distributor  
of that substitute drug and all other information as required by  
14       section 13794 to appear on the container label of the drug  
dispensed.

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**SUMMARY**

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22       This bill requires a pharmacist who fills a prescription  
using a generic drug to include on the prescription container the  
name of the drug as it appeared on the prescription.