

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 Health and Human Services  
majority

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5 STATE OF MAINE  
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 122ND LEGISLATURE  
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1392, L.D. 1987, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Increase Consumer Awareness of Prescription Drug Pricing"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the  
12 summary and inserting in its place the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13797 is enacted to read:

14 §13797. Prescription drug price information

15 A pharmacist or person acting at the direction of a pharmacist who is asked for  
16 consumer price information regarding prescription drugs shall provide to the consumer  
17 the current usual and customary price for cash customers and, if reasonably obtainable by  
18 the pharmacist or person acting at the direction of the pharmacist, the price applicable to  
19 the consumer. A pharmacy shall post a notice to consumers informing them that they  
20 may obtain current usual and customary price information from the pharmacist.

21 **Sec. 2. Basic prescription drug information.** By January 1, 2007, the  
22 Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance and the Department of Health and  
23 Human Services, Office of Elder Services shall convene a working group to discuss  
24 consumer access to prescription drug information and shall post on a publicly accessible  
25 website basic prescription drug information, including, but not limited to, locations and  
26 phone numbers of pharmacies in the State and information for consumers on obtaining  
27 current usual and customary price information.'

28 SUMMARY

29 This amendment replaces the bill. It requires a pharmacist or person acting at the  
30 direction of a pharmacist to provide usual and customary price information to consumers  
31 and, if reasonably obtainable, the price applicable to the consumer. The amendment  
32 directs a pharmacy to post a notice about the availability of price information. The  
33 amendment also directs the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance and the  
34 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Elder Services to convene a  
35 working group to discuss consumer access to prescription drug information and to post on  
36 the Internet basic prescription drug information.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



Approved: 03/29/06 *MAC*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 3066(02)

**An Act To Increase Consumer Awareness of Prescription Drug Pricing**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**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 Maine Board of Pharmacy within the Office of Licensing and Registration, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Any additional costs to the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance or the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.