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House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Expiration Dates

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUPREY of Hampden,
GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, HOTHAM of Dixfield, LEWIN of Eliot, PERRY of Calais,
WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Rulemaking.** By January 1, 2008, the Department of Professional and
3 Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules regarding the
4 attachment of expiration dates to prescription drugs dispensed by pharmacists. The rules
5 must provide protection for patients and may allow use of the drugs only to the date
6 supported by the highest standards of pharmacology and scientific research. Rules
7 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine
8 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine
11 Board of Pharmacy to adopt routine technical rules by January 1, 2008 regarding the
12 attachment of expiration dates to prescription drugs dispensed by pharmacists, providing
13 protection for patients and allowing use of the drugs only to the date supported by the
14 highest standards of pharmacology and scientific research.