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House of Representatives, January 26, 2007

An Act To Provide for Prescription Monitoring and Protection of Personal Patient Information

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested
and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HINCK of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CANAVAN of Waterville, CONNOR of
Kennebunk, CRAVEN of Lewiston, PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, Senators:
BARTLETT of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to amend current law to establish an electronic prescription drug
6 monitoring system to enhance patient safety by providing a means to avoid medication
7 errors. The electronic prescription drug monitoring system will allow pharmacists,
8 physicians and other authorized health care providers to obtain a complete record of all
9 drugs prescribed to a patient, identify the prescribing physician for each drug and list the
10 dates on which each prescription was filled. This information will give health care
11 providers additional means to ensure that patients do not have adverse reactions due to
12 incompatible drug interactions or over-prescription of medications from multiple
13 prescribing physicians. The bill proposes to direct the Department of Health and Human
14 Services to apply for federal funds and seek other funding sources to develop the
15 electronic prescription drug monitoring system.

16 This bill also proposes to amend current law to prevent the unauthorized collection,
17 use, sale or exchange of confidential patient prescription drug information for commercial
18 use, financial gain or other unauthorized purposes and to levy penalties that are stringent
19 enough to deter these activities.