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An Act To Prevent Overcharging for Prescription Drug Copayments

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Presented by Representative TREAT of Farmingdale.
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Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CARTER of Bethel,
CLEARY of Houlton, MAZUREK of Rockland, MILLER of Somerville, Senators: President
EDMONDS of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13784, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 375, §1 and
3 affected by RR 2003, c. 2, §120, is amended to read:

4 **3. Retail price.** With each prescription dispensed, the pharmacist shall disclose to
5 the patient in writing the usual and customary price of the prescription and the cost of any
6 payment toward the price required of the patient. In cases in which the cost of filling a
7 prescription without charging the patient's insurance company is less than the patient's
8 insurance copayment, the pharmacist shall disclose this information to the patient and
9 charge the patient the lesser amount.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires pharmacists to notify patients when the cost of filling a prescription
12 without insurance is less than the patient's insurance copayment and requires the
13 pharmacist to charge the patient the lower amount.