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An Act To Review Prescription Drug Prior Authorization under MaineCare

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-M, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Prior authorization.** The procedure for implementing a formulary under this
4 section must include a process for the prescribing provider to obtain prior authorization
5 for the dispensation of a prescribed drug to a MaineCare member. The procedure must
6 include an annual review by the department, to be completed by October 1st each year
7 beginning in 2007, of the drugs subject to prior authorization, the clinical and scientific
8 basis for the determination to apply prior authorization to the drug and analysis of the
9 economic implications to the MaineCare program.

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SUMMARY

11 This bill adds language regarding prior authorization to the MaineCare drug
12 formulary statute and, beginning October 1, 2007, requires an annual review of the drugs
13 subject to prior authorization, the clinical and scientific basis for prior authorization and
14 analysis of the economic implications to the MaineCare program.