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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 644, L.D. 1672, Bill, "An Act To Require a Pharmacist To Provide Prior Notification to and Obtain Consent from the Prescribing Physician before Changing from One Formulation or Manufacturer of an Antiepileptic Drug to Another"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and replacing it with the following:

'Resolve, Regarding the Dispensing of Antiepileptic Drugs'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Maine Board of Pharmacy, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services shall each designate one or more officials to conduct a study for the purpose of examining substitution within the antiepileptic class of drugs, current state laws governing substitutions generally, the powers available to prescribers under current substitution laws and whether there is a need to grant any additional powers to prescribers in this State for any one class of drugs. This study must take into account the findings and opinions on this topic of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association and within any statistically valid peer-reviewed research in this area. The study group shall submit its findings in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 15, 2011.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A" with a resolve that directs a study group to examine substitution within the antiepileptic class of medications, current state laws governing substitutions generally, the powers available to prescribers under current substitution laws and whether there is a need to grant any additional powers to prescribers in this State for any one class of drugs. The study group shall submit its

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2 over health and human services matters no later than January 15, 2011.

3 SPONSORED BY:

Rob Murrache

4 (Senator MARRACHE)

5 COUNTY: Kennebec

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1672

LR 2249(04)

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Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Marrache of Kennebec

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Board of Pharmacy within the Office of Licensing and Registration, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Board of Licensure in Medicine, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Office of MaineCare Services in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance to conduct the required study and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.