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House of Representatives, March 17, 2011

An Act To Improve Electronic Prescribing

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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 improve the electronic prescription drug program by establishing an electronic prior authorization system that: 6 1. Is aligned with the SCRIPT standard as set forth by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs; 8 9 2. Is required to be included as a part of all devices and software and hardware 10 systems that facilitate the electronic submission of prescription drug orders; 3. Uses a universal format for prior authorizations; 11 12 4. Notifies the patient's preferred pharmacy of pending prior authorizations; 13 5. Provides specific feedback to the prescriber on acceptable reasons for approval of a prior authorization request for a prescription drug prescribed for a patient; and 14 15 6. Provides real-time feedback on the prior authorization request to a prescriber and a patient's preferred pharmacy, which provides an explanation of benefits for the patient 16 and includes information on how to appeal in the event of a denial of the requested 17

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medication.