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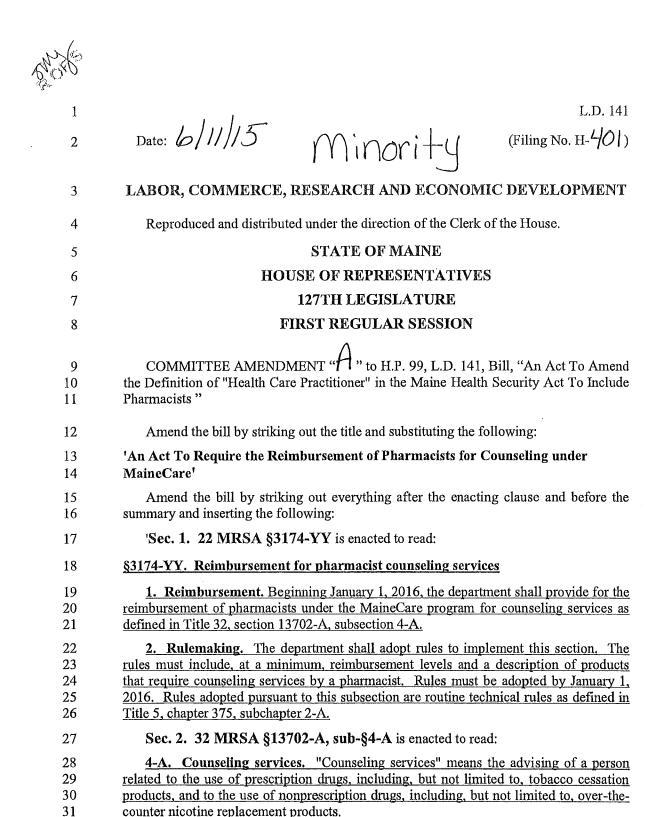
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Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§28, as amended by PL 2013, c. 308, §2, is

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further amended to read:



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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " to H.P. 99, L.D. 141

28. Practice of pharmacy. "Practice of pharmacy" means the interpretation and evaluation of prescription drug orders; the compounding, dispensing and labeling of drugs and devices, except labeling by a manufacturer, packer or distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices; the participation in drug selection and drug utilization reviews; the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records for these drugs and devices; the administration of vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or successor organization, for administration to adults; the performance of collaborative drug therapy management; the responsibility for advising, when necessary or regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices; counseling services; and the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control of a pharmacy.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It strikes the bill and it requires pharmacists providing counseling services within the scope of their practice to be reimbursed by MaineCare. It provides a definition of "counseling services," which includes advising a person about prescription and nonprescription drugs that include but are not limited to tobacco cessation products, and includes counseling services in the scope of practice of pharmacists. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt routine technical rules to reimburse pharmacists for counseling services.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See Attached)



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 141

LR 1430(02)

An Act To Amend the Definition of "Health Care Practitioner" in the Maine Health Security Act To Include Pharmacists

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'H' (H -40) Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.