

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 308

House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

An Act To Promote the Disposal of Unused Medications

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and
Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop, LYFORD of Eddington, POULIOT of Augusta,
SANDERSON of Chelsea, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13791-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§13791-A. Prescriptions no longer required; disposal**

4 A prescription drug or legend drug may be returned to the issuing pharmacy by the
5 person for whom the prescription drug or legend drug was dispensed, by the person's
6 guardian or by the staff of a residential facility providing services to the person. The
7 pharmacy shall accept that prescription drug or legend drug and dispose of it in a manner
8 that is designed to be effective, secure and in compliance with local, state and federal
9 environmental requirements, including the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery
10 Act of 1976, as amended. A fee may not be charged by the pharmacy for the cost of
11 disposal.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill allows the return of a prescription drug to the issuing pharmacy by the
14 person for whom the drug was dispensed, by the person's guardian or by the staff of a
15 residential facility providing services to the person. The pharmacy is required to dispose
16 of the prescription drug in a manner that complies with local, state and federal
17 environmental requirements. The cost of disposal is borne by the issuing pharmacy.