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House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13735, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 308, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 An annual renewal license may not be issued by the board until the applicant certifies
5 to the board that, during the calendar year preceding an application for renewal, the
6 applicant has participated in not less than 15 hours of approved courses of continuing
7 professional pharmaceutical education as set out in this section. ~~Of~~ For a pharmacist
8 authorized to administer drugs and immunizations, of the 15 hours to be completed, at least
9 2 hours must be in board-approved courses on drug administration as described in section
10 13702-A, subsection 28. A pharmacist who enters into a collaborative practice agreement
11 must agree to complete, in each year of the agreement, 5 of the 15 hours required in this
12 section in the areas of practice covered by the agreement. The continuing professional
13 pharmaceutical educational courses consist of postgraduate studies, institutes, seminars,
14 workshops, lectures, conferences, extension studies, correspondence courses or such other
15 forms of continuing professional pharmaceutical education as may be approved by the
16 board.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the law governing continuing pharmacy education by providing that
19 only pharmacists authorized to administer drugs and immunizations are required to
20 complete at least 2 hours in board-approved courses on drug administration.