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History and Final Disposition

LD 2599 / SP1026

An Act to Establish Fairer Pricing for Prescription Drugs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative ROWE of Portland and Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, CAREY of Kennebec, CATHCART of Penobscot, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, FERGUSON of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LAWRENCE of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, MURRAY of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, O'GARA of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ANDREWS of York, BERRY of Livermore, BOLDUC of Auburn, BROOKS of Winterport, BULL of Freeport, CLARK of Millinocket, COLWELL of Gardiner, COWGER of Hallowell, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ETNIER of Harpswell, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNON of Waterville, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, KANE of Saco, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, LINDAHL of Northport, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKEE of Wayne, McNEIL of Rockland, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MURPHY of Berwick, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEAL of Limestone, PIEH of Bremen, POWERS of Rockport, RICHARD of Madison, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SAVAGE of Union, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, SIROIS of Caribou, STANLEY of Medway, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TESSIER of Fairfield, THOMPSON of Naples, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRACY of Rome, TRIPP of Topsham, TWOMEY of Biddeford, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WATSON of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Eliot, WILLIAMS of Orono. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 03/08/00. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/11/00. Amended by: HA/SA H-1187, SA S-803. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/11/00, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 786.

SP1091

Joint Order, Recalling LD 2599 from the Governor's Desk to the Senate. Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox. Final Disposition: Passed in Concurrence 04/28/00.

Original Bill

[LD 2599 \(119th Legis. 2000\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-686\) \(LD 2599 2000\) \(Majority\)](#)

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[Amendment HA/CA \(H-1114\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-1122\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

[Amendment HC/CA \(H-1129\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-703\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-706\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

[Amendment HA/SA \(H-1187\) \(LD 2599 2000\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-803\) \(LD 2599 2000\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SC/CA \(S-806\) \(LD 2599 2000\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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- p. S-2319 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-686, H-1114)

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- p. S-2328 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2330)) (Amendment(s) S-686, H-1114)

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- p. S-2354 (Amendment(s) S-686)

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- p. S-2412 (Amendment(s) S-686)

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- p. H-2697 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s))

[SENATE, April 27, 2000 \(S2427-2476\)](#)

- p. S-2468 (Remarks)

[SENATE, April 27, 2000 \(S2427-2476\)](#)

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- p. H-2720 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2729 (2))) (Amendment(s) S-686, S-803, H-1187 (p 2725))

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[Prescription Drug Academic Detailing Program: Calendar Year 2010: A Report by the Dep't of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services \(2010\)](#)

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Advocates push for drug price controls (Journal Tribune, 3/8/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119304.pdf)

Elderly voice worry about prescriptions (Moore, Michael O'D.) (Bangor Daily News, 3/9/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119755.pdf)

Speakers decry drug prices (Williamson, Josh) (Journal Tribune, 3/9/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119753.pdf)

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Legislative panel backs plan to create drug-pricing board (Bangor Daily News, 3/22/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119777.pdf)

Prescription drug plan OK'd (Kesich, Gregory) (Kennebec Journal, 3/22/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119399.pdf)

Committee passes drug-cost limit, but vote reveals clear partisan split (Kesich, Gregory) (Portland Press Herald, 3/22/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119776.pdf)

Bill targets drug prices (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/22/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119778.pdf)

Solon expects intense lobbying against prescription drug bill that would set precedent for price controls (Cleaves, Herb) (Downeast Coastal Press, 3/28/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119434.pdf)

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King cool to bill (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/13/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119546.pdf)

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Lawmakers struggle with drug proposal (Higgins, A.J.) (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119644.pdf)

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- Drug pricing: It's a deal (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/11/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119840.pdf)
- State to oversee price of drugs (Moore, Michael O'D.) (Bangor Daily News, 5/12/2000) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD25xx/nc119-LD-2599/SB119841.pdf)
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