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**121st Legislature (2002-2004)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 554 / SP0194

An Act To Protect Against Unfair Prescription Drug Practices. Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: HALL of Lincoln, HATCH of Somerset, LaFOUNTAIN of York, MAYO of Sagadahoc, STANLEY of Penobscot, Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, KANE of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 03/24/03. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 06/02/03. Amended by: CA S-204. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/13/03, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 456.

**Original Bill**

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**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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**Enacted Law or Resolve**

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**News Articles**

High prescription drug prices spur flurry of legislative offers (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 3/4/2003, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211377.pdf)

Bills target prescription drug prices (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 3/5/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211386.pdf)

Maine lawmakers launch new efforts to cut drug costs (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/5/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB121711.pdf)

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Drug makers balk at disclosing costs (Huang, Josie) (Portland Press Herald, 3/25/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB121838.pdf)

Senator pushes for prescription (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/29/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211429.pdf)

Prescription drug bills win support (Cover, Susan M.) (Kennebec Journal, 4/1/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB121883.pdf)

Committee OKs drug bills (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/2/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB121889.pdf)

Drug benefit managers should work for clients, not drug firms (Portland Press Herald, 5/28/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211096.pdf)

House, Senate vote for ethics bill (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 6/3/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211480.pdf)

Governor acting on drug legislation (Adams, Glenn) (Kennebec Journal, 6/4/2003, p. A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD05xx/nc121-LD-0554/SB1211137.pdf)

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