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LD 673 An Act To Create the Insulin Safety Net Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 303 establishes the Insulin Safety Net Program, which is modeled after a similar program in Minnesota. The law requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to oversee the program. The law requires that, by March 1, 2022, manufacturers of insulin establish procedures to make insulin available to pharmacies for dispensing to eligible individuals who are in urgent need of insulin or who need access to an affordable insulin supply. Manufacturers whose aggregate total of insulin sold, delivered or distributed in this State exceed 500,000 units of insulin in a year must register with the State and pay a registration fee of \$75,000 to support the administration of the program. The law requires annual reporting to the Legislature beginning February 15, 2023 on the number of Maine residents accessing insulin through the program and the cost to manufacturer and includes a provision to repeal the program on January 1, 2027.

LD 686 An Act To Increase Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 305 amends the law governing prescription drug pricing for purchasers. It changes a requirement that a manufacturer notify the Maine Health Data Organization when the manufacturer has taken certain actions regarding high prescription drug pricing to a requirement that the organization produce and post on its publicly accessible website a list of prescription drugs for which manufacturers have taken those actions. It requires the organization to produce and post on its publicly accessible website a list of drug product families for which it intends to request pricing component data from manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors and pharmacy benefits managers and to notify the manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors and pharmacy benefits managers before requesting pricing component data. The law also amends related public reporting and confidentiality requirements.

LD 790 An Act Clarifying Patient Consent for Certain Medical Examinations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 92 clarifies that written informed consent is not required for pelvic, rectal or prostate examinations performed on a conscious patient; in such cases the informed consent must be obtained orally.

Public Law 2021, chapter 92 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2021.