

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative Information **cannot** perform research, provide legal advice, or interpret Maine law. For legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13797** is enacted to read:

§ 13797. Prescription drug price information

A pharmacist or person acting at the direction of a pharmacist who is asked for consumer price information regarding prescription drugs shall provide to the consumer the current usual and customary price for cash customers and, if reasonably obtainable by the pharmacist or person acting at the direction of the pharmacist, the price applicable to the consumer. A pharmacy shall post a notice to consumers informing them that they may obtain current usual and customary price information from the pharmacist.

Sec. 2. Basic prescription drug information. By January 1, 2007, the Governor’s Office of Health Policy and Finance and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Elder Services shall convene a working group to discuss consumer access to prescription drug information and shall post on a publicly accessible website basic prescription drug information, including, but not limited to, locations and phone numbers of pharmacies in the State and information for consumers on obtaining current usual and customary price information.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires a pharmacist or person acting at the direction of a pharmacist to provide usual and customary price information to consumers and, if reasonably obtainable, the price applicable to the consumer. The amendment directs a pharmacy to post a notice about the availability of price information. The amendment also directs the Governor’s Office of Health Policy and Finance and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Elder Services to convene a working group to discuss consumer access to prescription drug information and to post on the Internet basic prescription drug information.