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'Resolve, Regarding the Dispensing of Antiepileptic Drugs'

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'Sec. 1 Study. Resolved: That the Maine Board of Pharmacy, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services shall each designate one or more officials to conduct a study for the purpose of examining substitution within the antiepileptic class of drugs, current state laws governing substitutions generally, the powers available to prescribers under current substitution laws and whether there is a need to grant any additional powers to prescribers in this State for any one class of drugs. This study must take into account the findings and opinions on this topic of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association and within any statistically valid peer-reviewed research in this area. The study group shall submit its findings in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 15, 2011.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A" with a resolve that directs a study group to examine substitution within the antiepileptic class of medications, current state laws governing substitutions generally, the powers available to prescribers under current substitution laws and whether there is a need to grant any additional powers to prescribers in this State for any one class of drugs. The study group shall submit its findings in a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 15, 2011.