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In Senate, February 28, 2017

An Act To Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription Drugs

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn and

Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

| I | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20 is enacted to read: |
| 3 | §20. Prescription drug prices under MaineCare |
| 4 5 6 | Unless prohibited under the United States Social Security Act or any other federal law or regulation, the commissioner shall negotiate the lowest purchase price for all prescription drugs for any program administered under the auspices of MaineCare. |
| 7 | SUMMARY |
| 8 9 10 | This bill requires, unless prohibited by federal law, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to negotiate the lowest purchase price for all prescription drugs for programs under MaineCare. |