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**An Act To Facilitate the Licensing of International Mail Order  
Prescription Pharmacies by the Maine Board of Pharmacy**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset, Representative TREAT of Hallowell and  
Senators: CAIN of Penobscot, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HILL of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§17**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. DD,  
3 §2, is amended to read:

4 **17. Mail order prescription pharmacy.** "Mail order prescription pharmacy" means  
5 an entity located inside or outside the United States that dispenses prescription  
6 medications by mail or carrier from a facility not located in this State to a pharmacy or to  
7 a patient who resides in this State.

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13721, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 245, §8, is further  
9 amended to read:

10 **2. Reciprocal inspections.** The board may enter into reciprocal inspection  
11 agreements with any state or country in which a mail order prescription facility selling  
12 drugs to Maine citizens is located.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the licensing of international mail order  
15 prescription pharmacies by the Maine Board of Pharmacy. This bill:

16 1. Specifies that, for the purposes of the Maine Pharmacy Act, "mail order  
17 prescription pharmacy" includes an entity located outside the United States that dispenses  
18 prescription medications by mail or carrier from a facility not located in this State to a  
19 pharmacy or to a patient who resides in this State; and

20 2. Authorizes the Maine Board of Pharmacy to enter into reciprocal inspection  
21 agreements with any country in which a mail order prescription facility that sells drugs to  
22 Maine citizens is located.