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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1832** is enacted to read:

§ 1832. Scope of services of hospital pharmacy

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Hospital pharmacy" means a facility that is owned by and located in a hospital and is engaged in dispensing, delivering or distributing prescription drugs.
- B. "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 1812-A.
- C. "Prescription drug" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 13702-A, subsection 30.

2. Scope of services. A hospital pharmacy may dispense prescription drugs:

- A. To a person who is receiving health care services from the hospital;
- B. To a nursing facility that is affiliated with the hospital; and
- C. To active and retired hospital employees and hospital staff members and to dependents of the people listed in this paragraph.’

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies language regarding the scope of services of a hospital pharmacy by allowing the pharmacy to dispense prescription drugs to active and retired hospital employees and hospital staff members and to their dependents and making technical changes. The amendment removes from the bill mention of long-term care facilities and affiliates of a hospital.