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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 434, L.D. 1406, Bill, “An Act Regarding the Scope of Services That May Be Provided by Pharmacies Owned by Hospitals”

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

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1 members and to their dependents and making technical changes. The amendment  
2 removes from the bill mention of long-term care facilities and affiliates of a hospital.