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1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 1108
7 8 9	H.P. 858 House of Representatives, March 8, 1983 Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Carroll of Gray. Cosponsors: Representative Melendy of Rockland, Representative Maybury of Brewer and Representative Kilcoyne of Gardiner.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19 20	AN ACT to Strengthen the Penalties for Misuse of Narcotics by Health Professionals.
21 22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23 24	22 MRSA §2380, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 499, §48, is amended to read:
25	§2380. Violation of provisions
26 27 28 29 30	Any conduct in violation of this chapter, other than conduct which is made criminal by Title 17-A, chapter 45, or any other provision of Maine law, is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$50 may be adjudged.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill removes existing ambiguities and makes it clear that a health professional who trafficks in or furnishes narcotics outside the permitted scope of his license is guilty of a crime. Currently, this is the case for nonnarcotic drugs only, while abuse of more serious narcotics is a civil violation.

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