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H.P. 315

House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

**An Act To Require Pharmacies To Provide Disposal Receptacles for
Used Hypodermic Apparatuses**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook,
HYMANSON of York, STUCKEY of Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senator: BURNS of
Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 346, Pt. A, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Rules.** The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall adopt rules
5 pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act establishing requirements for
6 hypodermic apparatus exchange programs. The rules must include but are not limited to:

7 A. Procedures for the safe disposal of hypodermic apparatuses;

8 B. Tracking the number of hypodermic apparatuses distributed and collected;

9 C. Drug abuse prevention and treatment education; ~~and~~

10 D. Measures to discourage the utilization of used hypodermic apparatuses; and

11 E. Requiring a pharmacy that dispenses hypodermic apparatuses to provide a
12 container for the on-site disposal of used hypodermic apparatuses.

13 Rules adopted or amended pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined
14 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to adopt rules
17 to add a requirement that hypodermic apparatus exchange programs require a pharmacy
18 that dispenses hypodermic apparatuses to provide a container for the on-site disposal of
19 used hypodermic apparatuses.