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L.D. 729

Date: 5/28/15

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ A ” to S.P. 259, L.D. 729, Bill, “An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl to the List of Schedule W Drugs”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl and Methylfentanyl Derivatives to the List of Schedule W Drugs'

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, law enforcement agencies have informed the Legislature that drugs that are harmful to the people of Maine, including acetylfentanyl and methylfentanyl derivatives, have recently been found in the State in increasing quantities and it is in the public interest that the criminal laws prohibiting acetylfentanyl and methylfentanyl derivatives be strengthened without delay; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph I in the last line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "acetylfentanyl" the following: 'and any methylfentanyl derivatives'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The amendment adds to the list of Schedule W drugs any methylfentanyl derivatives.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 729

LR 492(02)

An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl to the List of Schedule W Drugs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class A, Class B and Class C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.
As acetylfentanyl has only rarely been seen in Maine no cases are anticipated in the current biennium.