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L.D. 59

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 23, L.D. 59, "An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to Study Whether the Drug Tianeptine Should Be Added to the List of Scheduled Drugs'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to convene stakeholder group regarding tianeptine. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency shall convene a stakeholder group to examine whether the drug tianeptine should be added to the list of scheduled drugs under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1102 and, if so, at which level the drug should be scheduled. The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency shall ensure that the stakeholder group includes representatives from a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, a representative from the judicial branch, a representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors, a representative of a statewide association representing criminal defense attorneys, a representative from a substance use disorder recovery program and a representative from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future with expertise in opioid response.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency shall submit and report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group convened under section 1, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 23, L.D. 59

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for consulting costs to convene the stakeholder group  
 2 to study whether tianeptine should be added to the list of scheduled drugs and report the  
 3 results.

4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
5	All Other	\$219,376	\$0
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7	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,376</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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 9 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
 10 number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment is a minority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the  
 13 bill with a resolve that does the following.

14 1. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to  
 15 form a stakeholder group to study whether the drug tianeptine should be added to the list  
 16 of scheduled drugs under the Maine Criminal Code and, if so, at which level the drug should  
 17 be scheduled.

18 2. It requires members of the stakeholder group to include representatives of the  
 19 Department of Health and Human Services, the judicial branch, a statewide association  
 20 representing prosecutors, a statewide association representing criminal defense attorneys  
 21 and others.

22 3. It directs the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to report the findings and  
 23 recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any recommended legislation, to the  
 24 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 3, 2025. The  
 25 committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular  
 26 Session of the 132nd Legislature.

27 4. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
 29 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 59****LR 426(03)****An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-511)****Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$219,376	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$219,376	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Public Safety of \$219,376 in fiscal year 2025-26 for consulting costs to convene the stakeholder group to study whether tianeptine should be added to the list of scheduled drugs and report the results.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Judicial Branch to participate in the stakeholder group are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.