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An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3	Whereas, tianeptine is a highly addictive drug; and
4	Whereas, the use of tianeptine increases the risk of overdose deaths; and
5 6	Whereas, the drug should be prohibited as soon as possible to prevent overdose deaths; and
7 8 9 10	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,
11	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
12 13	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶O, as amended by PL 2013, c. 194, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (14) to read:
14	(14) Paramethoxyethylamphetamine, PMEA; and
15 16	Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 194, §8, is amended by amending subparagraph (15) in the first blocked paragraph to read:
17 18	This subparagraph does not include a drug listed in section 1102 or a drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration-; and
19	Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶Q is enacted to read:
20	Q. Tianeptine.
21 22	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
23	SUMMARY
24	This bill adds tianeptine as a Schedule W drug.