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Report A

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 663, L.D. 1034, "An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults"

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

'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine'

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

'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 13 members as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Four public members, one who is a psychologist licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 56 who has professional experience providing behavioral health services, one who is a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 48, one who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and one who has professional expertise conducting scientific research regarding the use of psychedelic compounds in clinical therapy, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. Four public members, one who is a naturopathic doctor licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 113-B, one who has expertise in the field of public health and has a background in academia, one who has experience in the field of psychedelic harm reduction and one who has expertise in implementing state policies that facilitate affordable state-regulated access to psychedelic healing, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

- 1 5. One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor.
- 2 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
- 3 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
- 4 commission.
- 5 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
- 6 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
- 7 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
- 8 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
- 9 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
- 10 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
- 11 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for
- 12 the commission to meet and conduct its business.
- 13 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:
- 14 1. Review available medical, psychological and scientific studies, research and other
- 15 information on the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating behavioral health
- 16 conditions, including, but not limited to, substance use disorder, depression, anxiety
- 17 disorders and end-of-life psychological distress;
- 18 2. Review efforts by other states to adopt a legal framework for the therapeutic use of
- 19 psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin;
- 20 3. Review previously proposed language in this State related to establishing a legal
- 21 framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to,
- 22 psilocybin, and related materials prepared in the course of the Legislature's consideration
- 23 of such proposals;
- 24 4. Determine the steps the State would need to take in order to establish and maintain
- 25 a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psilocybin in the State;
- 26 5. Develop a long-term strategic plan for creating a psilocybin services program and
- 27 for ensuring that psilocybin services become and remain a safe, accessible and affordable
- 28 therapeutic option for all persons who are 21 years of age or older and for whom psilocybin
- 29 services may be appropriate; and
- 30 6. Advise and make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
- 31 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, the joint
- 32 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs
- 33 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
- 34 human services matters regarding a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic
- 35 drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin.
- 36 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
- 37 necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support
- 38 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.
- 39 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 4, 2026, the commission
- 40 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
- 41 legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
- 42 jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, the joint standing committee of
- 43 the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs and the joint standing

1 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.
2 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice
3 and public safety matters may report out legislation based upon the report to the 133rd
4 Legislature in 2027.'

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

SUMMARY

8 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve establishes the
9 Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine. The
10 commission must submit a report by November 4, 2026 that includes its findings and
11 recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing
12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety
13 matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans
14 and legal affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
15 over health and human services matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature
16 having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters may report out
17 legislation based upon the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 05/02/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1034

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-330)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,800 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$3,050 in fiscal year 2026-27. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal year 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of the Governor to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.