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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

**An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing
Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 14, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and
Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North
Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston, OSHER of Orono, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Additional county program locations.** A hypodermic apparatus exchange
4 program certified under subsection 1 may operate in a location other than that authorized
5 in its certification, as long as the location is in the same county, the State is notified of the
6 location and there is proper disposal of hypodermic apparatuses. Any additional location
7 must adhere to the requirements under this section and to departmental rules implementing
8 this subsection. The certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program shall submit
9 monthly reports to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention with the additional
10 locations the program is operating within the county, the number of hypodermic
11 apparatuses collected and disposed of and any other information requested by the Maine
12 Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

13 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§2, ¶G-1** is enacted to read:

14 G-1. Requirements for additional county locations operated by a certified hypodermic
15 apparatus exchange program pursuant to subsection 1-A;

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows a certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program, also known as a
18 syringe service program, to operate additional locations within the same county as the
19 certified program. The certified program must provide monthly data to the Maine Center
20 for Disease Control and Prevention on the locations of additional sites, the number of
21 hypodermic apparatuses collected and disposed of and any additional data requested. This
22 places in statute the requirements of Executive Orders 27 FY 19/20 and 33 FY 20/21.