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An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Representative: LOOKNER of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Cocaine and the quantity possessed is more than 14 grams; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1118-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 485, §3, is amended to read:

C. At the time of the offense, the person illegally imports cocaine in a quantity of 112 grams or more ~~or cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.~~ Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates possession of cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of more than 4 grams from the list of schedule W drugs for which a person who has prior convictions for drug crimes may be charged with the Class B crime of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

The bill amends the provision of law that establishes a Class A crime for aggravated illegal importation of cocaine by removing language that allows a person to be charged under this provision for importation of cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.