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**CHAPTER 109****S.P. 325 - L.D. 1063****An Act Allowing Registered Nurses Employed by Licensed Home Health Care Agencies to Possess and Administer Certain Noncontrolled Prescription Drugs under Certain Conditions****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 117, sub-c. XI** is enacted to read:**SUBCHAPTER XI****NONCONTROLLED PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADMINISTRATION****§13810. Drug administration by nurses under certain conditions**

A professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse who is an employee of a home health care provider, as defined in Title 22, section 2142, subsection 3, or a hospice program or hospice provider, as defined in Title 22, section 8621, subsection 10, may:

**1. Possession.** Possess, in the course of employment, such noncontrolled prescription drugs as are approved by the board. In adopting the rules the board shall consult with the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, the State Board of Nursing, the Maine Hospice Council, the Department of Human Services and the Home Care Alliance of Maine. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and

**2. Administration.** Administer, in the course of employment, such drugs as are approved under subsection 1 according to written protocols approved annually by the employer's professional advisory committee, which must include a physician licensed under chapter 36 or chapter 48.

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**CHAPTER 110****H.P. 871 - L.D. 1188****An Act to Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to Clarify the Definition of a Proposed Rule and the State Agencies' Ability to Solicit Input into the Rule Development Process****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8002, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

**8-A. Proposed rule.** "Proposed rule" or "proposed agency rule" means a rule that an agency has formally proposed for adoption through submission of the rule to the Secretary of State for publication pursuant to section 8053, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2, §8, is amended to read:

**1. Notice; public hearing.** Prior to the adoption of any rule, the agency shall give notice as provided in section 8053 and may hold a public hearing, provided that a public hearing is held if otherwise required by statute or requested by any 5 interested persons.

A public meeting or other public forum held by an agency for any purpose that includes receiving public comments on a proposed agency rule is a public hearing and is subject to all the provisions of this subchapter regarding public hearings. ~~This subsection does not require compliance with this subchapter when an agency holds an informal meeting for the purpose of gathering public input prior to developing or deciding whether to proceed with development of a proposed rule.~~

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**CHAPTER 111****S.P. 548 - L.D. 1666****An Act Concerning the Authority of the Secretary of State to Suspend and Revoke Licenses and Privileges to Operate in Maine**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the Secretary of State has the authority to suspend and revoke the licenses and privileges