

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2018**

CHAPTER 406
S.P. 484 - L.D. 1406

An Act To Promote
Prescription Drug Price
Transparency

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8712, sub-§5 is enacted to
read:

5. Prescription drug information. By Decem-
ber 1, 2018 and annually thereafter, the organization
shall provide a report containing the following infor-
mation about prescription drugs, both brand name and
generic:

A. The 25 most frequently prescribed drugs in the
State;

B. The 25 costliest drugs as determined by the to-
tal amount spent on those drugs in the State; and

C. The 25 drugs with the highest year-over-year
cost increases as determined by the total amount
spent on those drugs in the State.

Sec. 2. Further data collection by Maine
Health Data Organization. The Maine Health
Data Organization shall develop a plan to collect data
from manufacturers related to the cost and pricing of
prescription drugs in order to provide transparency in
and accountability for prescription drug pricing. The
organization shall consult with other state and national
agencies and organizations to determine how to insti-
tute such data collection. The organization shall sub-
mit the plan, its findings and any recommendations for
suggested legislation to the First Regular Session of
the 129th Legislature no later than April 1, 2019. The
joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out leg-
islation related to prescription drug price transparency
and the organization's findings and recommendations to
the First or Second Regular Session of the 129th
Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.
The following appropriations and allocations are
made.

HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE

Maine Health Data Organization 0848

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to the Maine
Health Data Organization to collect and present certain
data to the Legislature and to develop a plan for fur-
ther data collection.

Table with 3 columns: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, 2017-18, 2018-19. Row: All Other, \$0, \$25,000

Table with 3 columns: OTHER SPECIAL, \$0, \$25,000. Row: REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 407
S.P. 714 - L.D. 1871

An Act To Implement the
Recommendations of the Task
Force To Address the Opioid
Crisis in the State Regarding
Respectful Language

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 1 MRSA §125, as enacted by PL
1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§125. Alcohol Awareness Week

The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation
setting aside the first full week in December of each
year as Alcohol Awareness Week. The proclamation
shall invite and urge citizens, ~~alcoholism~~ appropriate
service agencies, schools and other suitable organiza-
tions and groups to observe this week through appro-
priate activities. ~~The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Plan-
ning Committee shall, through the departments repre-
sented on the committee, make appropriate informa-
tion available to citizens, organizations and groups
within the limits of their budgets.~~

Sec. A-2. 4 MRSA §421, as amended by PL
2001, c. 354, §3 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is fur-
ther amended to read:

§421. Establishment

1. Programs. The Judicial Department may es-
tablish ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use disorder treat-
ment programs in the Superior Courts and District
Courts and may adopt administrative orders and court
rules to govern the practice, procedure and administra-
tion of these programs. ~~Alcohol and drug~~ Substance
use disorder treatment programs must include local
judges and must be community based and operated
separately from juvenile drug courts.

2. Goals. The goals of the ~~alcohol and drug~~ sub-
stance use disorder treatment programs authorized by
this chapter include the following:

A. To reduce ~~alcohol and drug abuse~~ substance
use and dependency among criminal offenders;

B. To reduce criminal recidivism;