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LD 967 / HP0713

An Act To Make Possession of Scheduled Drugs for Personal Use a Civil Penalty.
Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 04/30/21. Final Disposition: Died Between Houses 07/02/21.

Original Bill

[LD 967 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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New Drafts and Amendments

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[Amendment CB \(H-0728\) \(LD 967 2021\)](#)

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[Amendment SC/CB \(S-0359\) \(LD 967 2021\)](#)

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News Articles

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- ‘Decriminalizing’ not for Maine (David Burns) (Machias Valley News Observer, 2/3/2021, p. 6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/MVNO 210203F.pdf)
- Maine recovery coalition makes decriminalizing drug possession a legislative priority (Eric Russell) (Portland Press Herald, 1/30/2021, p. B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/PPH 210130F.pdf)
- Maine is the latest state to consider decriminalizing wide range of drugs (Leela Stockley) (Bangor Daily News, 4/7/2021, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/BDN 210407I.pdf)
- State weighs new strategy in opioid fight- Decriminalization (Megan Gray) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 4/4/2021, p. A1, A14) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/MST 210404C.pdf)
- Hike in overdose deaths spurs support for Rep Anne Perry's bill (Ruth Leubecker) (Machias Valley News Observer, 5/12/2021, p. 1, 5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/MVNO 210512A.pdf)
- Decriminalizing drugs may help reduce deaths (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 5/4/2021, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/BDN 210504B.pdf)
- Harsh drug laws often punish the traumatized (Deborah Hagler) (Kennebec Journal, 5/27/2021, p. A9) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/KJ 210527B.pdf)
- Bills easing drug laws advance without consensus (Megan Gray) (Portland Press Herald, 5/26/2021, p. B1, B10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/PPH 210526F.pdf)
- Legislature passed key justice reforms (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 6/20/2021, p. D2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/MST 210620C.pdf)
- House bucks Mills, police in decriminalization vote (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 6/18/2021, p. B5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/BDN 210618M.pdf)
- Maine failed to end war on drugs (Elijah Munro-Ludders) (Bangor Daily News, 7/14/2021, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/BDN 210714F.pdf)
- We need to take a public health approach to substance use (Kinna Thakarar) (Portland Press Herald, 4/29/2021, p. A10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/PPH 210429F.pdf)
- Advocates for drug decriminalization facing resistance from Mills’ officials (Megan Gray) (Portland Press Herald, 5/1/2021, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/PPH 210501A.pdf)

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State must change drug laws, save lives (Meagan Sway) (Bangor Daily News, 6/16/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/BDN 210616E.pdf)

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Senate vote kills measure to make drug possession a civil violation (Megan Gray) (Portland Press Herald, 7/2/2021, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0967/PPH 210702A.pdf)

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