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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 994 / HP0732

An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses. Presented by Representative MCDONALD of Stonington. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 04/21/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/08/21. Amended by: CA H-240. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/09/21, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 434.

**Original Bill**

[LD 994 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 994 / PL 2021, c. 434](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-0994.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(04/21/2021\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(04/30/2021\)](#)
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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-0240\) \(LD 994 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 10, 2021 \(H-21-105\)](#)

p. H-29

[SENATE, March 10, 2021 \(S-81-184\)](#)

p. S-165

[HOUSE, June 02, 2021 \(H-324-402\)](#)

p. H-351 (Amendment(s) H-240)

[SENATE, June 03, 2021 \(S-627-694\)](#)

p. S-637 (Amendment(s) H-240)

[SENATE, June 08, 2021 \(S-747-803\)](#)

p. S-802 (Amendment(s) H-240)

[HOUSE, June 09, 2021 \(H-555-608\)](#)

p. H-607 (Amendment(s) H-240)

[SENATE, June 10, 2021 \(S-845-914\)](#)

p. S-896 (Amendment(s) H-240)

[SENATE, July 01, 2021 \(S-1208-1245\)](#)

p. S-1235 (Amendment(s) H-240)

**Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2021, c. 434](#)

**News Articles**

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-0994/PPH 210429F.pdf)

Bill decriminalizing hypodermic syringes is signed into law (Ellsworth American, 7/29/2021, p. Sec. I, p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0994/Ellsworth American 210729C.pdf)

It's no longer illegal to possess needles used for drugs in Maine (Nick Shroeder) (Bangor Daily News, 10/23/2021, p. A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD09xx/nc130-LD-0994/BDN 211023-24F.pdf)

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