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An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 02/09/22. Minority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/18/22. Amended by: CB S-560, SA/CB S-644. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/03/22, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 724.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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Cross References

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Lawmakers to take up prisoner rights bills, overdose protections (Matt Byrne) (Portland Press Herald, 2/16/2022, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD18xx/nc130-LD-1862/PPH 220216G.pdf)

Expand 'Good Samaritan' law to help prevent overdoses (Winifred Tate) (Bangor Daily News, 1/12/2022, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD18xx/nc130-LD-1862/BDN 220112G.pdf)

Don't leave overdose survival to chance- Expand Good Samaritan law (Rebecca Bass) (Portland Press Herald, 1/27/2022, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD18xx/nc130-LD-1862/PPH 220127C.pdf)

Proposed bill shields those at overdose scenes (Jennifer Osborn) (Ellsworth American, 1/27/2022, p. 1, 10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD18xx/nc130-LD-1862/Ellsworth American 220127A.pdf)

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Mills vows veto if changes to bill aren't narrowed (Edward D. Murphy) (Portland Press Herald, 4/20/2022, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD18xx/nc130-LD-1862/PPH 220420E.pdf)

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