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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER
CREATING THE ADVISORY PANEL ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION AND ABUSE

WHEREAS, the diversion of licit drugs from legitimate distribution and prescription channels often leads to the abuse of these drugs; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of licit drugs is a significant public health and public safety problem in Maine, resulting in deaths and illness that may be preventable; and

WHEREAS, this situation provides cause to examine the effectiveness of state laws controlling the distribution and sale of prescription drugs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Advisory Panel on Prescription Drug Diversion and Abuse, the structure and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose

The Panel shall examine the scope of the problem of prescription drug diversion in this state, examine the effectiveness of existing laws that address the issue, and recommend additional or alternative measures that may be available and necessary. The Panel shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

Membership

The Governor shall appoint the following persons to serve on the panel:

Commissioner, Department of Public Safety or his/her designee;

Commissioner, Department of Human Services or his/her designee;

Commissioner, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation or his/her designee;

Attorney General or his/her designee;

Chairman, Commission of Pharmacy;

Chairman, Board of Registration in Medicine;

An agent of the United States Drug Enforcement Agency;

Two pharmacists;

An osteopath;

A physician;

A hospital administrator;

One member, Maine House of Representatives; and

One member, Maine Senate.

The Commissioner of Public Safety and Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall serve as the chairs of the panel.

Terms of Members

Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.


Meetings and Administration

The Panel shall meet upon the call of the Chair or his/her designee. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee shall provide staff support for the Panel.

Compensation

Members of the Panel shall serve without compensation.

The effective date of this Order is February 13, 1990.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor