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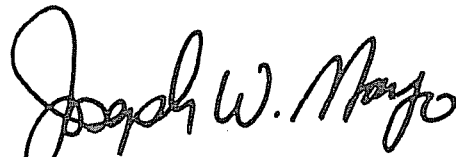
No. 1862

H.P. 1374

House of Representatives, February 10, 1994

An Act to Prohibit Excessive or Unnecessary Prescription of Drugs or Treatment by Health Care Professionals.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative COFFMAN of Old Town and
Representatives: LIBBY of Buxton, WINN of Glenburn.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 129 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 129

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

§14600. Excessive prescription or administration of drugs or treatment

Repeated acts of clearly excessive prescribing or administering of drugs or treatment including surgery, repeated acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures or repeated acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic or treatment facilities as determined by the standard of the violator's professional community are unprofessional conduct for a chiropractor, counselor, dentist, optometrist, physical therapist, physician, podiatrist, social worker, substance abuse counselor or surgeon.

A person who violates any provision of this section commits a Class E crime. The violator is also subject to discipline by the violator's professional board for unprofessional conduct.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes it a Class E crime for a health care professional to excessively prescribe drugs, treatment or diagnostic procedure.

This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.