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An Act To Discourage Driving While under the Influence of Methadone

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MAIETTA of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARR of Lincoln,
McKENNEY of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2419** is enacted to read:

6 **§2419. Methadone clinics**

8 If a person drives under the influence of methadone and
10 causes an accident due to impairment from the methadone and that
12 accident results in the injury or death of a person, then the
14 facility that provided the methadone to the person is liable for
16 damages proximately caused by the person's consumption of
18 methadone. A district attorney may also charge a facility liable
20 under this section for criminal offenses under Title 17-A,
22 section 203, 207 or 208, notwithstanding the provisions of Title
17-A, section 203, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (1).

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill makes a methadone clinic civilly and criminally
22 liable for the bodily injury or death of a person resulting from
an accident caused by a driver under the influence of methadone
issued to that driver by the clinic.