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House of Representatives, December 21, 2007

An Act To Implement a Consent Judgment Regarding OxyContin Abuse

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONOVER of Oakland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, TREAT of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Transfer of funds for prescription drug abuse prevention**
3 **purposes.** The Treasurer of State shall transfer \$719,000 from the General Fund as
4 follows:

5 **1. Administration.** One hundred fifty thousand dollars to the Department of Health
6 and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse for the purpose of administering a
7 prescription drug monitoring program; and

8 **2. Grants.** Five hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars to the Department of Health
9 and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse for the purpose of issuing grants to
10 private nonprofit organizations to provide services related to preventing prescription drug
11 abuse, addiction or diversion, including, but not limited to, education, outreach,
12 prevention or monitoring programs.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 The State of Maine through its Attorney General has received funds from Purdue
15 Pharma, Inc., Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Purdue Frederick Company, Inc. pursuant to a
16 consent judgment entered by the Kennebec County Superior Court in Docket No. CV-07-
17 143. This judgment settled a civil action regarding Purdue's promotional and marketing
18 practices for the prescription drug OxyContin. The consent judgment directed these
19 funds to programs for prescription drug abuse prevention. The funds received by the
20 Attorney General were transferred to the General Fund without designation for any
21 purpose. This bill directs that those funds be directed to the Department of Health and
22 Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse for the purpose of funding prescription drug
23 abuse prevention or monitoring programs.