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## 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 437

House of Representatives, February 17, 2009

An Act To Provide the Office of Chief Medical Examiner Access to Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Data for the Purpose of Conducting Cause of Death Investigations

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PETERSON of
Rumford, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland.

1.	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 483, §1, i amended to read:
4 5	D. A patient to whom a prescription is written, insofar as the information relates that patient; and
6 7	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 483, §1, i amended to read:
8 9	E. Office personnel or personnel of any vendor or contractor, as necessary for establishing and maintaining the program's electronic system—; and
10	Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶F is enacted to read:
11 12 13 14 15 16	F. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purpose of conducting a investigation or inquiry into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in medical examiner case as described in section 3025. Prescription monitorin information in the possession or under the control of the Office of Chief Medica Examiner is confidential and, notwithstanding section 3022, may not b disseminated.  SUMMARY
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	This bill amends the controlled substances prescription monitoring laws to authoriz Office of Chief Medical Examiner access to prescription monitoring information. Office of Chief Medical Examiner access would be for the limited purpose of conducting investigations into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in medical examiner cases. The bill specifies that prescription monitoring information under the possession control of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is confidential and may not be further disseminated.