

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 456

House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

### **An Act To Increase the Penalties for Crimes Involving Illegal or Prescription Drugs**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHASE of Wells.  
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: KESCHL of Belgrade, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LIBBY of Waterboro,  
MAKER of Calais, PARRY of Arundel, VOLK of Scarborough, WILSON of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1160** is enacted to read:

3 **§1160. Crimes involving illegal or prescription drugs**

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 51 and 53, a person who is convicted of a  
5 crime other than a crime under Title 29-A, chapter 23 may receive for that crime up to  
6 twice the maximum term of imprisonment under chapter 51 and up to twice the maximum  
7 fine under chapter 53 if:

8 **1. The crime involved the theft of illegal or prescription drugs; or**

9 **2. At the time of the commission of the crime the person was under the influence of a**  
10 **drug prohibited under chapter 45 or a drug that the person was not legally authorized to**  
11 **possess.**

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill doubles the maximum term of imprisonment and fine a person convicted of  
14 a crime may receive if the crime involved the theft of an illegal or prescription drug or the  
15 person committed the crime while under the influence of an illegal drug or a drug that the  
16 person was not legally authorized to possess.