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	An Act To
11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and 12 summary and inserting the following:	before the
13 'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3282-B is enacted to read:	
14 §3282-B. Lyme disease treatment	
<ul> <li>15 <u>1. Definitions.</u> As used in this section, unless the context otherwise inc.</li> <li>16 <u>following terms have the following meanings.</u></li> </ul>	licates, the
17A. "Long-term antibiotic therapy" means the administration of oral, intran18intravenous antibiotics, singly or in combination, for a period of time in e19weeks.	
20 <u>B. "Lyme disease" means:</u>	
<ul> <li>21 (1) The presence of signs or symptoms compatible with acute infe</li> <li>22 Borrelia burgdorferi;</li> </ul>	ection with
23 (2) Late stage, persistent or chronic infection with Borrelia burgdorferi	<u>i:</u>
24 (3) Complications related to an infection under subparagraph (1) or (2)	<u>); or</u>
25(4) The presence of signs or symptoms compatible with acute infect26stage, persistent or chronic infection with other strains of Borreli27identified or recognized by the United States Department of Health a28Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a cause of dise	
<ul> <li>"Lyme disease" includes an infection that meets the surveillance criteria</li> <li>disease established by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Preve</li> <li>clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease that does not meet the surveillance of</li> <li>Lyme disease set by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Preve</li> </ul>	ia that are ind Human

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presents other acute and chronic signs or symptoms of Lyme disease as determined by a patient's treating physician.

2. Lyme disease treatment. A physician licensed under this chapter may prescribe, administer or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to eliminate infection or to control a patient's symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the patient has Lyme disease or displays symptoms consistent with a clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease. The physician shall document the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical record. The clinical diagnosis must be based on knowledge obtained through medical history and physical examination only or in conjunction with testing that provides supportive data for the clinical diagnosis.'

## **SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill and provides that a licensed physician may prescribe, administer or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to eliminate infection or to control a patient's symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the patient has Lyme disease or displays symptoms consistent with a clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease. It requires the clinical diagnosis and treatment to be documented in the patient's medical record by the prescribing licensed physician. The amendment also defines terms, including "Lyme disease."

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