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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical
Use of Marijuana Act**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DION of Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to amend the registration process for patients under the Maine
6 Medical Use of Marijuana Act by:

7 1. Requiring medical providers to send only the date of birth of a qualifying patient
8 and the zip code of that patient's residence to the Department of Health and Human
9 Services;

10 2. Requiring the department to assign a unique identifying number for that qualifying
11 patient and notify the medical provider of that number; and

12 3. Requiring the medical provider to issue the qualifying patient a card with the
13 qualifying patient's unique identifying number.

14 A qualifying patient is required to provide the card to a registered dispensary or
15 primary caregiver in order to obtain prepared marijuana.

16 This bill also proposes to require registered dispensaries and primary caregivers to
17 submit monthly reports to the department showing transfers of prepared marijuana to
18 qualifying patients, using only the unique identifying number assigned by the department
19 to identify the qualifying patient. Other information about the qualifying patient is only
20 released in compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
21 Act of 1996, as amended.