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H.P. 111

House of Representatives, January 19, 2017

An Act Regarding Transportation of Methadone Patients

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, HANLEY of Pittston, HERRICK of Paris, HILLIARD of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, REED of Carmel, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20054** is enacted to read:

3 **§20054. Prohibition on operating a motor vehicle**

4 A person who is receiving methadone for the treatment of opioid dependency or for
5 use as a pain medication is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle until the
6 Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles has received a medical
7 report stating that the person is no longer receiving methadone treatment.

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶E-3** is enacted to read:

9 E-3. To the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles if the
10 health care practitioner or facility is treating an individual with methadone for opioid
11 dependency or for use as a pain medication pursuant to Title 5, section 20054;

12 **Sec. 3. Secretary of State; rulemaking.** The Department of the Secretary of
13 State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall amend its Chapter 3 rules, "Physical, Emotional
14 and Mental Competence to Operate a Motor Vehicle," to require the reporting of
15 methadone treatment for opioid dependency or methadone use as a pain medication. The
16 rules must prohibit an individual who is receiving methadone from operating a motor
17 vehicle and require a health care practitioner or facility to report methadone treatment to
18 the Secretary of State's office and report when an individual is no longer receiving
19 methadone treatment. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
20 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits the operating of a motor vehicle by a person who is receiving
23 methadone for treatment of opioid dependency or for use as a pain medication. The
24 Secretary of State shall amend its Chapter 3 rules, "Physical, Emotional and Mental
25 Competence to Operate a Motor Vehicle," to require a health care practitioner or facility
26 that is treating an individual with methadone to report to the Department of the Secretary
27 of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These rules are routine technical rules.