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In Senate, January 24, 2017

**An Act To Establish an Exemption to the 30-day Supply Limitation
on Certain Pain Medication**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representative: TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §13, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
5 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
6 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
7 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
8 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §17, is
10 amended to read:

11 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
12 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
13 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
14 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. For purposes of this
15 paragraph, "chronic pain" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246,
16 subsection 1-C; or

17 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §20, is
18 amended to read:

19 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
20 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
21 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
22 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
23 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

24 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §23, is
25 amended to read:

26 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
27 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
28 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
29 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
30 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

31 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §32, is
32 amended to read:

33 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
34 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
35 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
36 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. For purposes of this
37 paragraph, "chronic pain" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246,
38 subsection 1-C; or

1 **SUMMARY**

2 Current law prohibits an individual licensed to prescribe opioid medication from
3 prescribing more than a 30-day supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
4 treatment for chronic pain. This bill allows an individual licensed to prescribe opioid
5 medication to prescribe no more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a
6 patient under treatment for chronic pain who will be out of the country at the end of the
7 30-day period.