

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 342

House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

### **An Act To Inform Patients of the Dangers of Addicting Opioids**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, TIMBERLAKE of Turner,  
WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3           **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid  
4 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice  
5 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the  
6 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the  
7 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has  
8 been provided that information.

9           **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

10          **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid  
11 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice  
12 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the  
13 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the  
14 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has  
15 been provided that information.

16          **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

17          **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid  
18 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice  
19 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the  
20 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the  
21 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has  
22 been provided that information.

23          **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

24          **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid  
25 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice  
26 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the  
27 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the  
28 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has  
29 been provided that information.

30          **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

31          **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid  
32 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice  
33 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the  
34 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the  
35 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has  
36 been provided that information.

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that a health care provider who is a prescriber of opioid medication must, before prescribing an opioid medication, inform the patient of the risks of using the opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has been provided that information.