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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1325, L.D. 1892, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Prescribing and Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Pharmacists"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§2, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 508, §2 and amended by PL 2017, c. 364, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A-1. A pharmacist may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with protocols established under Title 32, section 13815 to an individual of any age at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§2, ¶A-2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 249, §1 and repealed by c. 364, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§2, ¶C-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 508, §2 and amended by PL 2017, c. 364, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C-1. A pharmacist may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with protocols established under Title 32, section 13815 to a person of any age who is a member of an individual's immediate family or a friend of the individual or to another person in a position to assist the individual if the individual is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§2, ¶C-2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 249, §1 and repealed by c. 364, §5, is repealed.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a pharmacist must follow protocols adopted by the Maine Board of Pharmacy when that pharmacist prescribes and dispenses naloxone hydrochloride to an individual of any age who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose; who is a member of the immediate family of, or a friend of, an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related

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1 drug overdose; or who is in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an
2 opioid-related drug overdose.

3 In addition, this amendment makes technical changes so as to conform with the effect
4 of Public Law 2017, chapter 364.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-744)*
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill clarifies the age at which a pharmacist may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride to an individual. There may be a small increase in MaineCare prescriptions as a result of this change, but it is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing resources.