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S.P. 165

In Senate, January 31, 2019

**An Act To Extend the Limitation on Prescribing Opioids for Certain
Individuals with Chronic Pain**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: MAREAN of Hollis.

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, within a 6-
6 month period, more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
7 treatment for chronic pain who has been prescribed medication for chronic pain
8 continually for at least 5 years or who is 63 years of age or older. "Chronic pain" has
9 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

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

12 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
13 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or, within a 6-
14 month period, more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
15 treatment for chronic pain who has been prescribed medication for chronic pain
16 continually for at least 5 years or who is 63 years of age or older. For purposes of
17 this paragraph, "chronic pain" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246,
18 subsection 1-C; or

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

21 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
22 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or, within a 6-
23 month period, more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
24 treatment for chronic pain who has been prescribed medication for chronic pain
25 continually for at least 5 years or who is 63 years of age or older. "Chronic pain" has
26 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

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

29 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
30 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or, within a 6-
31 month period, more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
32 treatment for chronic pain who has been prescribed medication for chronic pain
33 continually for at least 5 years or who is 63 years of age or older. "Chronic pain" has
34 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

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

37 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
38 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or, within a 6-
39 month period, more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under
40 treatment for chronic pain who has been prescribed medication for chronic pain

