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3 MAJORITY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 130TH LEGISLATURE
8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1026, L.D. 1392, "An Act Directing the
10 Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data
11 Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations"

12 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
13 following:

14 'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 256-A is enacted to read:

15 CHAPTER 256-A

16 REPORTING OF FIREARM FATALITIES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

17 §1425. Annual report on firearm fatalities and hospitalizations

18 Beginning January 1, 2022, the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and
19 Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services shall report annually to
20 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
21 services matters on the following data:

22 1. Firearm fatalities. Public health data concerning firearm fatalities in the State,
23 separated by:

24 A. The number of homicides, including the number of homicides that were the result
25 of domestic violence, further separated by the ages of the victims for each;

26 B. Suicides, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

27 C. Unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

28 2. Hospitalizations. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not
29 result in death.

30 The Commissioner of Public Safety, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of
31 the Attorney General and the Maine Health Data Organization shall assist the Director of

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1 the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention with the collection of the data
2 required in this section.

3 The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall make the report
4 required under this section publicly available.

5 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1544, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 399, §6, is further
6 amended to read:

7 The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household
8 members, a category for cruelty to animals ~~and~~, a category for crimes that manifest
9 evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity and
10 a category for unintentional and intentional firearm discharges that are supplementary to
11 its other reported information. The bureau shall prescribe the information to be submitted
12 in the same manner as for all other categories of the uniform crime reports.'

13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
14 number to read consecutively.

15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It
17 requires the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the
18 Department of Health and Human Services to annually report on public health data
19 concerning firearm fatalities separated by homicides, including the number of domestic
20 violence homicides, suicides and unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of
21 the victims of each category, and hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm that
22 did not result in death and to make the report publicly available. It directs the
23 Commissioner of Public Safety, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the
24 Attorney General and the Maine Health Data Organization to assist the director with the
25 required data collection. It also adds unintentional and intentional firearm discharges as a
26 type of category of data contained in uniform crime reports required by the Department of
27 Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification.

28 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

29 (See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1392

LR 1595(02)

An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H477)*
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Public Safety associated with collecting the additional data can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.