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S.P. 421

In Senate, March 7, 2023

An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BOYER of Poland,
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, PERRY of Calais.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 508, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 B. A person listed in this section as authorized to possess, obtain, store, administer or
5 dispense naloxone hydrochloride, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is
6 immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary
7 action for possessing or providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride in
8 accordance with this section or for administering naloxone hydrochloride in
9 accordance with this section to an individual whom the person believes in good faith
10 is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or for any outcome resulting from such
11 actions.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶C** is enacted to read:

13 C. A person not listed in this section, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is
14 immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary
15 action for providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride or for administering
16 naloxone hydrochloride to an individual whom the person believes in good faith is
17 experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or for any outcome resulting from such
18 actions.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill extends immunity from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary
21 action to any person who provides or administers naloxone hydrochloride to an individual
22 whom the person believes in good faith is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.