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H.P. 820

House of Representatives, March 23, 2023

An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of
Wilton, JAUCH of Topsham, SHAW of Auburn, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1127** is enacted to read:

3 **§1127. Maintaining drug-involved premises**

4 **1. A person is guilty of maintaining drug-involved premises when the person**
5 **permanently or temporarily:**

6 **A. Knowingly opens, leases, rents, uses or maintains a place for the purpose of**
7 **unlawfully manufacturing, storing, distributing or using a controlled substance; or**

8 **B. Manages or controls any place as an owner, lessee, agent, employee, occupant or**
9 **mortgagee and knowingly and intentionally rents, leases, profits from or makes**
10 **available for use, with or without compensation, a place for the purpose of unlawfully**
11 **manufacturing, storing, distributing or using a controlled substance.**

12 **2. A person who violates this section commits a Class D crime.**

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill makes permanently or temporarily maintaining a place for the purpose of
15 manufacturing, storing, distributing or using a controlled substance a Class D crime.