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House of Representatives, December 13, 2023

An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203. Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2023. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2524, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 368, §3, is further amended to read:
- 2. Laboratories qualified to analyze blood for blood tests. A laboratory conducting an analysis of blood-alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite must either be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services or be licensed to do so under the laws of this State or any other state and also certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, 42 United States Code, Section 263a (2018). or be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a 3rd-party accrediting body.

12 SUMMARY

Under current law, a laboratory certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 may test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. This bill adds an additional accreditation option for laboratories.