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#### **CHAPTER 373**

### S.P. 60 - L.D. 171

### An Act To Facilitate the Personal Importation of Prescription Drugs from International Mail Order Prescription Pharmacies

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13731, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 710, §5, is amended to read:

1. Applicability. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of pharmacy unless licensed to practice under this Act; provided, except that physicians, dentists, veterinarians or other practitioners of the healing arts who are licensed under the laws of this State may dispense and administer prescription drugs to their patients in the practice of their respective professions where specifically authorized to do so by law-:

A. Physicians, dentists, veterinarians or other practitioners of the healing arts who are licensed under the laws of this State may dispense and administer prescription drugs to their patients in the practice of their respective professions where specifically authorized to do so by law;

B. A licensed retail pharmacy that is located in Canada, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Commonwealth of Australia or New Zealand that meets its country's statutory and regulatory requirements may export prescription drugs by mail or carrier to a resident of this State for that resident's personal use. A licensed retail pharmacy described in this paragraph is exempt from licensure under this Act; and

C. An entity that contracts to provide or facilitate the exportation of prescription drugs from a licensed retail pharmacy described in paragraph B may provide or facilitate the provision of prescription drugs from that pharmacy by mail or carrier to a resident of this State for that resident's personal use. An entity that provides or facilitates the provision of prescription drugs pursuant to this paragraph is exempt from licensure under this Act.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13799 is enacted to read:

### §13799. Consumer choice preserved

Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit:

1. Ordering or receiving prescription drugs. An individual who is a resident of the State from ordering or receiving prescription drugs for that individual's personal use from outside the United States by mail or carrier from a licensed retail pharmacy described in section 13731, subsection 1, paragraph B or an entity described in section 13731, subsection 1, paragraph C; or

2. Dispensing or providing prescription drugs. A licensed retail pharmacy described in section 13731, subsection 1, paragraph B or an entity described in section 13731, subsection 1, paragraph C from dispensing, providing or facilitating the provision of prescription drugs from outside the United States by mail or carrier to a resident of the State for that resident's personal use.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 374

### H.P. 1047 - L.D. 1462

### An Act To Clarify and Correct Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§3, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 631, §21 and affected by §51, are amended to read:

A. A patient who elects to cultivate marijuana plants must keep the plants in an enclosed, locked facility unless the plants are being transported because the patient is moving or taking the plants to the patient's own property in order to cultivate them. Access to the cultivation facility is limited to the patient, except that emergency services personnel or a person who needs to gain access to the cultivation facility in order to perform repairs or maintenance or to do construction may access the cultivation facility to provide those professional services while under the direct supervision of the patient.

B. A primary caregiver who has been designated by a patient to cultivate marijuana for the patient's medical use must keep all plants in an enclosed, locked facility unless the plants are being transported because the primary caregiver is moving or taking the plants to the primary caregiver's own property in order to cultivate them. <u>The primary caregiver shall use a numerical identification system to enable the primary caregiver to identify marijuana plants cultivated for a patient. Access to the cultivation facility is limited to the primary caregiver, except that emergency medical services personnel or a person who needs to gain access to the cultivation facility in order to perform repairs or maintenance or to do construction may access</u>