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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1537 / SP0599

An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Public Hearing 01/05/16. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 01/19/16. Amended by: CA S-344, SA/CA S-346. Final Disposition: Emergency Enacted, Emergency Signed 01/19/16, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 378.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1537 \(127th Legis. 2016\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1537 / PL 2015, c. 378](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf127-LD-1537.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-344\) \(LD 1537 2016\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-345\) \(LD 1537 2016\) \(Minority\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-346\) \(LD 1537 2016\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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[PL 2015, c. 378](#)

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- Emergency funding for drug agents not needed, Maine's public safety chief tells lawmakers (Mistler, Steve) (Kennebec Journal, 1/6/2016, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1537/K1601003.pdf)
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- Is Maine's anti-drug bill good politics but bad medicine? (Shepherd, Michael) (Bangor Daily News, 1/20/2016, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1537/B1601047.pdf)
- LePage signs \$3.7 million bill as 'first step' to address drug crisis (Mistler, Steve) (Portland Press Herald, 1/20/2016, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1537/P1601060.pdf)

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