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**127th Legislature (2014-2016)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1541 / SP0602

An Act To Increase Sentences Imposed for the Illegal Importation of Scheduled Drugs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 01/25/16. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 03/30/16. Amended by: CA S-403. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/16/16, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 485.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1541 \(127th Legis. 2016\)](#)

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

[LD 1541 / PL 2015, c. 485](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf127-LD-1541.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-403\) \(LD 1541 2016\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-404\) \(LD 1541 2016\) \(Minority\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 7, 2016 \(H1203-1208\)](#)

- p. H-1208

[SENATE, January 7, 2016 \(S1450-1458\)](#)

- p. S-1458

[SENATE, March 22, 2016 \(S1717-1742\)](#)

- p. S-1735 (Amendment(s) S-403, S-404)

[SENATE, March 29, 2016 \(S1803-1821\)](#)

- p. S-1813 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1816)) (Amendment(s) S-403, S-404)

[HOUSE, March 30, 2016 \(H1498-1517\)](#)

- p. H-1502 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1503)) (Amendment(s) S-403, S-404)

[HOUSE, March 31, 2016 \(H1518-1544\)](#)

- p. H-1527 (Amendment(s) S-403)

[SENATE, April 1, 2016 \(S1863-1871\)](#)

- p. S-1870 (Amendment(s) S-403)

[SENATE, April 15, 2016 \(S2088-2116\)](#)

- p. S-2105 (Amendment(s) S-403)

#### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2015, c. 485](#)

#### **News Articles**

Lawmakers consider tougher penalties for bringing heroin into Maine (Miller, Kevin)

(Portland Press Herald, 1/26/2016, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1541/P1601071.pdf)

Bill to create stiff penalties for importing heroin into Maine advances (Mistler, Steve)

(Portland Press Herald, 2/11/2016, p. C10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1541/P1602041.pdf)

Bills to toughen drug penalties advance in Maine Senate (Miller, Kevin) (Portland Press

Herald, 3/30/2016, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1541/P1603113.pdf)

Maine House backs doubling maximum sentence for importing heroin, other opiates

(Mistler, Steve) (Portland Press Herald, 3/31/2016, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1541/P1603121.pdf)

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