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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1554 / SP0609

An Act To Resolve Inconsistencies in the Drug Laws. (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 02/03/16. Minority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/12/16. Amended by: CB S-418, HA/CB H-664. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 04/28/16, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 496.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1554 \(127th Legis. 2016\)](#)

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

[LD 1554 / PL 2015, c. 496](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf127-LD-1554.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-417\) \(LD 1554 2016\) \(Majority\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-418\) \(LD 1554 2016\) \(Minority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CB \(H-664\) \(LD 1554 2016\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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- p. S-1765 (Amendment(s) S-417, S-418)

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

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### Cross References

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### News Articles

Maine attorney general, advocates clash over heroin penalties (Miller, Aaron) (Portland Press Herald, 2/4/2016, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1554/P1602018.pdf)

After spirited debate, committee endorses felony charges for heroin possession (Miller, Kevin) (Portland Press Herald, 3/1/2016, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 127/LD15xx/nc127-ld-1554/P1603004.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-1554/P1603113.pdf)

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