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History and Final Disposition

LD 1975 / HP1266

Original Title: An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs. New Title: Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs. Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 01/17/24. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Carried Over 05/10/24.

Original Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

- (Master file available on request—please include citation:cf131-LD-1975.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(01/17/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(03/28/2024\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-931\) \(LD 1975 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, May 18, 2023 \(H-498-528\)](#)

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[SENATE, May 23, 2023 \(S-743-789\)](#)

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[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

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[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 09, 2024 \(H-1616-1672\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 10, 2024 \(H-1673-1722\)](#)

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[SENATE, April 10, 2024 \(S-2230-2263\)](#)

p. S-2245 (Amendment(s) H-931)

[SENATE, April 11, 2024 \(S-2264-2300\)](#)

p. S-2286 (Amendment(s) H-931)

News Articles

- Mainers in recovery (Jamie Corbett) (Bangor Daily News, 5/22/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/BDN 230520C.pdf)
- My son one of many lives lost to the war on drugs (Catherine Nash) (Central Maine Sunday, 5/22/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/Central Maine Sunday 230521A.pdf)
- Maine addiction-recovery advocates notched wins this legislative session (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 8/7/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/PPH 230805A.pdf)
- Decriminalize possession of drugs, advocates - administration is opposed (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 1/18/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/PPH 240118D.pdf)
- Mills against bipartisan drug reform legislation (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 1/19/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/BDN 240119A.pdf)
- Decriminalizing drug possession is the wrong move (Connor Kubeisy) (Portland Press Herald, 2/21/2024, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/PPH 240219C.pdf)
- A critical step in preventing overdose deaths (Winifred Tate) (Kennebec Journal, 2/29/2024, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/KJ 240229B.pdf)
- State lawmakers scrap proposal to decriminalize drug possession (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 3/29/2024, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD19xx/nc131-LD-1975/PPH 240329E.pdf)

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