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4. It updates the timeline for certain reporting requirements.
5. It eliminates the requirement for submission of a vaccine administration treatment protocol to and approval by the Maine Board of Pharmacy and requires pharmacies to maintain a protocol on the premises and make it available to the board upon request.
6. It clarifies the definition of compounding under the Maine Pharmacy Act to include the compounding of drugs for distribution to licensed veterinarians for limited office use on behalf of their animal patients. The law directs the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to establish the terms and conditions for the compounding and distributing of animal drugs for nonpatient-specific use in veterinary offices and prohibits compounding for veterinarian office use until rules are adopted. The law requires that the Maine Board of Pharmacy consult with the State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Public Law 2021, chapter 289 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2021.

**LD 5 An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the
Emergency Medical Services' Board**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 15 allows the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Medical Services' Board to request and collect health care information or records, including information or records that identify a patient. The law also requires hospitals and physicians, upon request by the board for the purpose of monitoring and improving the provision of emergency medical services and health outcomes, to provide health care information or records concerning individuals who have received emergency medical treatment, except for information or records that include HIV or AIDS status or test results; that relate to referral, treatment or services for a behavioral or mental health disorder or substance use disorder; or that relate to abortion, miscarriage, domestic violence or sexual assault. The law designates as confidential any health care information or records reported to the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

The law also requires the board to adopt rules related to quality initiatives adopted by the board, the authorization and revocation of authorization for a state-designated statewide health information exchange to provide health care information and records to the board and the tracking of health care information and records provided by the exchange to the board.

Public Law 2021, chapter 15 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.