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LD 1305 Resolve, To Increase Collaboration between the Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 87 directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to collaborate to maximize access to housing assistance for recipients of services from the department and maximize access to assistance programs administered by the department for recipients of housing assistance from the authority or its grantees.

LD 1333 An Act Concerning the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 161 accomplishes the following:

1. It authorizes emergency medical services persons, ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services to dispense naloxone hydrochloride to an individual who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or to the individual's immediate family, a friend of the individual or another person in a position to assist the individual; and
2. It authorizes the chief medical officer, medical director or other administrative prescriber employed by a federally qualified health center or group practice to access prescription monitoring information pursuant to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program when the access relates to the prescriptions written by the prescribers employed at the center or practice.

Public Law 2021, chapter 161 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

LD 1344 An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services during a Public Health Emergency

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 349 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to impose administrative fines and license suspensions for violations of department rules regarding disease control and public health emergencies. The department is also authorized to close a business or entity when that business or entity directly and repeatedly violates public health control measures during an extreme public health emergency.