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An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

<b>Emergency preamble. Whereas,</b> acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
Whereas, tianeptine is a highly addictive drug; and
Whereas, the use of tianeptine increases the risk of overdose deaths; and
Whereas, the drug should be prohibited as soon as possible to prevent overdose deaths; and
Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
<b>Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶O,</b> as amended by PL 2013, c. 194, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (14) to read:
(14) Paramethoxyethylamphetamine, PMEA; and
<b>Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶P,</b> as enacted by PL 2013, c. 194, §8, is amended by amending subparagraph (15) in the first blocked paragraph to read:
This subparagraph does not include a drug listed in section 1102 or a drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration-; and
Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶Q is enacted to read:
Q. Tianeptine.
<b>Emergency clause.</b> In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
SUMMARY
This bill adds tianeptine as a Schedule W drug.