**An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec.** **1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4-B** is enacted to read:

**4-B.** **Community organizations; standing orders for nasal naloxone** **hydrochloride.**  If a community organization opts to possess and administer nasal naloxone hydrochloride at the community organization's facility, acting under standing orders from a licensed health care professional authorized by law to prescribe nasal naloxone hydrochloride, the community organization shall operate in accordance with rules adopted by the department and the provisions of this subsection.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a community organization may store at the organization's facility and dispense nasal naloxone hydrochloride and is not subject to the provisions of Title 32, chapter 117.

B. A community organization shall obtain training in administration of nasal naloxone hydrochloride that meets the protocols and criteria established by the department. A community organization may seek out an appropriate training entity to train the organization's employees in the administration of nasal naloxone hydrochloride and overdose identification and prevention. Employees of the community organization who administer nasal naloxone hydrochloride and all other persons involved in the administration of the community organization shall successfully complete the training and possess documentation of having successfully completed the training from the training entity or community organization that conducted the training.

C. A syringe services program certified by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention or other entity that provides nasal naloxone hydrochloride shall provide unit-of-use packages of nasal naloxone hydrochloride to a community organization that has provided training described in paragraph B so that the community organization may possess and administer nasal naloxone hydrochloride to an individual who appears to be experiencing a drug-related overdose.

D. For purposes of this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, "community organization" means a private or nonprofit organization operating a facility that serves the community.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2‑A.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows community organizations, which are defined as private or nonprofit organizations operating a facility that serves the community, to store and administer nasal naloxone hydrochloride upon a standing order from a licensed health care professional authorized by law to prescribe nasal naloxone hydrochloride.