**An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance**

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

**Sec.** **1. 17-A MRSA §1111-B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 299, Pt. C, §1 and c. 434, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§****1111-B.** **Exemption from criminal liability for reporting a drug-related overdose or** **administering naloxone**

**1.** A person who in good faith seeks medical assistance for or administers naloxone hydrochloride to another person experiencing a drug-related overdose, a person who is at the location where medical assistance was sought for or where naloxone hydrochloride was administered to another person experiencing a drug-related overdose or the person who is experiencing the drug-related overdose may not be arrested or prosecuted for a crime, unless the crime is a violent crime, or for a violation of probation as authorized by chapter 67 or condition of release as authorized by Title 15, chapter 105‑A, subchapter 5.

**2.** For the purposes of this section, “violent crime” means an offense against the person as described in chapter 9; sexual exploitation of minors as described in chapter 12; kidnapping, criminal restraint and criminal forced labor as described in chapter 13; robbery as defined in section 651; sex trafficking as described in sections 852 and 853; and a sexually violent offense as defined in Title 34-A, section 11203, subsection 7.

**SUMMARY**

This bill extends the State's Good Samaritan laws by exempting from arrest or prosecution for a nonviolent offense or for a violation of probation or condition of release a person at the location of a drug-related overdose for which medical assistance was sought or naloxone was administered.