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An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GERE of Kennebunkport,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, RIELLY of Westbrook,
Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

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

3 C. With the express consent of a municipality, an overdose prevention program
4 established under this subsection may provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in
5 a wall-mounted box or other visible and accessible container on publicly accessible
6 property of the municipality, including a municipal building, public restroom, public
7 library or public park or recreational facility, for use by a member of the public in
8 response to an opioid-related drug overdose.

9 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶C** is enacted to read:

10 C. A municipality or overdose prevention program is immune from criminal and civil
11 liability for providing or maintaining naloxone hydrochloride containers under
12 subsection 4, paragraph C.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows an overdose prevention program, with the express consent of a
15 municipality, to provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in a visible and publicly
16 accessible wall-mounted box or other container in municipal places to be used by a member
17 of the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. The bill also provides
18 immunity from criminal and civil liability to municipalities and overdose prevention
19 programs for providing or maintaining the naloxone hydrochloride containers.