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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1544, L.D. 2041, “An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation”

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

Sec. A-2. PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. OO, §1, sub-§1 is amended to read:

- 1. Eligibility.** For purposes of this Part, an eligible student is:
 - A. A high school graduate in the class of 2020, 2021 or 2022 who enrolls in a Maine community college in ~~the fall of 2022~~;
 - B. A high school graduate in the class of 2023 who enrolls in a Maine community college in ~~the fall of 2023~~;
 - C. A person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2020, 2021 or 2022 who enrolls in a Maine community college in ~~the fall of 2022~~; or
 - D. A person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2023 who enrolls in a Maine community college in ~~the fall of 2023~~.'

Amend the bill by inserting after Part B the following:

'PART C

Sec. C-1. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 724, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Protected person" means a person who in good faith calls for assistance for another person experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose ~~and~~, any person rendering aid at the location of the suspected drug-related overdose and any person who is experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose.

Sec. C-2. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Effective date. This section takes effect January 1, 2023.

Sec. C-3. 28-B MRSA §505, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §2, is amended to read:

A Beginning January 1, 2023, a marijuana store and its employees may transport adult use marijuana products between the licensed premises of the marijuana store and the

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1 location at which the marijuana store is authorized to sell adult use marijuana products
2 under a permit issued under section 504-A.

3 **Sec. C-4. PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. L, §6** is enacted to read:

4 **Sec. L-6. Application to municipal general assistance program.** For purposes
5 of the municipal general assistance program established pursuant to the Maine Revised
6 Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1161, relief payments are not income as defined in Title 22,
7 section 4301, subsection 7.

8 **Sec. C-5. PL 2021, c. 736, §3** is repealed.'

9 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
10 number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment amends Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to allow a person who is a high
13 school graduate in the class of 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023 to enroll for free in a Maine
14 community college in any semester in 2022 or 2023, not just the fall semester of 2022 or
15 2023 as enacted in Part OO.

16 This amendment also adds Part C, which:

17 1. Amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1111-B, subsection 1,
18 paragraph B, as enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 724, which provides protections from
19 arrest, prosecution and probation violations for a person who calls for assistance for a
20 person who is experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose or who is rendering aid to
21 such a person. This amendment also provides those protections to the person who is
22 experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose;

23 2. Amends Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to specify that the payments made pursuant
24 to the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program, as enacted in Part L, are not considered
25 income for purposes of the municipal general assistance program;

26 3. Amends Title 28-B, section 505, which allows the sale of adult use marijuana
27 outside of a marijuana store at specified events under a permit issued by the Department of
28 Administrative and Financial Services, to delay the effective date until January 1, 2023;
29 and

30 4. Repeals a provision of Public Law 2021, chapter 736 that requires the Department
31 of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing procedures to ensure that persons
32 in environmental justice populations and frontline communities are provided with fair and
33 equitable access to the department's decision-making processes under the Maine Revised
34 Statutes, Title 38, sections 341-D and 341-H.

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