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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 234, L.D. 330, “An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Improve the Process of Disposal of Hospice Medications Used in the Home'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8624 is enacted to read:

§8624. Medication disposal

A hospice provider who provides services to a client in the home of the client or the family of the client or another person shall provide a written policy to the client or family as part of developing the care plan. The written policy must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Care plan guidance. Clarification of the hospice provider, client and family roles and expectations regarding the prescribing and administering of controlled substances;

2. Safe use and storage. Requirements for management for safe use and storage of controlled substances in the home;

3. Disposal expected. Requirements for documentation that the client's family is expected to safely and appropriately dispose of any medications, especially controlled substances, after the client has died;

4. Safe disposal. Information on safe and environmentally sound disposal of medications;

5. Disposal method. Requirements for return envelopes or disposal kits or any other method of collection or disposal that the pharmacy providing the medication or the hospice provider has provided or recommended to the client and the family that is consistent with Maine Drug Enforcement Agency recommendations and requirements;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

