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An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws

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Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, SHEEHAN
of Biddeford, WARREN of Hallowell, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: CLAXTON of
Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§17**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 346, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **17. "Traffick":**

5 A. To make, create, manufacture;

6 B. To grow or cultivate, except for marijuana;

7 C. To sell, barter, trade, exchange or otherwise furnish for consideration; or

8 D. To possess with the intent to do any act mentioned in paragraph C;

9 ~~E. To possess 2 grams or more of heroin or 90 or more individual bags, folds, packages,~~
10 ~~envelopes or containers of any kind containing heroin; or~~

11 ~~F. To possess 2 grams or more of fentanyl powder or 90 or more individual bags, folds,~~
12 ~~packages, envelopes or containers of any kind containing fentanyl powder.~~

13 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§18**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 496, §§1 and 2,
14 is further amended to read:

15 **18. "Furnish":**

16 A. To furnish, give, dispense, administer, prescribe, deliver or otherwise transfer to
17 another; or

18 B. To possess with the intent to do any act mentioned in paragraph A;

19 ~~C. To possess more than 200 milligrams but less than 2 grams of heroin or at least 45~~
20 ~~but fewer than 90 individual bags, folds, packages, envelopes or containers of any kind~~
21 ~~containing heroin; or~~

22 ~~D. To possess more than 200 milligrams but less than 2 grams of fentanyl powder or~~
23 ~~at least 45 but fewer than 90 individual bags, folds, packages, envelopes or containers~~
24 ~~of any kind containing fentanyl powder.~~

25 **Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1103, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. A,
26 §19, is further amended to read:

27 B. Fourteen grams or more of cocaine ~~or 4 grams or more of cocaine in the form of~~
28 ~~cocaine base;~~

29 **Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1105-A, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119
30 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

31 D. At the time of the offense, the person trafficks in cocaine in a quantity of 112 grams
32 or more ~~or cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.~~
33 Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

34 **Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §1105-C, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119
35 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

36 D. At the time of the offense, the person furnishes cocaine in a quantity of 112 grams
37 or more ~~or cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.~~
38 Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

SUMMARY

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This bill removes from the definitions of "traffick" and "furnish" the specific weights and amounts of certain drugs that a person possesses. This bill removes references to cocaine base in provisions governing permissible inference of drug trafficking, aggravated drug trafficking and aggravated drug furnishing.