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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 610, L.D. 1855, “An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2021, chapter 28 permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing sites during the public health emergency declared by the Governor; and

Whereas, although the public health emergency declared by the Governor has expired, public health measures to address COVID-19, such as point-of-dispensing sites, are still needed in this State; and

Whereas, point-of-dispensing sites provide expanded access to vaccines; and

Whereas, this legislation extends protections for permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing sites beyond a declared emergency; and

Whereas, this legislation maintains requirements that point-of-dispensing sites must operate in accordance with a written memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and meet certain requirements for oversight and training; and

Whereas, having this legislation take effect as soon as possible will ensure point-of-dispensing sites can continue to be established when necessary; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

