## HP0197, LD 251, item 1, 124th Maine State Legislature An Act To Protect the Safety of Maine Children by Requiring the Express Consent of a Legal Guardian To Dispense Prescription Medication to a Minor

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2699-A is enacted to read:

## § 2699-A. Dispensing prescription drugs to minors

A prescription drug may not be dispensed to a minor without the express consent of the minor's legal guardian except under the following conditions:

- 1. Living independent of parental support. The minor has lived separately from both of the minor's parents or any legal guardian for at least 60 days and is independent of parental or guardian support;
  - **2. Married.** The minor is or was married;
- 3. Serving in the armed forces. The minor is or was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- **4. Emancipated.** The minor has been emancipated pursuant to Title 15, section 3506-A or has been legally emancipated in another jurisdiction.

## **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits dispensing prescription drugs to a minor without express consent from the minor's parents or legal guardian unless the minor is living independently of parental or guardian support, is or was married, is or was serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or has been legally emancipated.