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**An Act To Provide the Office of Chief Medical Examiner Access  
to Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Data  
for the Purpose of Conducting Cause of Death Investigations**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 483, §1, is amended to read:

D. A patient to whom a prescription is written, insofar as the information relates to that patient; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 483, §1, is amended to read:

E. Office personnel or personnel of any vendor or contractor, as necessary for establishing and maintaining the program's electronic system; and

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purpose of conducting an investigation or inquiry into the cause, manner and circumstances of death in a medical examiner case as described in section 3025. Prescription monitoring information in the possession or under the control of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is confidential and, notwithstanding section 3022, may not be disseminated. Information that is not prescription monitoring information and is separately acquired following access to prescription monitoring information pursuant to this paragraph remains subject to protection or dissemination in accordance with section 3022.

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