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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prescription Monitoring Information

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶F, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 1, §15, is amended 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; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶G, as reallocated by RR 2009, c. 1, §16, is amended to read:

G. The office that administers the MaineCare program pursuant to chapter 855 for the purposes of managing the care of its members, monitoring the purchase of controlled substances by its members and avoiding duplicate dispensing of controlled substances.; and

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

H. Another state pursuant to subsection 4-A.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Information sharing with other states. The office may provide prescription monitoring information to and receive prescription monitoring information from another state that has prescription monitoring information provisions consistent with this chapter and has entered into a prescription monitoring information sharing agreement with the office. The office may enter into a prescription monitoring information sharing agreement with another state to establish the terms and conditions of prescription monitoring information sharing and interoperability of information systems and to carry out the purposes of this subsection. For purpose of this subsection, "another state" means any state other than Maine and any territory or possession of the United States, but does not include a foreign country.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse to share prescription monitoring information with another state if the state has provisions consistent with prescription monitoring information provisions in Maine law and the office enters into a prescription monitoring information sharing agreement with the other state.