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House of Representatives, February 10, 2015

**An Act To Require Prescribers of Controlled Substances To Use the
Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program Software**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GUERIN of Glenburn, LOCKMAN of Amherst, SAWICKI
of Auburn, WARD of Dedham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7250-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§7250-A. Required use of prescription monitoring information**

4 After December 31, 2015, a prescriber may not prescribe a controlled substance to a
5 patient or authorize a refill of an existing prescription of a controlled substance for a
6 patient prior to obtaining, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, any
7 available prescription monitoring information related to the patient.

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7251, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

9 **1-A. Failure to comply with use requirement.** A prescriber is subject to discipline
10 by the applicable professional licensing entity if the prescriber fails to obtain any
11 available prescription monitoring information related to a patient prior to prescribing a
12 controlled substance or authorizing a refill of an existing prescription of a controlled
13 substance as required by section 7250-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2016, prescribers of controlled substances to
16 obtain any available prescription monitoring information from the Controlled Substances
17 Prescription Monitoring Program established by the Department of Health and Human
18 Services related to a patient before prescribing or authorizing a refill of a prescription of a
19 controlled substance to the patient.