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**An Act To Establish an Exemption to the 30-day Supply Limitation
on Certain Pain Medication**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representative: TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §13, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
5 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
6 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
7 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
8 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §17, is
10 amended to read:

11 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
12 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
13 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
14 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. For purposes of this
15 paragraph, "chronic pain" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246,
16 subsection 1-C; or

17 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §20, is
18 amended to read:

19 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
20 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
21 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
22 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
23 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

24 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §23, is
25 amended to read:

26 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
27 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
28 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
29 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. "Chronic pain" has
30 the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246, subsection 1-C; or

31 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §32, is
32 amended to read:

33 C. On or after January 1, 2017, within a 30-day period, more than a 30-day supply of
34 an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain or more than a
35 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain
36 who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period. For purposes of this
37 paragraph, "chronic pain" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 7246,
38 subsection 1-C; or

SUMMARY

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Current law prohibits an individual licensed to prescribe opioid medication from prescribing more than a 30-day supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain. This bill allows an individual licensed to prescribe opioid medication to prescribe no more than a 6-month supply of an opioid medication to a patient under treatment for chronic pain who will be out of the country at the end of the 30-day period.