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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1074, L.D. 1558, Bill, "An Act To Require That Municipalities and Counties Recover the Cost of Opioid Antagonist Treatment from Repeat Recipients"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Reimbursement to Municipalities and Counties of the Cost of Opioid Antagonist Treatment'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3111 is enacted to read:

§3111. Recovering costs of opioid antagonists

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Health insurance" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 704.

B. "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or other similarly acting drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid overdose.

C. "Opioid-related drug overdose" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 2353, subsection 1, paragraph C.

2. Reimbursement. When a municipality or county or an agent of either administers an opioid antagonist to an individual experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose, the municipality or county or agent may make all reasonable efforts to identify whether that individual has previously been administered an opioid antagonist. The municipality or county or agent may make all reasonable efforts to recover from the individual's health insurance provider the cost of the dose administered if it is not the first opioid antagonist administered to the individual.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes the requirement in the bill that a municipality or county or agent of either make all reasonable efforts to identify whether an individual has previously been administered an opioid antagonist and to recover the cost from the individual if it is a 2nd or subsequent treatment. The amendment, instead, authorizes a municipality, county or agent to make efforts to identify prior treatment with an opioid antagonist, and it authorizes the municipality or county to make efforts to recover from the individual's health insurance provider the cost of the dose administered if it is a 2nd or subsequent treatment. The amendment removes the provision in the bill that imposes a \$1,000 fine on a municipality or county that does not meet the bill's requirements.