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An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2021, chapter 28 permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing sites during the public health emergency declared by the Governor; and

Whereas, although the public health emergency declared by the Governor has expired, public health measures to address COVID-19, such as point-of-dispensing sites, are still needed in this State; and

Whereas, point-of-dispensing sites provide expanded access to vaccines; and

Whereas, this legislation extends protections for permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing sites beyond a declared emergency; and

Whereas, this legislation maintains requirements that point-of-dispensing sites must operate in accordance with a written memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and meet certain requirements for oversight and training; and

Whereas, having this legislation take effect as soon as possible will ensure point-of-dispensing sites can continue to be established when necessary; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 2021, c. 28, Pt. D, §1, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. Applicability. This section applies only to point-of-dispensing vaccine sites that have a written memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health and Human

Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to administer vaccines against COVID-19. ~~This section is effective only during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID-19 as of March 15, 2020 and any renewals of that declaration in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 742 and Title 22, section 801, subsection 4-A and section 802, subsection 2-A.~~

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.