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**Testimony of William O'Neal**

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**IN OPPOSITION of LD 1452**

**"An Act to Allow the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Assess Civil Penalties for the Noncompliance of Emergency Medical Services Persons with the Requirement to Administer Naloxone Hydrochloride in Compliance with Trainings and Procedures Developed by the Board"**

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Hearing: Weds, April 23rd

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and honorable members of the Joint Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

My name is Wil O'Neal, and I am the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services (Maine EMS)

I am testifying on behalf of the Maine Department of Public Safety and Maine EMS **in opposition to LD 1452**, "An Act to Allow the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Assess Civil Penalties for the Noncompliance of Emergency Medical Services Persons with the Requirement to Administer Naloxone Hydrochloride in Compliance with Trainings and Procedures Developed by the Board"

We have spoken with the bill sponsor and want to make clear to the committee that we are aligned on our efforts to hold clinicians accountable for providing treatment under the overdose protocol as required by law.

The current rules allow the EMS Board to impose a civil fine up to \$1500, per infraction, as necessary. The current process allows our office and the Board to follow the requirements of the administrative procedures act and ensures that we review and treat complaints fairly and objectively according to the established rules and applicable laws.

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We will continue to work closely with the Governor's office, OBH, the Substance Use Disorder treatment community, and their advocates, to support legislative and operational objectives that bolster overdose treatment and aid in the prevention of overdose deaths.

Please support the ongoing efforts of the Maine EMS Board and Maine EMS in voting OUGHT NOT TO PASS for LD 1452.

Thank you for consideration of my written testimony. Please forward any questions to our office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wil O'Neal', with a stylized, cursive script.

Wil O'Neal

Director, Maine EMS