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Testimony of Representative Michele Meyer presenting
**LD 765, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled
Substance Prescription Monitoring Program**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Senator Ingwersen, and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. I am glad to present LD 765, *An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program* on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services.

This bill seeks to amend the laws governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). The PMP is a secure databased that is used across the State of Maine to improve public health by providing controlled substance use drug information prior to prescribing or dispensing those drugs. This system decreases the amount and the frequency of opioid and controlled substances prescribing.

As proposed, the language would update and clarify the definition of “prescriber,” remove the itemized list of required information to be reported to the PMP from statute, and extend the submission of the required annual report by 3 months, which will help ensure data reports that are not available until mid-February can be included.

These changes will ensure that Maine’s PMP laws, which are a key part of the State’s Opioid Response Strategy, support the program’s directive to promote the public health and welfare and to detect and prevent substance use disorder.

The Department will follow my testimony to further explain this proposal and to take any questions you may have.