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House of Representatives, January 17, 2017

### **An Act To Increase the Number of Suboxone Prescribers**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DOORE of Augusta, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, O'NEIL of Saco, RYKERSON of Kittery, SPEAR of South Thomaston, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2594-E, sub-§5, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 242, §3, is  
3 amended to read:

4 D. Scope of practice for physician assistants, including prescribing of controlled  
5 drugs and treating opioid dependency with buprenorphine products;

6 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2594-E, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

7 **6. Waiver application for buprenorphine.** A physician assistant licensed and  
8 registered pursuant to this section whose scope of practice includes prescribing opioid  
9 medication and who is authorized under federal law to be eligible for a waiver from the  
10 federal Drug Enforcement Administration for treating opioid dependency with  
11 buprenorphine products shall apply for the waiver for the purpose of treating opioid  
12 dependency with buprenorphine products.

13 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2600-D** is enacted to read:

14 **§2600-D. Waiver application for buprenorphine**

15 An individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice includes  
16 prescribing opioid medication shall obtain a physician waiver from the federal Drug  
17 Enforcement Administration for the purpose of treating opioid dependency with  
18 buprenorphine products.

19 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3270-E, sub-§5, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 242, §5, is  
20 amended to read:

21 D. Scope of practice for physician assistants, including prescribing of controlled  
22 drugs and treating opioid dependency with buprenorphine products;

23 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §3270-E, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

24 **6. Waiver application for buprenorphine.** A physician assistant licensed and  
25 registered pursuant to this section whose scope of practice includes prescribing opioid  
26 medication and who is authorized under federal law to be eligible for a waiver from the  
27 federal Drug Enforcement Administration for treating opioid dependency with  
28 buprenorphine products shall apply for the waiver for the purpose of treating opioid  
29 dependency with buprenorphine products.

30 **Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §3300-G** is enacted to read:

31 **§3300-G. Waiver application for buprenorphine**

32 An individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice includes  
33 prescribing opioid medication shall obtain a physician waiver from the federal Drug  
34 Enforcement Administration for the purpose of treating opioid dependency with  
35 buprenorphine products.

