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**An Act To Allow Hospitals To More Efficiently Monitor the
Prescribing of Controlled Substances by Amending the Laws
Governing Access to Prescription Monitoring Information**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, HARVELL of Farmington, HEAD of
Bethel, HYMANSON of York, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶¶I and J**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §6,
3 are amended to read:

4 I. Staff members of a licensed hospital who are authorized by the chief medical
5 officer of the hospital, insofar as the information relates to a patient receiving care in
6 the hospital's emergency department or receiving inpatient services from the hospital;
7 ~~and~~

8 J. Staff members of a pharmacist who are authorized by the pharmacist on duty,
9 insofar as the information relates to a customer seeking to have a prescription filled-;
10 and

11 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§4, ¶K** is enacted to read:

12 K. The chief medical officer, medical director or other similar individual employed
13 by a licensed hospital, insofar as the information relates to prescriptions written by
14 prescribers employed by that licensed hospital.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 The purpose of this bill is to allow a hospital to more efficiently monitor the
17 prescribing of controlled substances by its employed prescribers by authorizing a
18 hospital's chief medical officer, medical director or other similar individual employed by
19 the hospital to access prescription monitoring information.