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An Act to Amend the Law Governing Items Identified as Prison Contraband

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §757, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **3.** ~~Trafficking~~ Except as provided in subsection 4, trafficking in prison contraband is
5 a Class C crime.

6 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §757, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

7 **4.** If the contraband is electronic contraband or a vaping device, trafficking in prison
8 contraband is a Class D crime. For purposes of this subsection:

9 A. "Electronic contraband" means a mobile telephone or other handheld electronic
10 communication device not authorized or issued by the custodial authority; and

11 B. "Vaping device" means a device, also known as a vape, e-cigarette, electronic
12 cigarette or electronic vaporizer, that simulates smoking using an atomizer, a power
13 source such as a battery and a container such as a cartridge or a tank and is used for
14 ingesting any substance, including a drug identified in section 1101, subsection 11.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill makes trafficking in prison contraband a Class D crime if the contraband is a
17 mobile telephone or other handheld electronic communication device not authorized or
18 issued by the custodial authority or a vaping device, also known as a vape, e-cigarette,
19 electronic cigarette or electronic vaporizer.