

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

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H.P. 206 - L.D. 273

**An Act To Add an Exception to Prescription Monitoring Program  
Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7253, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. Exceptions.** The requirements to check prescription monitoring information established in this section do not apply:

A. When a licensed or certified health care professional directly orders or administers a benzodiazepine or opioid medication to a person in an emergency room setting, an inpatient hospital setting, a long-term care facility or a residential care facility; or

B. When a licensed or certified health care professional directly orders, prescribes or administers a benzodiazepine or opioid medication to a person suffering from pain associated with end-of-life or hospice care.