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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**March 25, 2025 to June 25, 2025**

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
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## PREFACE

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Volume 1 contains the public laws, private and special laws and resolves enacted at the First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature and includes the 2023 Revisor's Report, chapter 2, Initiated Bill 2023, chapter 4 and a selection of significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials.

Additional volumes of the 2025 Laws of the State of Maine will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and any other special session of the 132nd Legislature.

The following conventions are used throughout the series.

1. At the top of each page is a heading that classifies each law by session of passage, year, type and chapter number.
2. A table of contents that locates major divisions and contents by page number is located at the beginning of each volume.
3. Subject indexes of the documents contained in these volumes, arranged alphabetically by subject heading with corresponding chapter numbers, are provided.
4. Session cross-reference tables are also provided showing how unallocated public laws and titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. Words and phrases deleted from the statutes are shown struck through. When an entire unit is repealed, the text that is repealed is not shown struck through, but its repeal is indicated by express language.
6. When new words or sections are added to the statutes, they are underlined.
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Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office. Laws of the State of Maine is also available online through the website of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/LOM/LOMpdfDirectory.htm>.

This edition of Laws of the State of Maine and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine, and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions would be appreciated.

Edward A. Charbonneau  
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September 2025

# LEGISLATIVE STATISTICS

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION 132nd Legislature

Convened .....	December 4, 2024
Adjourned .....	March 21, 2025
Days in Session	
Senate .....	13
House of Representatives.....	12
Legislative Documents.....	1222
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Resolves .....	11
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Initiated Bills.....	1
Vetoed .....	0
Overridden .....	0
Sustained.....	0
Emergency Enactments.....	6
Effective Date .....	June 20, 2025 (unless otherwise indicated)

\*Pursuant to Joint Order 2025, S.P. 519, all matters before the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature were held over to the First Special Session.

# LEGISLATIVE STATISTICS

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 132nd Legislature

Convened .....	March 25, 2025
Adjourned .....	June 25, 2025
Days in Session	
Senate .....	36
House of Representatives.....	35
Legislative Documents.....	766
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Resolves .....	107
Constitutional Resolutions.....	0
Competing Measure Resolutions .....	0
Initiated Bills.....	0
Vetoes .....	5
Overridden .....	0
Sustained.....	5
Emergency Enactments.....	76
Effective Date .....	September 24, 2025 (unless otherwise indicated)



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FOR THE POLITICAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026**

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AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

**CHAPTER 1  
S.P. 67 - L.D. 131**

**An Act to Eliminate the  
Provision of the Maine  
Workers' Compensation Act of  
1992 That Allows an Employer  
Member of a Group Self-  
insurer to Insure Its Employees  
Through a Fronting  
Arrangement**

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§4-B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 393, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§4-C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 393, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 2  
H.P. 377 - L.D. 609**

**An Act Making Certain  
Appropriations and Allocations  
and Changing Certain  
Provisions of Law Necessary to  
the Proper Operations of State  
Government**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
All Other	\$772,957	\$772,957	
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$772,957	\$772,957	

<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
All Other	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295	

<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295	
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<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18,000	18,000	
Personal Services	\$2,122,079	\$2,246,530	
All Other	\$1,607,403	\$1,607,403	

<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL</b>	\$3,729,482	\$3,853,933	
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<b>FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000	
Personal Services	\$110,563	\$118,679	
All Other	\$57,876	\$57,876	

<b>FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL</b>	\$168,439	\$176,555	
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**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
All Other	\$6,063	\$6,063	
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	\$6,063	\$6,063	

<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	
All Other	\$43,266	\$43,266	

<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL</b>	\$43,266	\$43,266	
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**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$2,374
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$2,374</u>

<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,088	\$7,121
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,088</u>	<u>\$7,121</u>

**ACCIDENT - SICKNESS - HEALTH INSURANCE 0455 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$772,957	\$772,957
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$772,957</u>	<u>\$772,957</u>

<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$116,958,054	\$116,959,732
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$116,958,054</u>	<u>\$116,959,732</u>

<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,122,079	\$2,246,530
All Other	\$1,652,757	\$1,657,790
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,774,836</u>	<u>\$3,904,320</u>

<b>FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$110,563	\$118,679
All Other	\$57,876	\$57,876
<b>FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$168,439</u>	<u>\$176,555</u>

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000
Personal Services	\$4,013,689	\$4,229,248
All Other	\$403,330	\$403,330
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,417,019</u>	<u>\$4,632,578</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,229	\$1,229
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,229</u>	<u>\$1,229</u>

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,436	\$9,848
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$7,436</u>	<u>\$9,848</u>

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,227	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,227</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position in the Human Resources General Fund account.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,370	\$15,220
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,370</u>	<u>\$15,220</u>

**ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES 0038**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000
Personal Services	\$4,032,286	\$4,244,468

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All Other	\$411,995	\$414,407
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,444,281</u>	<u>\$4,658,875</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

**Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety Fund and Municipal Opt-In Fund Z263**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$135,420	\$11,566
All Other	\$4,179,310	\$4,179,310
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,314,730</u>	<u>\$4,190,876</u>

**ADULT USE CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FUND AND MUNICIPAL OPT-IN FUND Z263**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$135,420	\$11,566
All Other	\$4,179,310	\$4,179,310
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,314,730</u>	<u>\$4,190,876</u>

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	25.000	25.000
All Other	\$3,281,029	\$3,451,272
	\$20,331	\$20,331
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,301,360</u>	<u>\$3,471,603</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$455,794	\$479,518
All Other	\$1,219,568	\$1,219,568
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,675,362</u>	<u>\$1,699,086</u>

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$255,395	\$255,395

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$255,395</u>	<u>\$255,395</u>
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**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,421	\$10,678

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$7,421</u>	<u>\$10,678</u>
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**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,283	\$10,680

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$10,283</u>	<u>\$10,680</u>
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**ADULT USE CANNABIS REGULATORY COORDINATION FUND Z264**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	25.000	25.000
All Other	\$3,291,312	\$3,461,952
	\$20,331	\$20,331
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,311,643</u>	<u>\$3,482,283</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$455,794	\$479,518
All Other	\$1,482,384	\$1,485,641
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,938,178</u>	<u>\$1,965,159</u>

**Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	15.000	15.000
All Other	\$1,522,322	\$1,605,771
	\$712,950	\$712,950
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,235,272</u>	<u>\$2,318,721</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,190	\$19,190
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$19,190</u>	<u>\$19,190</u>
<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,342,332	\$1,433,296
All Other	\$192,908,719	\$192,908,719
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$194,251,051</u>	<u>\$194,342,015</u>

**Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,625	\$11,442
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,625</u>	<u>\$11,442</u>

<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,485	\$29,457
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,485</u>	<u>\$29,457</u>

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - GENERAL OPERATION 0015**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,522,322	\$1,605,771
All Other	\$721,575	\$724,392
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,243,897</u>	<u>\$2,330,163</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,190	\$19,190
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$19,190</u>	<u>\$19,190</u>

<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,342,332	\$1,433,296
All Other	\$192,930,204	\$192,938,176
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$194,272,536</u>	<u>\$194,371,472</u>

**American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AUDIT, CONTROLLER AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT Z302**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

**Budget - Bureau of the 0055**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,765,475	\$1,847,809
All Other	\$110,083	\$110,083
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,875,558</u>	<u>\$1,957,892</u>

**Budget - Bureau of the 0055**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,962	\$6,962
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,962</u>	<u>\$6,962</u>

**Budget - Bureau of the 0055**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$202	\$1,544
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$202</u>	<u>\$1,544</u>

**BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,765,475	\$1,847,809
All Other	\$117,247	\$118,589

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,882,722	\$1,966,398
<b>Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080</b>		
Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	90.000	90.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,705,104	\$8,096,677
All Other	\$8,168,650	\$8,168,650
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,873,754	\$16,265,327
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$996,277	\$996,277
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$996,277	\$996,277
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$372,385	\$400,687
All Other	\$30,076,711	\$30,076,711
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$30,449,096	\$30,477,398

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**  
 Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$58,334	\$58,334
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,334	\$58,334
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,854	\$7,854
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$7,854	\$7,854

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**  
 Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,221	\$17,441
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,221	\$17,441
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,476	\$6,591

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,476	\$6,591
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<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$130,188	\$145,954
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$130,188	\$145,954

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	90.000	90.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,705,104	\$8,096,677
All Other	\$8,234,205	\$8,244,425
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,939,309	\$16,341,102
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,753	\$1,002,868
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,753	\$1,002,868

<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$372,385	\$400,687
All Other	\$30,214,753	\$30,230,519

REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$30,587,138	\$30,631,206
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**Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$310,587	\$310,587
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,587	\$310,587

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$645,000	\$645,000
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**Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$39	\$39
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$39</u>	<u>\$39</u>

**BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES - CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND 0883**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$310,626	\$310,626
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$310,626</u>	<u>\$310,626</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$645,000</u>	<u>\$645,000</u>

**Bureau of Revenue Services Fund 0885**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$151,720	\$151,720
<b>BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$151,720</u>	<u>\$151,720</u>

**BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND 0885**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$151,720	\$151,720
<b>BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$151,720</u>	<u>\$151,720</u>

**Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$301,836	\$301,836
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$301,836</u>	<u>\$301,836</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$948,359</u>	<u>\$948,359</u>

**Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$2,047	\$2,047
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,047</u>	<u>\$2,047</u>

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION/REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS - ADMINISTRATION 0059**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$303,883	\$303,883
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$303,883</u>	<u>\$303,883</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$948,359</u>	<u>\$948,359</u>

**Central Administrative Applications Z234**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$24,837,597	\$24,837,597
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$24,837,597</u>	<u>\$24,837,597</u>

**Central Administrative Applications Z234**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,340	\$7,959
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,340</u>	<u>\$7,959</u>

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS Z234**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$24,842,937	\$24,845,556
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$24,842,937</u>	<u>\$24,845,556</u>

**Central Fleet Management 0703**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	17,000	17,000
All Other	\$1,568,743	\$1,662,009
	\$8,414,202	\$8,414,202

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,982,945</u>	<u>\$10,076,211</u>
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**Central Fleet Management 0703**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

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<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,090	\$7,490
<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,090</b>	<b>\$7,490</b>

**Central Fleet Management 0703**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,224	\$6,127
<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,224</b>	<b>\$6,127</b>

**CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT 0703**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,568,743	\$1,662,009
All Other	\$8,424,516	\$8,427,819
<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,993,259</b>	<b>\$10,089,828</b>

**Central Services - Purchases 0004**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$74,256	\$77,525
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$172,518</b>	<b>\$175,787</b>

<b>POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	32.000	32.000
Personal Services	\$2,993,600	\$3,161,084
All Other	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220
<b>POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,535,820</b>	<b>\$4,703,304</b>

**CENTRAL SERVICES - PURCHASES 0004**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$74,256	\$77,525
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$172,518</b>	<b>\$175,787</b>

<b>POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	32.000	32.000

Personal Services	\$2,993,600	\$3,161,084
All Other	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220
<b>POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,535,820</b>	<b>\$4,703,304</b>

**Centralized Imaging Services Z372**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**CENTRALIZED IMAGING SERVICES Z372**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**County Tax Reimbursement 0263**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

**COUNTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0263**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

**Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,155,674</b>	<b>\$28,155,674</b>

**DEBT SERVICE - GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AUTHORITY 0893**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,155,674	\$28,155,674
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,155,674</b>	<b>\$28,155,674</b>

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$984,444	\$984,444

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$984,444 \$984,444

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: Deappropriates funds included in the baseline as a placeholder to record funding adjustments that are subsequently reallocated to the appropriate programs.

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other (\$984,444) (\$984,444)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL (\$984,444) (\$984,444)

**DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - STATEWIDE 0016**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$0 \$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$0

**Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Z363**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$137,682 \$137,682

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$137,682 \$137,682

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD Z363**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$137,682 \$137,682

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$137,682 \$137,682

**Elderly Tax Deferral Program 0650**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES 2025-26 2026-27  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**ELDERLY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM 0650**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES 2025-26 2026-27  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL 2025-26 2026-27  
REVENUE FUNDS All Other \$30,000 \$30,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$30,000 \$30,000  
FUNDS TOTAL

FINANCIAL AND 2025-26 2026-27  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND

POSITIONS - 282,000 282,000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$30,956,352 \$32,900,402  
All Other \$1,893,381 \$1,893,381

FINANCIAL AND \$32,849,733 \$34,793,783  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

FINANCIAL AND 2025-26 2026-27  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND All Other \$359,589 \$359,589

FINANCIAL AND \$359,589 \$359,589  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

FINANCIAL AND 2025-26 2026-27  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND All Other \$29,657 \$31,671

FINANCIAL AND \$29,657 \$31,671  
PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL

**FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES - DIVISION OF 0713**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL 2025-26 2026-27  
REVENUE FUNDS

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All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$30,000	\$30,000
FUNDS TOTAL		
<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	282.000	282.000
Personal Services	\$30,956,352	\$32,900,402
All Other	\$2,282,627	\$2,284,641
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$33,238,979	\$35,185,043

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$105,364,497	\$105,364,497
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$105,364,497	\$105,364,497

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$13,364,497)	(\$10,364,497)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$13,364,497)	(\$10,364,497)

**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT 0886**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,000,000	\$95,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$92,000,000	\$95,000,000

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$3,218,048	\$3,423,740
All Other	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,861,800	\$18,067,492

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	425.000	425.000
Personal Services	\$57,901,315	\$61,280,283
All Other	\$7,373,077	\$7,373,077
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$65,274,392	\$68,653,360

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$155,631	\$250,537
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$155,631	\$250,537

**INFORMATION SERVICES 0155**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$3,218,048	\$3,423,740
All Other	\$14,643,752	\$14,643,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,861,800	\$18,067,492

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	425.000	425.000
Personal Services	\$57,901,315	\$61,280,283
All Other	\$7,528,708	\$7,623,614
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$65,430,023	\$68,903,897

**Leased Space Reserve Fund Program Z145**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**LEASED SPACE RESERVE FUND PROGRAM Z145**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	24.000	24.000
All Other	\$2,254,579	\$2,395,475
	\$2,623,009	\$2,623,009
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,877,588</u>	<u>\$5,018,484</u>

**Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,754	\$1,754
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,754</u>	<u>\$1,754</u>

**Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,476)	\$3,529
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$12,476)</u>	<u>\$3,529</u>

**LOTTERY OPERATIONS 0023**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	24.000	24.000
All Other	\$2,254,579	\$2,395,475
	\$2,612,287	\$2,628,292
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,866,866</u>	<u>\$5,023,767</u>

**Maine Board of Tax Appeals Z146**

**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	3.000	3.000
All Other	\$391,002	\$412,916
	\$47,948	\$47,948
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$438,950</u>	<u>\$460,864</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

**Maine Board of Tax Appeals Z146**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,179	\$5,179
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,179</u>	<u>\$5,179</u>

**MAINE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS Z146**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	3.000	3.000
All Other	\$391,002	\$412,916
	\$53,127	\$53,127
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$444,129</u>	<u>\$466,043</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council Z185**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$160,155	\$160,155
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$160,155</u>	<u>\$160,155</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$480,465	\$480,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$480,465</u>	<u>\$480,465</u>

**MAINE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL Z185**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$160,155	\$160,155
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$160,155</u>	<u>\$160,155</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$480,465	\$480,465
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$480,465</u>	<u>\$480,465</u>

**Mandate BETE - Reimburse Municipalities Z065**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$28,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>

**MANDATE BETE - REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES Z065**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$28,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>

**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$2,058,220	\$2,181,243
All Other	\$1,348,262	\$1,348,262

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,406,482</u>	<u>\$3,529,505</u>
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**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$164,051	\$164,051

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$164,051</u>	<u>\$164,051</u>
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**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,421	\$10,677

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$7,421</u>	<u>\$10,677</u>
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**MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS FUND Z265**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$2,058,220	\$2,181,243
All Other	\$1,519,734	\$1,522,990

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,577,954</u>	<u>\$3,704,233</u>
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**Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$2,048,344	\$2,150,987
All Other	\$169,237	\$169,237

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,217,581</u>	<u>\$2,320,224</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
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**Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,997	\$8,997

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,997</u>	<u>\$8,997</u>
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**Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,502	\$3,788

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,502</u>	<u>\$3,788</u>
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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES 0718**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$2,048,344	\$2,150,987
All Other	\$180,736	\$182,022

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,229,080	\$2,333,009
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,635,874	\$1,722,433
All Other	\$1,064,951	\$1,064,951
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,700,825	\$2,787,384

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000

**Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$90	\$90
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90	\$90

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - PLANNING/CONSTRUCTION - ADMINISTRATION 0057**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,635,874	\$1,722,433
All Other	\$1,065,041	\$1,065,041
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,700,915	\$2,787,474

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000

**Purchases - Division of 0007**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.500	13.500
Personal Services	\$1,659,157	\$1,765,935
All Other	\$549,261	\$549,261

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,208,418	\$2,315,196
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Purchases - Division of 0007**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,677	\$33,677
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$33,677	\$33,677

**Purchases - Division of 0007**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,245	\$2,655
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,245	\$2,655

**Purchases - Division of 0007**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Public Service Manager I positions from range 27 to range 30.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,833	\$24,428
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,833	\$24,428

**PURCHASES - DIVISION OF 0007**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.500	13.500
Personal Services	\$1,676,990	\$1,790,363
All Other	\$584,183	\$585,593
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,261,173	\$2,375,956

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption Z296**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,772,000	\$3,772,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,772,000</u>	<u>\$3,772,000</u>

**RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Z296**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,772,000	\$3,772,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,772,000</u>	<u>\$3,772,000</u>

**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	303.500	303.500
Personal Services	\$36,561,168	\$38,556,042
All Other	\$18,346,244	\$18,346,244
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$54,907,412</u>	<u>\$56,902,286</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,463,848	\$9,463,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,463,848</u>	<u>\$9,463,848</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,500</u>	<u>\$5,000,500</u>

**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,602,675	\$2,706,022
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,602,675</u>	<u>\$2,706,022</u>

**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$54,787	\$81,455
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$54,787</u>	<u>\$81,455</u>

**REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	303.500	303.500
Personal Services	\$36,561,168	\$38,556,042
All Other	\$22,003,706	\$21,133,721
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,564,874</u>	<u>\$59,689,763</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,463,848	\$9,463,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,463,848</u>	<u>\$9,463,848</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,500</u>	<u>\$5,000,500</u>

**Risk Management - Claims 0008**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$855,754	\$902,463
All Other	\$5,444,799	\$5,444,799
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,300,553</u>	<u>\$6,347,262</u>

<b>STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,042,515</u>	<u>\$2,042,515</u>

**Risk Management - Claims 0008**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,333	\$15,852
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,333</u>	<u>\$15,852</u>

**RISK MANAGEMENT - CLAIMS 0008**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$855,754	\$902,463
All Other	\$5,457,132	\$5,460,651
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,312,886</u>	<u>\$6,363,114</u>

<b>STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
<b>STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,042,515</u>	<u>\$2,042,515</u>

**Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement Z024**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**SNOW GROOMING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT Z024**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**Solid Waste Management Fund 0659**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$916,851	\$916,851
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$916,851</u>	<u>\$916,851</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$133,309	\$143,494
All Other	\$250,531	\$250,531
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$383,840	\$394,025
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND 0659**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$916,851	\$916,851
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$916,851</u>	<u>\$916,851</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$133,309	\$143,494
All Other	\$250,531	\$250,531
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$383,840	\$394,025
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,800,000</u>	<u>\$3,800,000</u>

**State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the cost of the benefit mandate to provide coverage for infertility treatment under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4320-U.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,600,000)	(\$2,600,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$2,600,000)</u>	<u>(\$2,600,000)</u>

**STATE BENEFIT MANDATE DEFRAYAL Z373**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28.000	28.000
Personal Services	\$3,868,229	\$4,056,931
All Other	\$213,006	\$213,006
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,081,235</u>	<u>\$4,269,937</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$11,000</u>	<u>\$11,000</u>

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,999	\$50,999
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,999</b>	<b>\$50,999</b>

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,107	\$5,233
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,107</b>	<b>\$5,233</b>

**STATE CONTROLLER - OFFICE OF THE 0056  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	28,000	28,000
Personal Services	\$3,868,229	\$4,056,931
All Other	\$267,112	\$269,238
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,135,341</b>	<b>\$4,326,169</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>

**Statewide Radio Network System 0112**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,199,151</b>	<b>\$4,199,151</b>

<b>STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**STATEWIDE RADIO NETWORK SYSTEM 0112  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,199,151</b>	<b>\$4,199,151</b>

<b>STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance Z001**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,385	\$8,385
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,385</b>	<b>\$8,385</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE HEALTH INSURANCE Z001**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,385	\$8,385
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,385</b>	<b>\$8,385</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement 0261**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,200,000	\$13,200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,200,000</b>	<b>\$13,200,000</b>

**TREE GROWTH TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0261  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,200,000	\$13,200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,200,000</b>	<b>\$13,200,000</b>

**Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund - Finance 0573**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,000,000	\$29,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$29,000,000</u>	<u>\$29,000,000</u>

**UNORGANIZED TERRITORY EDUCATION AND SERVICES FUND - FINANCE 0573**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,000,000	\$29,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$29,000,000</u>	<u>\$29,000,000</u>

**Veterans' Organizations Tax Reimbursement Z062**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS TAX REIMBURSEMENT Z062**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**Veterans Tax Reimbursement 0407**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,400,000</u>	<u>\$1,400,000</u>

**VETERANS TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0407**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,400,000</u>	<u>\$1,400,000</u>

**Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement 0907**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,000	\$16,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,000</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>

**WASTE FACILITY TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0907**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,000	\$16,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,000	\$16,000
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**Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,729,474	\$2,824,134
All Other	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,892,169</u>	<u>\$20,986,829</u>
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**Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,228	\$8,242

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,228</u>	<u>\$8,242</u>
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**Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$96,041	\$106,121

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$96,041</u>	<u>\$106,121</u>
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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM 0802**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,729,474	\$2,824,134
All Other	\$18,272,964	\$18,277,058

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,002,438</u>	<u>\$21,101,192</u>
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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$289,687,598	\$295,499,049
FEDERAL	\$489,350	\$489,350
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$53,498,852	\$53,540,558
FEDERAL	\$5,002,500	\$5,002,500
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	\$33,238,979	\$35,185,043
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$4,535,820	\$4,703,304
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	\$65,430,023	\$68,903,897
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	\$6,312,886	\$6,363,114
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$21,002,438	\$21,101,192
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$9,993,259	\$10,089,828
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$30,587,138	\$30,631,206
BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND	\$151,720	\$151,720
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	\$116,958,054	\$116,959,732
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$3,774,836	\$3,904,320
STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	\$500	\$500
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	\$194,272,536	\$194,371,472
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE LOTTERY FUND	\$4,866,866	\$5,023,767
FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	\$168,439	\$176,555
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$842,014,309</b>	<b>\$854,139,622</b>

**Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13,500	13,500
Personal Services	\$1,339,485	\$1,420,860
All Other	\$1,476,299	\$1,476,299
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,815,784</b>	<b>\$2,897,159</b>

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,207	\$5,885
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,207</b>	<b>\$5,885</b>

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,077	\$1,077
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,077</b>	<b>\$1,077</b>

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$5,246	\$0
All Other	\$220	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,466</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ANIMAL WELFARE FUND 0946**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13,500	13,500
Personal Services	\$1,344,731	\$1,420,860
All Other	\$1,479,803	\$1,483,261
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,824,534</b>	<b>\$2,904,121</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	69.000	69.000
Personal Services	\$7,839,947	\$8,273,714
All Other	\$2,855,803	\$2,855,803
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,695,750</b>	<b>\$11,129,517</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.815	0.815
Personal Services	\$1,151,650	\$1,221,748
All Other	\$2,975,591	\$2,975,491
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,127,241</b>	<b>\$4,197,239</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.652	8.652
Personal Services	\$2,637,948	\$2,817,352
All Other	\$2,982,713	\$2,982,713
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,620,661</b>	<b>\$5,800,065</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,050	\$15,050
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,050</b>	<b>\$15,050</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$242	\$242

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242</b>	<b>\$242</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$51,980	\$68,950
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,980</b>	<b>\$68,950</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$593	\$1,579

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$593</b>	<b>\$1,579</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$818	\$2,177

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$818</b>	<b>\$2,177</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,372	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,372</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,246	\$0
All Other	\$178	\$0

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,424</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Volunteer Services Coordinator position to a Volunteer Services Program Director position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,092	\$6,710
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,092</b>	<b>\$6,710</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,731	\$4,476
All Other	\$115	\$188

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,846</b>	<b>\$4,664</b>
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**BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE 0393**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	69.000	69.000
Personal Services	\$7,850,411	\$8,280,424
All Other	\$2,922,833	\$2,939,803
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,773,244</b>	<b>\$11,220,227</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.815	0.815
Personal Services	\$1,158,627	\$1,226,224
All Other	\$2,976,719	\$2,977,500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,135,346</b>	<b>\$4,203,724</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.652	8.652
Personal Services	\$2,637,948	\$2,817,352
All Other	\$2,983,531	\$2,984,890
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,621,479</b>	<b>\$5,802,242</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

**Certified Seed Fund 0787**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$637,697	\$674,850
All Other	\$367,828	\$367,828
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,005,525</b>	<b>\$1,042,678</b>

**CERTIFIED SEED FUND 0787**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$637,697	\$674,850
All Other	\$367,828	\$367,828
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,005,525</b>	<b>\$1,042,678</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$1,370,331	\$1,430,512
All Other	\$4,364,037	\$4,364,037
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,734,368</b>	<b>\$5,794,549</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,981,327	\$2,085,220
All Other	\$57,374,299	\$57,374,299
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,355,626</b>	<b>\$59,459,519</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$647,668	\$663,321
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$647,668</b>	<b>\$663,321</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$134,681	\$137,936
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,681</b>	<b>\$137,936</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$86,535	\$132,844
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$86,535</u>	<u>\$132,844</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$96,543	\$148,277
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$96,543</u>	<u>\$148,277</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the cost of legal services provided by the Department of the Attorney General.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$27,776
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$27,776</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,583	\$0
All Other	\$2,240	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,823</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**DACF ADMINISTRATION 0401**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$1,370,331	\$1,430,512
All Other	\$5,098,240	\$5,187,978
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,468,571</u>	<u>\$6,618,490</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,993,910	\$2,085,220
All Other	\$57,607,763	\$57,660,512
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$59,601,673</u>	<u>\$59,745,732</u>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	78.000	78.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.691	1.691
Personal Services	\$10,878,783	\$11,464,651
All Other	\$3,165,605	\$3,165,605
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,044,388</u>	<u>\$14,630,256</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	3.135	3.135
Personal Services	\$478,471	\$501,421
All Other	\$1,843,368	\$1,843,368
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,321,839</u>	<u>\$2,344,789</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$227,529	\$227,529
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$227,529</u>	<u>\$227,529</u>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for equipment installation in vehicles, including radios.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division for essential aircraft liability coverage based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,601	\$8,601
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,601</u>	<u>\$8,601</u>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,469	\$20,469
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,469</u>	<u>\$20,469</u>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$124,277	\$158,824
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,277</b>	<b>\$158,824</b>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fees from the Department of Public Safety for dispatch services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,912	\$66,046
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,912</b>	<b>\$66,046</b>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,016	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,016</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of an approved range change.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$643,343	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$643,343</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,624	\$6,031
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,624</b>	<b>\$6,031</b>

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 48 Forest Ranger II positions from range 19 to range 21.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$477,616	\$507,002
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$477,616</b>	<b>\$507,002</b>

**DIVISION OF FOREST PROTECTION Z232**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	78.000	78.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.691	1.691
Personal Services	\$12,014,382	\$11,977,684
All Other	\$3,385,864	\$3,419,545

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,400,246</b>	<b>\$15,397,229</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	3.135	3.135
Personal Services	\$478,471	\$501,421
All Other	\$1,843,368	\$1,843,368

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,321,839</b>	<b>\$2,344,789</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$227,529	\$227,529

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$227,529</b>	<b>\$227,529</b>
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**Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund Z332**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND Z332**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**FARMERS DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z364**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.904	2.904
Personal Services	\$5,110,603	\$5,402,442
All Other	\$897,709	\$897,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,008,312	\$6,300,151

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.711	2.711
Personal Services	\$932,928	\$979,413
All Other	\$1,635,679	\$1,635,679
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,568,607	\$2,615,092

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$290,829	\$290,829
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$290,829	\$290,829

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,863	\$5,863
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,863	\$5,863

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,676	\$15,135
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,676	\$15,135

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$3,971	\$10,586
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,971	\$10,586

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$36,678	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,678	\$0

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,352	\$0
All Other	\$540	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,892	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,892	\$0
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**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,803	\$6,029
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,803	\$6,029

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Senior Planner position to a Resource Management Coordinator position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,362	\$10,761
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,362	\$10,761

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Eliminates 2 seasonal Conservation Aide positions and reorganizes one seasonal Conservation Aide position to a full-time Entomology Technician position. This initiative also reallocates the cost of the reorganized position from 100% General Fund to 87% General Fund and 13% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.885)	(0.885)
Personal Services	(\$3,976)	(\$357)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,976)	(\$357)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.327)	(0.327)
Personal Services	(\$1,063)	(\$534)
All Other	(\$24)	(\$12)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (\$1,087) (\$546)  
 FUND TOTAL

**FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Z233**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	42.000	42.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.019	2.019
Personal Services	\$5,159,470	\$5,418,875
All Other	\$909,248	\$918,707

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$6,068,718 \$6,337,582

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	9.000	9.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.384	2.384
Personal Services	\$956,217	\$978,879
All Other	\$1,640,166	\$1,646,253

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$2,596,383 \$2,625,132

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$290,829	\$290,829

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$290,829 \$290,829

**Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$50,000 \$50,000

**FUND TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND PROVIDE NUTRITION INCENTIVES Z329**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$50,000 \$50,000

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,456,114	\$1,535,201
All Other	\$243,991	\$243,991

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,700,105 \$1,779,192

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**

POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$406,058	\$434,287
All Other	\$896,173	\$896,173

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,302,231 \$1,330,460

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**

POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$145,427	\$151,564
All Other	\$89,220	\$89,220

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$234,647 \$240,784

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,044	\$2,044

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,044 \$2,044

**GEOLOGY AND RESOURCE INFORMATION Z237**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,456,114	\$1,535,201
All Other	\$246,035	\$246,035

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,702,149 \$1,781,236

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**

POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$406,058	\$434,287
All Other	\$896,173	\$896,173

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,302,231 \$1,330,460

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**

POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$145,427	\$151,564
All Other	\$89,220	\$89,220

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$234,647 \$240,784  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Harness Racing Commission 0320**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.597	2.597
Personal Services	\$842,332	\$887,948
All Other	\$20,580,392	\$20,580,392

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$21,422,724 \$21,468,340  
FUNDS TOTAL

**HARNES RACING COMMISSION 0320**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.597	2.597
Personal Services	\$842,332	\$887,948
All Other	\$20,580,392	\$20,580,392

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$21,422,724 \$21,468,340  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Land for Maine's Future Z162**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$215,911	\$228,162
All Other	\$34,630	\$34,630

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$250,541 \$262,792

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,378	\$119,325
All Other	\$19,549	\$19,549

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$130,927 \$138,874  
FUND TOTAL

**LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE Z162**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$215,911	\$228,162
All Other	\$34,630	\$34,630

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$250,541 \$262,792

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,378	\$119,325
All Other	\$19,549	\$19,549

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$130,927 \$138,874  
FUND TOTAL

**Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund Z377**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$49,560	\$49,560

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$49,560 \$49,560  
FUNDS TOTAL

**LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE TRUST FUND Z377**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$49,560	\$49,560

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$49,560 \$49,560  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Land Management and Planning Z239**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$590,000	\$590,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$590,000 \$590,000  
FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	43.000	43.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.808	1.808
Personal Services	\$4,944,981	\$5,214,857
All Other	\$14,630,332	\$14,630,332

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$19,575,313 \$19,845,189  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Land Management and Planning Z239**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,180	\$5,180

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$5,180 \$5,180  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Land Management and Planning Z239**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$56,834	\$72,735
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$56,834</u>	<u>\$72,735</u>

**LAND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING Z239**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$590,000	\$590,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$590,000</u>	<u>\$590,000</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	43.000	43.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.808	1.808
Personal Services	\$4,944,981	\$5,214,857
All Other	\$14,692,346	\$14,708,247
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$19,637,327</u>	<u>\$19,923,104</u>

**Maine Conservation Corps Z149**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$258,445	\$271,181
All Other	\$163,096	\$163,096
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$421,541</u>	<u>\$434,277</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,389	\$16,033
All Other	\$1,008,973	\$1,008,973
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,024,362</u>	<u>\$1,025,006</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$134,383	\$141,993
All Other	\$684,125	\$684,125
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$818,508</u>	<u>\$826,118</u>

**MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS Z149**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$258,445	\$271,181
All Other	\$163,096	\$163,096
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$421,541</u>	<u>\$434,277</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,389	\$16,033
All Other	\$1,008,973	\$1,008,973
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,024,362</u>	<u>\$1,025,006</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$134,383	\$141,993
All Other	\$684,125	\$684,125
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$818,508</u>	<u>\$826,118</u>

**Maine Farms for the Future Program 0925**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$142,589	\$142,589
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$142,589</u>	<u>\$142,589</u>

**MAINE FARMS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM 0925**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$142,589	\$142,589
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$142,589</u>	<u>\$142,589</u>

**Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund Z327**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

**MAINE FORESTRY OPERATIONS CLEANUP AND RESPONSE FUND Z327**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

**Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE HEALTHY SOILS FUND Z328**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,641,288	\$2,811,283
All Other	\$223,993	\$223,993
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,865,281</b>	<b>\$3,035,276</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,300	\$3,300
All Other	\$108,178	\$108,178
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,478</b>	<b>\$111,478</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,667	\$2,667
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,667</b>	<b>\$2,667</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$93,786	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93,786</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 6 Environmental Specialist II positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist I positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$32,200	\$33,853
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,200</b>	<b>\$33,853</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Environmental Specialist III positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist II positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$34,197	\$36,871
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,197</b>	<b>\$36,871</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Environmental Specialist IV positions to Environmental Licensing Supervisor positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,113	\$16,975
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,113</b>	<b>\$16,975</b>

**MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION Z236**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,817,584	\$2,898,982
All Other	\$226,660	\$226,660
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,044,244</b>	<b>\$3,125,642</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,300	\$3,300
All Other	\$108,178	\$108,178
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,478</b>	<b>\$111,478</b>

**Milk Commission 0188**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000

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Personal Services	\$142,468	\$148,346
All Other	\$42,994,324	\$42,994,324

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$43,136,792	\$43,142,670
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**MILK COMMISSION 0188  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$142,468	\$148,346
All Other	\$42,994,324	\$42,994,324

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$43,136,792	\$43,142,670
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**Natural Areas Program Z821**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$411,728	\$434,598
All Other	\$66,242	\$66,242

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$477,970	\$500,840
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$166,136	\$179,238
All Other	\$133,082	\$133,082

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$299,218	\$312,320
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$280,134	\$302,202
All Other	\$605,699	\$605,699

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$885,833	\$907,901
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**NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM Z821**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$411,728	\$434,598
All Other	\$66,242	\$66,242

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$477,970	\$500,840
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$166,136	\$179,238
All Other	\$133,082	\$133,082

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$299,218	\$312,320
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$280,134	\$302,202
All Other	\$605,699	\$605,699

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$885,833	\$907,901
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**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	5.731	5.731
Personal Services	\$2,492,861	\$2,638,687
All Other	\$12,656,339	\$12,656,339

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,149,200	\$15,295,026
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**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,179	\$3,179

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,179	\$3,179
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**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Reorganizes 2 26-week Navigational Aides Assistant positions to one full-time Navigational Aides Assistant position.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$10,019)	(\$13,477)
All Other	(\$967)	(\$1,309)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$10,986)	(\$14,786)
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**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Reorganizes 2 26-week Recreation Trails Coordinator positions to one full-time Recreation Trails Coordinator position and reallocates the cost of the reorganized position between Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the same program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$10,328)	(\$13,031)
All Other	(\$992)	(\$1,256)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$11,320)</b>	<b>(\$14,287)</b>

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Reorganizes one seasonal Recreation Trails Coordinator position to a year-round position using savings from eliminating one Heavy Equipment Operator position. This initiative also reallocates the cost of the Recreation Trails Coordinator position between Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the same program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.154)	(1.154)
Personal Services	(\$6,283)	(\$6,979)
All Other	(\$601)	(\$665)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,884)</b>	<b>(\$7,644)</b>

**OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROGRAM Z224**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.577	2.577
Personal Services	\$2,466,231	\$2,605,200
All Other	\$12,656,958	\$12,656,288
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,123,189</b>	<b>\$15,261,488</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	49.000	49.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	80.579	80.579
Personal Services	\$10,362,157	\$11,164,869
All Other	\$1,709,525	\$1,709,525
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,071,682</b>	<b>\$12,874,394</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$251,974	\$264,689
All Other	\$6,799,139	\$6,799,139

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,051,113	\$7,063,828
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$638,421	\$686,612
All Other	\$2,410,440	\$2,410,440

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,048,861</b>	<b>\$3,097,052</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$412,720	\$412,720

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$412,720</b>	<b>\$412,720</b>
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**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$27,776	\$27,776

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,776</b>	<b>\$27,776</b>
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**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,052	\$24,136

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,052</b>	<b>\$24,136</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$148	\$392

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148</b>	<b>\$392</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,965	\$13,503

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,965</b>	<b>\$13,503</b>
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**PARKS - GENERAL OPERATIONS Z221**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	49.000	49.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	80.579	80.579
Personal Services	\$10,362,157	\$11,164,869
All Other	\$1,746,353	\$1,761,437
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,108,510</b>	<b>\$12,926,306</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$251,974	\$264,689
All Other	\$6,799,287	\$6,799,531
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,051,261</b>	<b>\$7,064,220</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$638,421	\$686,612
All Other	\$2,424,405	\$2,423,943
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,062,826</b>	<b>\$3,110,555</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$412,720	\$412,720
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$412,720</b>	<b>\$412,720</b>

**Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.018	2.018
Personal Services	\$321,453	\$340,356
All Other	\$218,007	\$218,007
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$539,460</b>	<b>\$558,363</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.500	10.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.893	2.893
Personal Services	\$1,381,767	\$1,472,673
All Other	\$1,394,864	\$1,394,864
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,776,631</b>	<b>\$2,867,537</b>

**Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased information technology system costs related to pesticides licensing.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,054	\$28,295
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,054</b>	<b>\$28,295</b>

**PESTICIDES CONTROL - BOARD OF 0287**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.018	2.018
Personal Services	\$321,453	\$340,356
All Other	\$218,007	\$218,007
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$539,460</b>	<b>\$558,363</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.500	10.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.893	2.893
Personal Services	\$1,381,767	\$1,472,673
All Other	\$1,409,918	\$1,423,159
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,791,685</b>	<b>\$2,895,832</b>

**Statewide Hunger Relief Program Z288**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**STATEWIDE HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM Z288**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Submerged Lands and Island Registry Z241**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$360,019	\$379,487
All Other	\$713,753	\$713,753
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,073,772</b>	<b>\$1,093,240</b>

**SUBMERGED LANDS AND ISLAND REGISTRY Z241**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$360,019	\$379,487
All Other	\$713,753	\$713,753
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,073,772</b>	<b>\$1,093,240</b>

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$58,658,323</b>	<b>\$60,547,210</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$20,991,027</b>	<b>\$21,192,888</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$177,991,410</b>	<b>\$179,115,701</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$413,720</b>	<b>\$413,720</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$259,054,480</b>	<b>\$262,269,519</b>

**Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Arts - Administration 0178**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	\$825,106	\$866,908
All Other	\$319,241	\$319,241
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,144,347</b>	<b>\$1,186,149</b>

**Arts - Administration 0178**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,727	\$8,727
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,727</b>	<b>\$8,727</b>

**Arts - Administration 0178**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,203	\$11,371
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,203</b>	<b>\$11,371</b>

**ARTS - ADMINISTRATION 0178**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	\$825,106	\$866,908
All Other	\$336,171	\$339,339
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,161,277</b>	<b>\$1,206,247</b>

**Arts - General Grants Program 0177**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$357,051	\$357,051
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$357,051</b>	<b>\$357,051</b>

**ARTS - GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM 0177**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$357,051	\$357,051
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$357,051</b>	<b>\$357,051</b>

**Arts - Sponsored Program 0176**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$435,274	\$463,885
All Other	\$759,000	\$759,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,194,274</b>	<b>\$1,222,885</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$102,168	\$102,168
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,168</b>	<b>\$102,168</b>

**ARTS - SPONSORED PROGRAM 0176**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$435,274	\$463,885
All Other	\$759,000	\$759,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,194,274</b>	<b>\$1,222,885</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$102,168	\$102,168
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,168</b>	<b>\$102,168</b>
<b>ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$1,161,277	\$1,206,247
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,551,325	\$1,579,936
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$102,168	\$102,168
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,814,770</b>	<b>\$2,888,351</b>

**Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	67.000	67.000
Personal Services	\$9,524,060	\$10,091,196
All Other	\$1,216,981	\$1,216,981
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,741,041</b>	<b>\$11,308,177</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,723,953	\$1,824,039
All Other	\$319,340	\$319,340
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,043,293</b>	<b>\$2,143,379</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	54.000	54.000
Personal Services	\$9,218,352	\$9,806,800
All Other	\$1,007,412	\$1,007,412
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,225,764</b>	<b>\$10,814,212</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$722,762	\$790,073
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$722,762</b>	<b>\$790,073</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,488	\$38,793
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,488</b>	<b>\$38,793</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$111,687	\$122,089
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,687</b>	<b>\$122,089</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,233	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,233</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Research Assistant MSEA-B position to a Research Assistant MSEA-D position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$31,815	\$33,879
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,815</b>	<b>\$33,879</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Research Assistant MSEA-B position to a Research Assistant MSEA-D position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,182	\$19,368
All Other	\$406	\$458
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,588</b>	<b>\$19,826</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one part-time Research Assistant MSEA-B position from range 22 to range 26.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$8,590	\$8,924
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,590</b>	<b>\$8,924</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL  
0310**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	67.000	67.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$9,574,698	\$10,133,999
All Other	\$1,939,743	\$2,007,054

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,514,441</b>	<b>\$12,141,053</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,723,953	\$1,824,039
All Other	\$354,828	\$358,133

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,078,781</b>	<b>\$2,182,172</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	54.000	54.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$9,235,534	\$9,826,168
All Other	\$1,119,505	\$1,129,959

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,355,039</b>	<b>\$10,956,127</b>
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**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,840,405	\$1,966,972
All Other	\$969,485	\$969,485

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,809,890</b>	<b>\$2,936,457</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$82,050	\$85,442
All Other	\$279,637	\$279,637

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$361,687</b>	<b>\$365,079</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$185,003</b>	<b>\$185,003</b>
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**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,360	\$32,094

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,360</b>	<b>\$32,094</b>
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**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost of full coverage insurance on the morgue trailer.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$513	\$513

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$513</b>	<b>\$513</b>
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**CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER - OFFICE OF  
0412**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,840,405	\$1,966,972
All Other	\$999,358	\$1,002,092

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,839,763</b>	<b>\$2,969,064</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$82,050	\$85,442
All Other	\$279,637	\$279,637

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$361,687</b>	<b>\$365,079</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$185,003</b>	<b>\$185,003</b>
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**Civil Rights 0039**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$184,940	\$199,982
All Other	\$100,589	\$100,589

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$285,529</b>	<b>\$300,571</b>
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**Civil Rights 0039**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,812	\$5,261

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,812	\$5,261
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**CIVIL RIGHTS 0039  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$184,940	\$199,982
All Other	\$105,401	\$105,850

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$290,341	\$305,832
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**District Attorneys Salaries 0409**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	100.000	100.000
Personal Services	\$17,555,846	\$18,140,565

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,555,846	\$18,140,565
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$818,257	\$857,053
All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$859,740	\$898,536
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,955	\$141,566
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$146,112	\$152,723
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**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS SALARIES 0409**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	100.000	100.000
Personal Services	\$17,555,846	\$18,140,565

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,555,846	\$18,140,565
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$818,257	\$857,053
All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$859,740	\$898,536
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,955	\$141,566
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$146,112	\$152,723
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**FHM - Attorney General 0947**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$179,598	\$194,883
All Other	\$23,456	\$23,456

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$203,054	\$218,339
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**FHM - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0947**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$179,598	\$194,883
All Other	\$23,456	\$23,456

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$203,054	\$218,339
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**Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$68,750	\$74,033
All Other	\$4,184	\$4,184

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$72,934	\$78,217
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	86.500	86.500
Personal Services	\$13,114,366	\$14,013,502
All Other	\$1,649,967	\$1,649,967

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,764,333	\$15,663,469
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**Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$186,768	\$204,161
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$186,768</u>	<u>\$204,161</u>

**HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION 0696  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$68,750	\$74,033
All Other	\$4,184	\$4,184
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$72,934</u>	<u>\$78,217</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	86.500	86.500
Personal Services	\$13,114,366	\$14,013,502
All Other	\$1,836,735	\$1,854,128
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$14,951,101</u>	<u>\$15,867,630</u>

**Maine Mass Violence Care Fund Z400  
Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**MAINE MASS VIOLENCE CARE FUND Z400  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Maine Recovery Fund Z343  
Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**MAINE RECOVERY FUND Z343  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Road Commission Fund Z353**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**ROAD COMMISSION FUND Z353  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Victims' Compensation Board 0711**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$135,000	\$135,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$135,000</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$225,549</u>	<u>\$225,549</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$305,234	\$319,803
All Other	\$604,503	\$604,503
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$909,737</u>	<u>\$924,306</u>

**VICTIMS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0711  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$135,000	\$135,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$135,000</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$225,549</u>	<u>\$225,549</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$305,234	\$319,803

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All Other	\$604,503	\$604,503
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$909,737	\$924,306
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$32,408,325	\$33,769,731
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,525,757	\$3,671,336
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$26,547,992	\$28,086,789
MAINE RECOVERY FUND	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$62,685,628	\$65,746,695

**Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE**

**Audit Bureau 0067**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,996,475	\$2,101,531
All Other	\$90,767	\$90,767
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,087,242	\$2,192,298
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,931,881	\$3,110,581
All Other	\$368,775	\$368,775
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,300,656	\$3,479,356

**Audit Bureau 0067**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$25,417	\$24,377
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,417	\$24,377
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$38,561	\$36,984

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,561	\$36,984
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**AUDIT BUREAU 0067**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,996,475	\$2,101,531
All Other	\$116,184	\$115,144
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,112,659	\$2,216,675
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,931,881	\$3,110,581
All Other	\$407,336	\$405,759
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,339,217	\$3,516,340

**Unorganized Territory 0075**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$198,284	\$207,771
All Other	\$94,089	\$94,089
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$292,373	\$301,860

**Unorganized Territory 0075**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,753	\$2,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,753	\$2,640

**UNORGANIZED TERRITORY 0075**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$198,284	\$207,771
All Other	\$96,842	\$96,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$295,126	\$304,500

**AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,112,659	\$2,216,675
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,634,343	\$3,820,840
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,747,002</b>	<b>\$6,037,515</b>

**Sec. A-6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY**

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	22.370	22.370
Personal Services	\$4,459,442	\$4,763,721
All Other	\$1,566,487	\$1,566,487
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,025,929</b>	<b>\$6,330,208</b>

**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	22.370	22.370
Personal Services	\$4,459,442	\$4,763,721
All Other	\$1,566,487	\$1,566,487
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,025,929</b>	<b>\$6,330,208</b>

**Sec. A-7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**BLUEBERRY COMMISSION OF MAINE, WILD**

**Blueberry Commission 0375**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,780,000</b>	<b>\$1,780,000</b>

**BLUEBERRY COMMISSION 0375**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000
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**Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CENTERS FOR INNOVATION**

**Centers for Innovation 0911**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,009</b>	<b>\$118,009</b>

**CENTERS FOR INNOVATION 0911**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,009</b>	<b>\$118,009</b>

**Sec. A-9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, STATE**

**Maine Charter School Commission Z137**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,400	\$15,400
All Other	\$679,409	\$679,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$694,809</b>	<b>\$694,809</b>

**MAINE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION Z137**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,400	\$15,400
All Other	\$679,409	\$679,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$694,809</b>	<b>\$694,809</b>

**Sec. A-10. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CHILDREN'S TRUST INCORPORATED, BOARD OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Children's Trust Incorporated 0798**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,300	\$48,300

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$48,300	\$48,300
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**MAINE CHILDREN'S TRUST INCORPORATED 0798**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,300	\$48,300

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$48,300	\$48,300
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**Sec. A-11. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$86,102,572	\$86,102,572

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,102,572	\$86,102,572
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,639,838	\$4,639,838

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,639,838	\$4,639,838
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,106,600	\$4,106,600

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$4,106,600	\$4,106,600
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**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM - BOARD OF TRUSTEES 0556**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$86,102,572	\$86,102,572

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,102,572	\$86,102,572
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,639,838	\$4,639,838

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,639,838	\$4,639,838
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,106,600	\$4,106,600

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$4,106,600	\$4,106,600
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**MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Z335**

Initiative: Provides funding for the State's 7 community colleges to continue offering student scholarships through the State's free community college tuition program. Funding is necessary to maintain the program established in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part QQQ, which covers eligible persons who graduate high school or obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2024 or 2025.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,300,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,300,000	\$0
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**MCCS FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - TWO ENROLLMENT YEARS Z335**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,300,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,300,000	\$0
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**Regional Fire Service Training Fund Z356**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000
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**REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING FUND Z356**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000
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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$86,302,572</b>	<b>\$86,302,572</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,939,838</b>	<b>\$4,639,838</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$4,106,600</b>	<b>\$4,106,600</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$102,349,010</b>	<b>\$95,049,010</b>

**Sec. A-12. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CONNECTMAINE AUTHORITY**

**ConnectMaine Fund Z294**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,716,285</b>	<b>\$1,716,285</b>

**CONNECTMAINE FUND Z294**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,716,285</b>	<b>\$1,716,285</b>

**Sec. A-13. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53.000	53.000
Personal Services	\$7,482,010	\$7,670,397
All Other	\$10,608,865	\$10,608,865
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,090,875</b>	<b>\$18,279,262</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,043	\$102,510
All Other	\$879,205	\$879,205
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$977,248</b>	<b>\$981,715</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$404,206	\$412,346

All Other	\$633,625	\$633,625
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,037,831</b>	<b>\$1,045,971</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,380,827	\$1,235,969
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,380,827</b>	<b>\$1,235,969</b>

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,514	\$10,514
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,514</b>	<b>\$10,514</b>

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$466,941	\$720,849
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$466,941</b>	<b>\$720,849</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,121	\$20,250
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,121</b>	<b>\$20,250</b>

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,760	\$4,760
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,760</b>	<b>\$4,760</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - CORRECTIONS 0141**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53.000	53.000
Personal Services	\$7,482,010	\$7,670,397
All Other	\$12,471,907	\$12,580,957
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,953,917</b>	<b>\$20,251,354</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,043	\$102,510
All Other	\$879,205	\$879,205
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$977,248</b>	<b>\$981,715</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$404,206	\$412,346
All Other	\$646,746	\$653,875
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,050,952</b>	<b>\$1,066,221</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**Adult Community Corrections 0124**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	120.000	120.000
Personal Services	\$14,707,137	\$15,100,297
All Other	\$1,679,187	\$1,679,187
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,386,324</b>	<b>\$16,779,484</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$516,000	\$516,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$516,000</b>	<b>\$516,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$305,959	\$305,959
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305,959</b>	<b>\$305,959</b>

**Adult Community Corrections 0124**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,619	\$6,619
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,619</b>	<b>\$6,619</b>

**Adult Community Corrections 0124**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,318	\$18,318
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,318</b>	<b>\$18,318</b>

**ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0124**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	120.000	120.000
Personal Services	\$14,707,137	\$15,100,297
All Other	\$1,704,124	\$1,704,124
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,411,261</b>	<b>\$16,804,421</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$516,000	\$516,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$516,000</b>	<b>\$516,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$305,959	\$305,959
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305,959</b>	<b>\$305,959</b>

**Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53.000	53.000
Personal Services	\$6,493,241	\$6,652,829
All Other	\$458,342	\$458,342
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,951,583</b>	<b>\$7,111,171</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$85,971	\$85,971
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,971</b>	<b>\$85,971</b>

**Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$24,180	\$24,180
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$24,180</u>	<u>\$24,180</u>

**Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$17,812	\$17,812
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$17,812</u>	<u>\$17,812</u>

**BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY Z155**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53,000	53,000
Personal Services	\$6,493,241	\$6,652,829
All Other	\$500,334	\$500,334
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,993,575</u>	<u>\$7,153,163</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$85,971	\$85,971

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$85,971</u>	<u>\$85,971</u>
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**Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Corrections 0432**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION/REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS - CORRECTIONS 0432**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Correctional Center 0162**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	285,000	285,000
Personal Services	\$34,798,828	\$35,799,544
All Other	\$2,274,436	\$2,274,436
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$37,073,264</u>	<u>\$38,073,980</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,971	\$60,971
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$60,971</u>	<u>\$60,971</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$245,875	\$256,374
All Other	\$151,393	\$151,393
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$397,268</u>	<u>\$407,767</u>

**Correctional Center 0162**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$118,685	\$118,685
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$118,685</u>	<u>\$118,685</u>

**CORRECTIONAL CENTER 0162**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	285,000	285,000
Personal Services	\$34,798,828	\$35,799,544
All Other	\$2,393,121	\$2,393,121
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$37,191,949</u>	<u>\$38,192,665</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,971	\$60,971
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$60,971</u>	<u>\$60,971</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$245,875	\$256,374
All Other	\$151,393	\$151,393

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$397,268 \$407,767  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$44,135,181	\$44,135,181
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,135,181</b>	<b>\$44,135,181</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,914	\$11,914

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,914	\$11,914
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**CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FUND 0286**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$44,135,181	\$44,135,181
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,135,181</b>	<b>\$44,135,181</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,914	\$11,914

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,914	\$11,914
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**Corrections Food Z177**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,793,704	\$4,793,704
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,793,704</b>	<b>\$4,793,704</b>

**CORRECTIONS FOOD Z177**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,793,704	\$4,793,704
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,793,704</b>	<b>\$4,793,704</b>

**Corrections Fuel Z366**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,272,460	\$2,272,460
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,272,460</b>	<b>\$2,272,460</b>

**CORRECTIONS FUEL Z366**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,272,460	\$2,272,460
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,272,460</b>	<b>\$2,272,460</b>

**Corrections Industries Z166**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$651,696	\$671,556
All Other	\$1,974,290	\$1,974,290
<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,625,986</b>	<b>\$2,645,846</b>

**Corrections Industries Z166**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,521	\$28,584
<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,521</b>	<b>\$28,584</b>

**CORRECTIONS INDUSTRIES Z166**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$651,696	\$671,556
All Other	\$1,992,811	\$2,002,874
<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,644,507</b>	<b>\$2,674,430</b>

**County Jails Operation Fund Z227**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,342,104</b>	<b>\$20,342,104</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$565,503	\$565,503

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$565,503	\$565,503
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**COUNTY JAILS OPERATION FUND Z227**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,342,104</u>	<u>\$20,342,104</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$565,503	\$565,503
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$565,503</u>	<u>\$565,503</u>

**Departmentwide - Overtime 0032**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,500,260	\$1,549,783
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,500,260</u>	<u>\$1,549,783</u>

**DEPARTMENTWIDE - OVERTIME 0032**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,500,260	\$1,549,783
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,500,260</u>	<u>\$1,549,783</u>

**Downeast Correctional Facility 0542**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,927,648	\$1,970,196
All Other	\$312,854	\$312,854
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,240,502</u>	<u>\$2,283,050</u>

**Downeast Correctional Facility 0542**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,979	\$4,979
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,979</u>	<u>\$4,979</u>

**DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0542**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,927,648	\$1,970,196
All Other	\$317,833	\$317,833
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,245,481</u>	<u>\$2,288,029</u>

**Justice - Planning, Projects and Statistics 0502**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$56,281	\$57,428
All Other	\$2,045	\$2,045

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$58,326</u>	<u>\$59,473</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$164,176	\$168,236
All Other	\$688,760	\$688,760

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$852,936</u>	<u>\$856,996</u>
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**Justice - Planning, Projects and Statistics 0502**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$714	\$714

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$714</u>	<u>\$714</u>
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**JUSTICE - PLANNING, PROJECTS AND STATISTICS 0502**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$56,281	\$57,428
All Other	\$2,759	\$2,759

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$59,040</u>	<u>\$60,187</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$164,176	\$168,236
All Other	\$688,760	\$688,760

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$852,936</u>	<u>\$856,996</u>
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**Juvenile Community Corrections 0892**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	63.000	63.000
Personal Services	\$8,207,188	\$8,430,918
All Other	\$5,670,477	\$5,670,477

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,877,665</u>	<u>\$14,101,395</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$90,032	\$90,032

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$90,032	\$90,032
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$223,622	\$223,622

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$223,622	\$223,622
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**Juvenile Community Corrections 0892**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,574	\$20,574

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,574	\$20,574
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**Juvenile Community Corrections 0892**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,965	\$6,965

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,965	\$6,965
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**JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0892**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	63.000	63.000
Personal Services	\$8,207,188	\$8,430,918
All Other	\$5,698,016	\$5,698,016

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,905,204	\$14,128,934
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$90,032	\$90,032

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$90,032	\$90,032
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$223,622	\$223,622

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$223,622	\$223,622
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**Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	144.000	144.000
Personal Services	\$16,943,049	\$17,424,457

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All Other	\$1,239,763	\$1,239,763
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,182,812	\$18,664,220
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$227,640	\$227,640

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$227,640	\$227,640
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$38,694	\$38,694

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,694	\$38,694
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**Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,239	\$33,239

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$33,239	\$33,239
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**Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Juvenile Program Manager positions from range 26 to range 28, retroactive to April 19, 2019.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$159,121	\$36,365

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$159,121	\$36,365
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**LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER 0163**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	144.000	144.000
Personal Services	\$17,102,170	\$17,460,822
All Other	\$1,273,002	\$1,273,002

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,375,172	\$18,733,824
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$227,640	\$227,640

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$227,640	\$227,640
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$38,694	\$38,694

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$38,694 \$38,694  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	161,000	161,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$19,531,609	\$20,031,150
All Other	\$1,519,962	\$1,519,962

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$21,051,571 \$21,551,112

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$73,408	\$73,408

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$73,408 \$73,408

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$136,897	\$136,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$136,897 \$136,897

**Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,503	\$5,503

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,503 \$5,503

**Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,137	\$60,137

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$60,137 \$60,137

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0857**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	161,000	161,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$19,531,609	\$20,031,150
All Other	\$1,585,602	\$1,585,602

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$21,117,211 \$21,616,752

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27

All Other \$73,408 \$73,408

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$73,408 \$73,408

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27

All Other \$136,897 \$136,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$136,897 \$136,897

**Office of Victim Services 0046**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4,000	4,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$438,227	\$451,647
All Other	\$299,510	\$299,510

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$737,737 \$751,157

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,974	\$34,974

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$34,974 \$34,974

**Office of Victim Services 0046**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$906	\$906

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$906 \$906

**OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES 0046**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4,000	4,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$438,227	\$451,647
All Other	\$300,416	\$300,416

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$738,643 \$752,063

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,974	\$34,974

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$34,974 \$34,974

**Parole Board 0123**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,650	\$1,650
All Other	\$2,828	\$2,828
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,478</b>	<b>\$4,478</b>

**PAROLE BOARD 0123**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,650	\$1,650
All Other	\$2,828	\$2,828
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,478</b>	<b>\$4,478</b>

**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	309,000	309,000
Personal Services	\$37,711,270	\$38,734,619
All Other	\$4,154,526	\$4,154,526
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,865,796</b>	<b>\$42,889,145</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,034	\$34,034
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,034</b>	<b>\$34,034</b>

**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,974	\$53,974
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,974</b>	<b>\$53,974</b>

**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,585	\$92,585
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,585</b>	<b>\$92,585</b>

**STATE PRISON 0144**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	309,000	309,000
Personal Services	\$37,711,270	\$38,734,619
All Other	\$4,301,085	\$4,301,085
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,012,355</b>	<b>\$43,035,704</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,034	\$34,034
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,034</b>	<b>\$34,034</b>

<b>CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$252,051,995</b>	<b>\$256,114,806</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$2,799,735</b>	<b>\$2,808,262</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,885,788</b>	<b>\$2,911,556</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND</b>	<b>\$2,644,507</b>	<b>\$2,674,430</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$260,882,025</b>	<b>\$265,009,054</b>

**Sec. A-14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE**

**New Century Program Fund 0904**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,246	\$40,246
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,246</b>	<b>\$40,246</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$65,424	\$65,424
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,424</b>	<b>\$65,424</b>

**New Century Program Fund 0904**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resource centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$312)	(\$278)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$312)</b>	<b>(\$278)</b>

**NEW CENTURY PROGRAM FUND 0904**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$39,934	\$39,968
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,934</b>	<b>\$39,968</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$65,424	\$65,424
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,424</b>	<b>\$65,424</b>

**State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration Z260**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**STATE OF MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Z260**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$39,934	\$39,968
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$65,924	\$65,924

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$105,858</b>	<b>\$105,892</b>
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**Sec. A-15. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management 0109**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	3,000	3,000
All Other	\$501,672	\$522,443
	\$67,120	\$67,120
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$568,792</b>	<b>\$589,563</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100	\$100
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management 0109**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase to statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

**Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management 0109**

Initiative: Provides funding for workers' compensation premiums for emergency management volunteers in the Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency program and deappropriates related All Other in the Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program in the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$36,026)	(\$36,026)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$36,026)</b>	<b>(\$36,026)</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 0109**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	3,000	3,000
All Other	\$501,672	\$522,443
	\$36,094	\$36,094
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$537,766</b>	<b>\$558,537</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$100	\$100
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management  
Agency 0214**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,603,033	\$1,704,429
All Other	\$447,539	\$447,539
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,050,572</b>	<b>\$2,151,968</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$2,178,777	\$2,316,278
All Other	\$31,492,137	\$31,492,137
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,670,914</b>	<b>\$33,808,415</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$289,660	\$308,169
All Other	\$464,640	\$464,640
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$754,300</b>	<b>\$772,809</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management  
Agency 0214**

Initiative: Reallocates funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology from 30% General Fund and 70% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund and provides additional funding to support the increased cost of these services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$392,377	\$393,963
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$392,377</b>	<b>\$393,963</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$299,962)	(\$299,962)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$299,962)</b>	<b>(\$299,962)</b>
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management  
Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$80,622	\$80,622
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,622</b>	<b>\$80,622</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management  
Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding for workers' compensation premiums for emergency management volunteers in the Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency program and deappropriates related All Other in the Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program in the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$140,600	\$140,600
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140,600</b>	<b>\$140,600</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - MAINE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY 0214**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,603,033	\$1,704,429
All Other	\$1,061,138	\$1,062,724
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,664,171</b>	<b>\$2,767,153</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$2,178,777	\$2,316,278
All Other	\$31,192,175	\$31,192,175
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,370,952</b>	<b>\$33,508,453</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$289,660	\$308,169
All Other	\$464,640	\$464,640
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$754,300</b>	<b>\$772,809</b>

**Emergency Response Operations 0918**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$73,950	\$79,681
All Other	\$13,473	\$13,473
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,423</b>	<b>\$93,154</b>

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS 0918**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$73,950	\$79,681
All Other	\$13,473	\$13,473
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,423</b>	<b>\$93,154</b>

**Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund Z190**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE NATIONAL GUARD POSTSECONDARY FUND Z190**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund Z358**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE VETERANS' HOMES STABILIZATION FUND Z358**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$1,152,870	\$1,222,585
All Other	\$3,450,278	\$3,450,278
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,603,148</b>	<b>\$4,672,863</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	122,000	122,000
Personal Services	\$12,614,436	\$13,453,927
All Other	\$13,319,279	\$13,319,279
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,933,715</b>	<b>\$26,773,206</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$113,966	\$119,713
All Other	\$487,218	\$487,218
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$601,184</b>	<b>\$606,931</b>

<b>MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$114,525	\$119,302
All Other	\$395,042	\$395,042
<b>MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$509,567</b>	<b>\$514,344</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase to statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$11,127	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,127	\$0

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Specialist II position to an Environmental Specialist III position, retroactive to March 2024.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$8,490	\$8,833
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,490	\$8,833

**MILITARY TRAINING AND OPERATIONS 0108**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$1,152,870	\$1,222,585
All Other	\$3,465,278	\$3,465,278
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,618,148	\$4,687,863

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$12,634,053	\$13,462,760
All Other	\$13,319,279	\$13,319,279
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,953,332	\$26,782,039

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$113,966	\$119,713
All Other	\$487,218	\$487,218
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$601,184	\$606,931

MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$114,525	\$119,302
All Other	\$395,042	\$395,042
MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$509,567	\$514,344

**Stream Gaging Cooperative Program 0858**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$175,005	\$175,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$175,005	\$175,005

**STREAM GAGING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM 0858**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$175,005	\$175,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$175,005	\$175,005

**Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund Z298**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**VETERANS' HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP FUND Z298**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$4,759,022	\$5,081,835
All Other	\$1,334,084	\$1,334,084
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,093,106	\$6,415,919

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$289,523	\$308,225
All Other	\$320,629	\$320,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$610,152	\$628,854

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$530,684	\$530,684
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$530,684	\$530,684

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase to statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$94,000	\$94,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>

**VETERANS SERVICES 0110  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	46.000	46.000
Personal Services	\$4,759,022	\$5,081,835
All Other	\$1,428,084	\$1,428,084
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,187,106</b>	<b>\$6,509,919</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$289,523	\$308,225
All Other	\$320,629	\$320,629
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$610,152</b>	<b>\$628,854</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$530,684	\$530,684
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$530,684</b>	<b>\$530,684</b>

**Veterans Temporary Assistance Fund Z268**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FUND Z268**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$15,282,196</b>	<b>\$15,798,477</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$59,934,536</b>	<b>\$60,919,446</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,975,091</b>	<b>\$2,005,078</b>
<b>MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>\$509,567</b>	<b>\$514,344</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$77,701,390</b>	<b>\$79,237,345</b>
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**Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE**

**Development Foundation 0198**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,444</b>	<b>\$58,444</b>

**DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION 0198**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,444</b>	<b>\$58,444</b>

**Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DIRIGO HEALTH**

**Dirigo Health Fund 0988**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$409,147	\$425,658
All Other	\$852,590	\$852,590
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,261,737</b>	<b>\$1,278,248</b>

**Dirigo Health Fund 0988**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$899	\$899
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$899</b>	<b>\$899</b>

**Dirigo Health Fund 0988**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$356	\$602
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$356</u>	<u>\$602</u>

**DIRIGO HEALTH FUND 0988**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$409,147	\$425,658
All Other	\$853,845	\$854,091
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,262,992</u>	<u>\$1,279,749</u>

<b>DIRIGO HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,262,992</b>	<b>\$1,279,749</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$1,262,992</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,279,749</b></u>

**Sec. A-18. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DISABILITY RIGHTS MAINE**

**Disability Rights Maine 0523**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$146,045	\$146,045
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$146,045</u>	<u>\$146,045</u>

**DISABILITY RIGHTS MAINE 0523**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$146,045	\$146,045
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$146,045</u>	<u>\$146,045</u>

**Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

**Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education 0993**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>

**DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION 0993**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>

**Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$875,163	\$917,194
All Other	\$1,102,448	\$1,102,448
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,977,611</u>	<u>\$2,019,642</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$273,432	\$273,432
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$273,432</u>	<u>\$273,432</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$147,602	\$147,602
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$147,602</u>	<u>\$147,602</u>

**Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,488	\$23,488
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$23,488</u>	<u>\$23,488</u>

**Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,950	\$28,642
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,950</u>	<u>\$28,642</u>

**ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$875,163	\$917,194
All Other	\$1,140,886	\$1,154,578
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,016,049</u>	<u>\$2,071,772</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$273,432	\$273,432
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$273,432</u>	<u>\$273,432</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$147,602	\$147,602
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$147,602</u>	<u>\$147,602</u>

**Applied Technology Development Center System 0929**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$178,838	\$178,838
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$178,838</u>	<u>\$178,838</u>

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER SYSTEM 0929**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$178,838	\$178,838
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$178,838</u>	<u>\$178,838</u>

**Business Development 0585**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,156,287	\$1,212,792

All Other	\$869,604	\$869,604
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,025,891</u>	<u>\$2,082,396</u>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 0585**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,156,287	\$1,212,792
All Other	\$869,604	\$869,604
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,025,891</u>	<u>\$2,082,396</u>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>

**Communities for Maine's Future Fund Z108**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**COMMUNITIES FOR MAINE'S FUTURE FUND Z108**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Community Development Block Grant Program 0587**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$232,752	\$242,185
All Other	\$88,262	\$88,262
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$321,014</u>	<u>\$330,447</u>

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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$616,011	\$616,011
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$616,011</b>	<b>\$616,011</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$440,609	\$458,292
All Other	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,701,267</b>	<b>\$21,718,950</b>

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 0587**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$232,752	\$242,185
All Other	\$88,262	\$88,262
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$321,014</b>	<b>\$330,447</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$616,011	\$616,011
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$616,011</b>	<b>\$616,011</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$440,609	\$458,292
All Other	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,701,267</b>	<b>\$21,718,950</b>

**Energy Rate Relief Fund Z344**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**ENERGY RATE RELIEF FUND Z344**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Housing Opportunity Program Z336**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,387,354	\$2,387,354
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,387,354</b>	<b>\$2,387,354</b>

**HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Z336**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,387,354	\$2,387,354
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,387,354</b>	<b>\$2,387,354</b>

**International Commerce 0674**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$389,116	\$406,026
All Other	\$924,709	\$924,709
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,313,825</b>	<b>\$1,330,735</b>

**INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE 0674**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$389,116	\$406,026
All Other	\$924,709	\$924,709
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,313,825</b>	<b>\$1,330,735</b>

**Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program Z071**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Z071**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine Coworking Development Fund Z195**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**MAINE COWORKING DEVELOPMENT FUND Z195**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund Z057**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

**MAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION FUND Z057**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

**Maine Economic Growth Council 0727**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$90,395	\$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,395	\$90,395

**MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$90,395	\$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,395	\$90,395

**Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission 0675**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$683,684	\$683,684

**MAINE SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMISSION 0675**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$683,684	\$683,684

**Maine State Film Office 0590**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$136,837	\$144,763
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$307,442	\$315,368

**MAINE STATE FILM OFFICE 0590**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$136,837	\$144,763
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$307,442	\$315,368

**Municipal Grant Fund Z323**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500
FUND TOTAL		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**MUNICIPAL GRANT FUND Z323**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Office of Broadband Development Z245**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$286,890	\$310,605
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,354,890	\$1,378,605

**OFFICE OF BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT Z245**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$286,890	\$310,605
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,354,890	\$1,378,605

**Office of Innovation 0995**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$335,776	\$349,784
All Other	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,130,036	\$7,144,044

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,500

**OFFICE OF INNOVATION 0995 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$335,776	\$349,784
All Other	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,130,036	\$7,144,044

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,500

**Office of Tourism 0577**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,239,045	\$1,306,224
All Other	\$23,053,025	\$23,053,025
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$24,292,070	\$24,359,249

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$82,701	\$0
All Other	\$2,004,375	\$2,004,375
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$2,087,076	\$2,004,375

**OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,239,045	\$1,306,224
All Other	\$23,053,025	\$23,053,025
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$24,292,070	\$24,359,249

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$82,701	\$0
All Other	\$2,004,375	\$2,004,375
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$2,087,076</u>	<u>\$2,004,375</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

**Renewable Energy Resources Fund Z072**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$88,000</u>	<u>\$88,000</u>

**RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FUND Z072**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$88,000</u>	<u>\$88,000</u>

**Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund Z322**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**RURAL WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT FUND Z322**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Social Equity Program Z409**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

**SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM Z409**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$16,247,086</b>	<b>\$16,399,665</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$1,773,932</b>	<b>\$1,773,932</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,041,413</b>	<b>\$27,140,233</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$21,701,267</b>	<b>\$21,718,950</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$151,602</b>	<b>\$151,602</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$2,087,076</b>	<b>\$2,004,375</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$69,002,376</b></u>	<u><b>\$69,188,757</b></u>

**Sec. A-21. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Adult Education 0364**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$498,385	\$521,817
All Other	\$8,075,898	\$8,075,898
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,574,283</u>	<u>\$8,597,715</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$230,193	\$243,503
All Other	\$1,873,181	\$1,873,181
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,103,374</u>	<u>\$2,116,684</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**ADULT EDUCATION 0364**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$498,385	\$521,817
All Other	\$8,075,898	\$8,075,898
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,574,283</b>	<b>\$8,597,715</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$230,193	\$243,503
All Other	\$1,873,181	\$1,873,181
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,103,374</b>	<b>\$2,116,684</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Charter School Program Z129**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Z129**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Child Development Services 0449**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$51,622,725	\$51,622,725
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,622,725</b>	<b>\$51,622,725</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,433,483	\$2,433,483
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,433,483</b>	<b>\$2,433,483</b>

**Child Development Services 0449**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in staff costs attributed to collective bargaining.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,378,865	\$1,436,808
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,378,865</b>	<b>\$1,436,808</b>

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,001,590	\$53,059,533
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,001,590</b>	<b>\$53,059,533</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,433,483	\$2,433,483
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,433,483</b>	<b>\$2,433,483</b>

**Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program Fund Z361**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,998	\$8,998
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,998</b>	<b>\$8,998</b>

**CLIMATE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM FUND Z361**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,998	\$8,998
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,998</b>	<b>\$8,998</b>

**Community Schools Program Z284**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
 FUND TOTAL

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM Z284**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Criminal History Record Check Fund Z014**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$8,754	\$9,114
All Other	\$25,700	\$25,700

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$34,454 \$34,814

**CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FUND Z014**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$8,754	\$9,114
All Other	\$25,700	\$25,700

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$34,454 \$34,814

**Digital Literacy Fund Z130**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$456,115	\$456,115

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$456,115 \$456,115

**DIGITAL LITERACY FUND Z130**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$456,115	\$456,115

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$456,115 \$456,115

**Early Childhood Infrastructure Z315**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$21,404	\$21,404

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$21,404 \$21,404  
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE Z315**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$21,404	\$21,404

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$21,404 \$21,404

**Early Childhood Special Education Pathways Pilot Project Z410**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$3,425	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,425 \$0

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS PILOT PROJECT Z410**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$3,425	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,425 \$0

**Education in Unorganized Territory 0220**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.500	23.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	26.540	26.540
Personal Services	\$4,377,187	\$4,584,671
All Other	\$11,912,381	\$11,912,381

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$16,289,568 \$16,497,052

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.707	0.707
Personal Services	\$155,115	\$164,390
All Other	\$211,445	\$211,445

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$366,560 \$375,835

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$8,135	\$8,135

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$8,135 \$8,135

**EDUCATION IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY  
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**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	23.500	23.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	26.540	26.540
Personal Services	\$4,377,187	\$4,584,671
All Other	\$11,912,381	\$11,912,381
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,289,568</b>	<b>\$16,497,052</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.707	0.707
Personal Services	\$155,115	\$164,390
All Other	\$211,445	\$211,445
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$366,560</b>	<b>\$375,835</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,135	\$8,135
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,135</b>	<b>\$8,135</b>

**ELA and Workforce Training Z312**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**ELA AND WORKFORCE TRAINING Z312**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**FHM - School Breakfast Program Z068**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$213,720	\$213,720
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$213,720</b>	<b>\$213,720</b>

**FHM - SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM Z068**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$213,720	\$213,720
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$213,720</b>	<b>\$213,720</b>

**Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational  
Services Z005**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**FUND FOR THE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Z005**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	19.000	19.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,142,788	\$3,119,163
All Other	\$1,414,038,198	\$1,414,038,198
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,417,180,986</b>	<b>\$1,417,157,361</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,019,955	\$25,019,955
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,019,955</b>	<b>\$25,019,955</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides funding to maintain the statutory requirement of funding the state share of the total cost of

funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 at 55%.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$63,893,687	\$92,610,521
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$63,893,687</u>	<u>\$92,610,521</u>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$572,450	\$572,450
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$572,450</u>	<u>\$572,450</u>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services	1.000 \$172,611	1.000 \$179,690
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$172,611</u>	<u>\$179,690</u>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of one Deputy Commissioner of Education position from range 38 to range 39.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,570	\$2,645
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,570</u>	<u>\$2,645</u>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Education Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator I position, increases the hours of the position from 57 hours to 80 hours biweekly and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services All Other	\$49,512 (\$49,512)	\$52,951 (\$52,951)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**GENERAL PURPOSE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS 0308**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other	20.000 \$3,367,481	20.000 \$3,354,449
	<u>\$1,478,454,823</u>	<u>\$1,507,168,218</u>

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,481,822,304</u>	<u>\$1,510,522,667</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,019,955	\$25,019,955

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,019,955</u>	<u>\$25,019,955</u>
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**Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other	13.000 \$1,537,890 \$401,280	13.000 \$1,624,075 \$401,280

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,939,170</u>	<u>\$2,025,355</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,929	\$35,929

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$35,929</u>	<u>\$35,929</u>
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**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR SUPPORT SERVICES Z082**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other	13.000 \$1,537,890 \$401,280	13.000 \$1,624,075 \$401,280

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,939,170</u>	<u>\$2,025,355</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,929	\$35,929

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$35,929</u>	<u>\$35,929</u>
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**Higher Education Interpersonal Violence Advisory Commission Fund Z351**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$36,000	\$76,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$76,000</u>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**HIGHER EDUCATION INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION FUND Z351**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$36,000	\$76,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,000	\$76,000
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Innovative Instruction and Tutoring Grant Program Fund Z345**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION AND TUTORING GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z345**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,843,042	\$1,930,562
All Other	\$180,440	\$180,440

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,023,482	\$2,111,002
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**INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING Z394**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,843,042	\$1,930,562
All Other	\$180,440	\$180,440

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,023,482	\$2,111,002
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**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	25.500	25.500
Personal Services	\$3,656,950	\$3,842,408
All Other	\$808,079	\$808,079

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,465,029	\$4,650,487
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$173,138	\$184,636
All Other	\$2,233,712	\$2,233,712

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,406,850	\$2,418,348
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**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$36,979	\$283,375

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,979	\$283,375
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**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,906	\$20,906

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,906	\$20,906
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**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of one Deputy Commissioner of Education position from range 38 to range 39.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,570	\$2,643

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,570	\$2,643
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**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 25 to range 27.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,299	\$9,030

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,299	\$9,030
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**LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	25.500	25.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,667,819	\$3,854,081
All Other	\$865,964	\$1,112,360

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,533,783	\$4,966,441
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$173,138	\$184,636
All Other	\$2,233,712	\$2,233,712

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,406,850	\$2,418,348
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**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$144,747	\$153,755
All Other	\$2,774,086	\$2,774,086

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,918,833	\$2,927,841
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	14.000	14.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,192,905	\$1,983,743
All Other	\$109,081,034	\$109,081,034

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$111,273,939	\$111,064,777
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$83,629	\$83,629

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$83,629	\$83,629
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$55,960	\$55,960

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$55,960	\$55,960
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**LEARNING SYSTEMS TEAM Z081**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$144,747	\$153,755
All Other	\$2,774,086	\$2,774,086

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,918,833	\$2,927,841
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	14.000	14.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,192,905	\$1,983,743
All Other	\$109,081,034	\$109,081,034

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$111,273,939	\$111,064,777
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$83,629	\$83,629

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$83,629	\$83,629
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$55,960	\$55,960

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$55,960	\$55,960
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**Learning Through Technology Z029**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815
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**LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY Z029**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815
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**Local Foods Program Z297**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$111,233	\$119,645
All Other	\$326,000	\$326,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,233</b>	<b>\$445,645</b>

**LOCAL FOODS PROGRAM Z297**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$111,233	\$119,645
All Other	\$326,000	\$326,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,233</b>	<b>\$445,645</b>

**Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc Z350**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$81,310	\$81,310
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,310</b>	<b>\$81,310</b>

**MAINE CLIMATE CORPS PROG - ME COMMISSION FOR COMM SVC Z350**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$81,310	\$81,310
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,310</b>	<b>\$81,310</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z134**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$42,239	\$45,535
All Other	\$53,276	\$53,276
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,515</b>	<b>\$98,811</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$598,691	\$634,069
All Other	\$2,269,136	\$2,269,136

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,867,827</b>	<b>\$2,903,205</b>
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,506	\$24,281
All Other	\$194,282	\$194,282

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$216,788</b>	<b>\$218,563</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP**

All Other	\$2,864	\$2,864
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>
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**MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE Z134**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$42,239	\$45,535
All Other	\$53,276	\$53,276

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,515</b>	<b>\$98,811</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$598,691	\$634,069
All Other	\$2,269,136	\$2,269,136

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,867,827</b>	<b>\$2,903,205</b>
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,506	\$24,281
All Other	\$194,282	\$194,282

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$216,788</b>	<b>\$218,563</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP**

All Other	\$2,864	\$2,864
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>
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**Maine HIV Prevention Education Program Z182**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$134,400	\$134,400

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,400</b>	<b>\$134,400</b>
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**MAINE HIV PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM Z182**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$134,400	\$134,400

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,400</b>	<b>\$134,400</b>
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**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$757,166	\$792,295
All Other	\$740,895	\$740,895
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,498,061</u>	<u>\$1,533,190</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$161,385	\$168,015
All Other	\$151,496	\$151,496
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$312,881</u>	<u>\$319,511</u>

**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,085	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$11,085</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one State Education Representative position to a Public Service Coordinator II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,686	\$20,742
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,686</u>	<u>\$20,742</u>

**MAINE SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER Z293**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$782,937	\$813,037
All Other	\$740,895	\$740,895
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,523,832</u>	<u>\$1,553,932</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$161,385	\$168,015
All Other	\$151,496	\$151,496
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$312,881</u>	<u>\$319,511</u>

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z311**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500
<b>FUND TOTAL</b>		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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**MAINE SERVICE FELLOWS PROGRAM Z311**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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**National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund Z147**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$953,800	\$953,800

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$953,800</u>	<u>\$953,800</u>
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**NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND Z147**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$953,800	\$953,800

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$953,800</u>	<u>\$953,800</u>
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**National Board Certification Scholarship Fund Z148**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
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**NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z148**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2025**

**PUBLIC LAW, C. 2**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

**Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund Z111**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE FUND Z111**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Office of Innovation Z333**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$463,546	\$244,772
	\$47,219	\$47,219
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$510,765</u>	<u>\$291,991</u>

**OFFICE OF INNOVATION Z333**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$463,546	\$244,772
	\$47,219	\$47,219
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$510,765</u>	<u>\$291,991</u>

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	5.000	5.000
All Other	\$733,644	\$763,458
	\$3,082,237	\$3,082,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,815,881</u>	<u>\$3,845,695</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	4.000	4.000

Personal Services	\$530,092	\$553,326
All Other	\$6,739,502	\$6,739,502
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,269,594</u>	<u>\$7,292,828</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,554,640	\$1,554,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,554,640</u>	<u>\$1,554,640</u>

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1.000)	(1.000)
	(\$172,611)	(\$179,690)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$172,611)</u>	<u>(\$179,690)</u>

**OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS Z334**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	4.000	4.000
All Other	\$561,033	\$583,768
	\$3,082,237	\$3,082,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,643,270</u>	<u>\$3,666,005</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	4.000	4.000
All Other	\$530,092	\$553,326
	\$6,739,502	\$6,739,502
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,269,594</u>	<u>\$7,292,828</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,554,640	\$1,554,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,554,640</u>	<u>\$1,554,640</u>

**Preschool Special Education Z399**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,000,000</u>	<u>\$9,000,000</u>

**PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION Z399**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,000,000</u>	<u>\$9,000,000</u>

**Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance Z033**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,992,883	\$4,992,883
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,992,883</u>	<u>\$4,992,883</u>

**Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance Z033**

Initiative: Provides funding for group life insurance for retired teachers.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$56,067	\$194,913
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$56,067</u>	<u>\$194,913</u>

**RETIRED TEACHERS GROUP LIFE INSURANCE Z033**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,048,950	\$5,187,796
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,048,950</u>	<u>\$5,187,796</u>

**Retired Teachers' Health Insurance 0854**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,268,715	\$48,268,715
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$48,268,715</u>	<u>\$48,268,715</u>

**RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE 0854**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,268,715	\$48,268,715
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$48,268,715</u>	<u>\$48,268,715</u>

**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,056,111	\$2,150,038
All Other	\$1,642,430	\$1,642,430
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,698,541</u>	<u>\$3,792,468</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.577	0.577

Personal Services	\$215,898	\$228,019
All Other	\$3,213,070	\$3,213,070
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,428,968</u>	<u>\$3,441,089</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,500	\$129,327
All Other	\$316,933	\$316,933

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$439,433</u>	<u>\$446,260</u>
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$195,327	\$203,393
All Other	\$16,564	\$16,564

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$211,891</u>	<u>\$219,957</u>
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**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,440	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$10,440</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,475	\$0
All Other	\$91	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,566</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Education Specialist III position to a State Education Representative position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,960	\$6,202
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,960</u>	<u>\$6,202</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,556	\$2,658
All Other	\$61	\$63

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,617</u>	<u>\$2,721</u>
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**SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUPPORTS Z270**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$2,072,511	\$2,156,240
All Other	\$1,642,430	\$1,642,430
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,714,941</b>	<b>\$3,798,670</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.577	0.577
Personal Services	\$215,898	\$228,019
All Other	\$3,213,070	\$3,213,070
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,428,968</b>	<b>\$3,441,089</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$129,531	\$131,985
All Other	\$317,085	\$316,996
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$446,616</b>	<b>\$448,981</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$195,327	\$203,393
All Other	\$16,564	\$16,564
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211,891</b>	<b>\$219,957</b>

**School Facilities Z271**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$742,923	\$776,276
All Other	\$391,619	\$391,619
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,134,542</b>	<b>\$1,167,895</b>

**SCHOOL FACILITIES Z271**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$742,923	\$776,276
All Other	\$391,619	\$391,619
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,134,542</b>	<b>\$1,167,895</b>

**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$750,512	\$791,824
All Other	\$59,050,664	\$59,050,664
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,801,176</b>	<b>\$59,842,488</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,540,198	\$1,620,386
All Other	\$84,327,755	\$84,327,755
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,867,953</b>	<b>\$85,948,141</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,545	\$15,545
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,545</b>	<b>\$15,545</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$698,955	\$698,955
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$698,955</b>	<b>\$698,955</b>

**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$341,744	\$341,744
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$341,744</b>	<b>\$341,744</b>

**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,357	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,357</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Specialist I position to a Secretary Specialist position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,542	\$7,830
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,542</b>	<b>\$7,830</b>

**SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS Z078**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$766,411	\$799,654
All Other	\$59,392,408	\$59,392,408
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,158,819</b>	<b>\$60,192,062</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,540,198	\$1,620,386
All Other	\$84,327,755	\$84,327,755
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,867,953</b>	<b>\$85,948,141</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,545	\$15,545

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,545</b>	<b>\$15,545</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$698,955	\$698,955

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$698,955</b>	<b>\$698,955</b>
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**School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund Z386**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**SCHOOL MEAL EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT FUND Z386**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council Z175**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS COUNCIL Z175**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**Special Services Team Z080**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$142,354	\$148,238
All Other	\$3,044,443	\$3,044,443

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,186,797</b>	<b>\$3,192,681</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.500	26.500
Personal Services	\$3,586,111	\$3,752,973
All Other	\$62,934,285	\$62,934,285

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,520,396</b>	<b>\$66,687,258</b>
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**SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$142,354	\$148,238
All Other	\$3,044,443	\$3,044,443

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,186,797</b>	<b>\$3,192,681</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.500	26.500
Personal Services	\$3,586,111	\$3,752,973
All Other	\$62,934,285	\$62,934,285

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,520,396</b>	<b>\$66,687,258</b>
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**State Mandate Reimbursement - Collective Bargaining Z355**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,200	\$52,200

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,200</b>	<b>\$52,200</b>
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**STATE MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Z355**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,200	\$52,200
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$52,200</u>	<u>\$52,200</u>

**Teacher Retirement 0170**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$220,827,975	\$220,827,975
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$220,827,975</u>	<u>\$220,827,975</u>

**Teacher Retirement 0170**

Initiative: Provides funding for teacher retirement costs based upon actuarial estimates from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,412,047	\$17,798,648
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$11,412,047</u>	<u>\$17,798,648</u>

**TEACHER RETIREMENT 0170**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$232,240,022	\$238,626,623
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$232,240,022</u>	<u>\$238,626,623</u>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$1,939,239,207	\$1,975,374,447
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	\$282,448,975	\$282,586,811
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	\$213,720	\$213,720
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$44,512,182	\$44,561,533
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	\$211,891	\$219,957
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	\$105,533	\$105,533
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	\$757,779	\$757,779

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$2,267,489,287</u>	<u>\$2,303,819,780</u>
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**Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF State Board of Education 0614**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$114,410	\$121,670
All Other	\$81,844	\$81,844
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$196,254</u>	<u>\$203,514</u>

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 0614**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$114,410	\$121,670
All Other	\$81,844	\$81,844
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$196,254</u>	<u>\$203,514</u>

**Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

**Efficiency Maine Trust Z100**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$166,016	\$173,247
All Other	\$15,747	\$15,747
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$181,763</u>	<u>\$188,994</u>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

All Other	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$17,000,000</u>	<u>\$17,000,000</u>
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**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST Z100**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$166,016	\$173,247
All Other	\$15,747	\$15,747
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$181,763</u>	<u>\$188,994</u>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

All Other	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$17,000,000 \$17,000,000  
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL  
 RECOVERY TOTAL

**Sec. A-24. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,003,685	\$1,057,523
All Other	\$1,230,902	\$1,230,902
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,234,587</b>	<b>\$2,288,425</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,983,228	\$3,154,543
All Other	\$3,840,178	\$3,840,178

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$6,823,406 \$6,994,721

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$501,472	\$501,472
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$501,472</b>	<b>\$501,472</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$466,320	\$466,320

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$466,320 \$466,320

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,653	\$88,074
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,653</b>	<b>\$88,074</b>

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,155	\$19,155
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,155</b>	<b>\$19,155</b>

**Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Associate II Supervisor position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,864	\$4,016
All Other	\$133	\$138

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$3,997 \$4,154

**ADMINISTRATION - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 0251**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,003,685	\$1,057,523
All Other	\$1,800,182	\$1,839,603
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,803,867</b>	<b>\$2,897,126</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,987,092	\$3,158,559
All Other	\$4,306,631	\$4,306,636

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$7,293,723 \$7,465,195

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	17.000	17.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,987,375	\$2,096,276
All Other	\$91,711	\$91,711
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,079,086</b>	<b>\$2,187,987</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$301,673	\$321,749
All Other	\$685,774	\$685,774

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$987,447	\$1,007,523
FUND TOTAL		

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$202	\$470
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$202</b>	<b>\$470</b>

**AIR QUALITY 0250**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	17.000	17.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,987,375	\$2,096,276
All Other	\$91,913	\$92,181
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,079,288</b>	<b>\$2,188,457</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$301,673	\$321,749
All Other	\$685,774	\$685,774
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$987,447</b>	<b>\$1,007,523</b>

**Board of Environmental Protection Fund 0025**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$319,764	\$335,351
All Other	\$100,587	\$100,587

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$420,351	\$435,938
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**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0025**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$319,764	\$335,351
All Other	\$100,587	\$100,587

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$420,351	\$435,938
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**Eelgrass and Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping Fund Z324**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**EELGRASS AND SALT MARSH VEGETATION MAPPING FUND Z324**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund Z385**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**LAKE WATER QUALITY RESTORATION AND PROTECTION FUND Z385**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund Z325**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**LAND APPLICATION CONTAMINANT MONITORING FUND Z325**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Land Resources Z188**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,782,103	\$2,939,991
All Other	\$118,799	\$118,799
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,900,902</b>	<b>\$3,058,790</b>

**Land Resources Z188**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,360	\$16,134
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,360</b>	<b>\$16,134</b>

**LAND RESOURCES Z188**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,782,103	\$2,939,991
All Other	\$130,159	\$134,933
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,912,262</b>	<b>\$3,074,924</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$354,519	\$378,692
All Other	\$18,756	\$18,756
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$373,275</b>	<b>\$397,448</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	31.000	31.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,201,108	\$3,417,846
All Other	\$54,144	\$54,144
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,255,252</b>	<b>\$3,471,990</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	61.000	61.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.654	0.654

Personal Services	\$6,823,023	\$7,220,835
All Other	\$9,556,068	\$9,556,068
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,379,091</b>	<b>\$16,776,903</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,003,500	\$1,003,500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,003,500</b>	<b>\$1,003,500</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$211	\$489
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211</b>	<b>\$489</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Environmental Specialist III position to an Environmental Specialist IV position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,283	\$16,775
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,283</b>	<b>\$16,775</b>

**MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0421**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	31.000	31.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,216,391	\$3,434,621
All Other	\$54,355	\$54,633
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,270,746</b>	<b>\$3,489,254</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	61.000	61.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.654	0.654
Personal Services	\$6,823,023	\$7,220,835
All Other	\$9,556,068	\$9,556,068
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,379,091</b>	<b>\$16,776,903</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,003,500	\$1,003,500

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$1,003,500 \$1,003,500  
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL  
 RECOVERY TOTAL

**Performance Partnership Grant 0851**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	52.000	52.000
Personal Services	\$5,951,075	\$6,309,702
All Other	\$3,490,808	\$3,490,808
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,441,883</b>	<b>\$9,800,510</b>

**PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT 0851**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	52.000	52.000
Personal Services	\$5,951,075	\$6,309,702
All Other	\$3,490,808	\$3,490,808
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,441,883</b>	<b>\$9,800,510</b>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,514,038	\$1,603,153
All Other	\$199,175	\$199,175
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,713,213</b>	<b>\$1,802,328</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,618,984	\$2,762,256
All Other	\$2,377,306	\$2,377,306
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,996,290</b>	<b>\$5,139,562</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	93.000	93.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$10,719,646	\$11,318,321
All Other	\$18,006,939	\$18,006,939
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,726,585</b>	<b>\$29,325,260</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000  
 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000  
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL  
 RECOVERY TOTAL

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,951	\$2,951

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,951</b>	<b>\$2,951</b>
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**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,105	\$8,162

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,105</b>	<b>\$8,162</b>
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**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,277	\$0
All Other	\$77	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,354</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**REMEDATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT 0247**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,514,038	\$1,603,153
All Other	\$209,231	\$210,288

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,723,269</b>	<b>\$1,813,441</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,618,984	\$2,762,256
All Other	\$2,377,306	\$2,377,306

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,996,290</b>	<b>\$5,139,562</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	93.000	93.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$10,721,923	\$11,318,321
All Other	\$18,007,016	\$18,006,939
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,728,939</b>	<b>\$29,325,260</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	30.000	30.000
Personal Services	\$3,545,849	\$3,749,898
All Other	\$4,496,410	\$4,496,410
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,042,259</b>	<b>\$8,246,308</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,997	\$132,130
All Other	\$1,502,091	\$1,502,091
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,629,088</b>	<b>\$1,634,221</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$2,016,136	\$2,123,947
All Other	\$2,173,285	\$2,173,285
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,189,421</b>	<b>\$4,297,232</b>

**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,128	\$2,128
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,128</b>	<b>\$2,128</b>

**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,909	\$6,972
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,909</b>	<b>\$6,972</b>

**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,775	\$0
All Other	\$162	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,937</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**WATER QUALITY 0248**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	30.000	30.000
Personal Services	\$3,545,849	\$3,749,898
All Other	\$4,501,447	\$4,505,510
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,047,296</b>	<b>\$8,255,408</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,997	\$132,130
All Other	\$1,502,091	\$1,502,091
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,629,088</b>	<b>\$1,634,221</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$2,020,911	\$2,123,947
All Other	\$2,173,447	\$2,173,285
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,194,358</b>	<b>\$4,297,232</b>

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$20,836,728</b>	<b>\$21,718,610</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$17,427,983</b>	<b>\$17,979,264</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$57,017,962</b>	<b>\$58,302,028</b>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$2,003,500	\$2,003,500
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$97,286,173</b>	<b>\$100,003,402</b>

**Sec. A-25. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$432,537	\$456,974
All Other	\$178,013	\$178,013
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$610,550</b>	<b>\$634,987</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$459,578	\$483,638
All Other	\$3,006,480	\$3,006,480
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,466,058</b>	<b>\$3,490,118</b>

**Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,392	\$4,392
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,392</b>	<b>\$4,392</b>

**Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,019	\$18,870
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,019</b>	<b>\$18,870</b>

**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES - COMMISSION ON 0414**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$432,537	\$456,974
All Other	\$178,013	\$178,013
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$610,550</b>	<b>\$634,987</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$459,578	\$483,638
All Other	\$3,023,891	\$3,029,742
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,483,469</b>	<b>\$3,513,380</b>
<b>ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$610,550</b>	<b>\$634,987</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,483,469</b>	<b>\$3,513,380</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,094,019</b>	<b>\$4,148,367</b>

**Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.500	24.500
Personal Services	\$4,226,935	\$4,474,573
All Other	\$494,770	\$499,770
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,721,705</b>	<b>\$4,974,343</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,014</b>	<b>\$115,014</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Administration - Executive - Governor's Office  
0165**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,350	\$6,128
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$6,128</u>

**Administration - Executive - Governor's Office  
0165**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,119	\$25,119
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,119</u>	<u>\$25,119</u>

**ADMINISTRATION - EXECUTIVE - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 0165**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.500	24.500
Personal Services	\$4,226,935	\$4,474,573
All Other	\$523,239	\$531,017
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,750,174</u>	<u>\$5,005,590</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$115,014</u>	<u>\$115,014</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Blaine House 0072**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$933,762	\$978,792
All Other	\$72,055	\$72,055
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,005,817</u>	<u>\$1,050,847</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,240</u>	<u>\$5,240</u>

**Blaine House 0072**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,871	\$2,871
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,871</u>	<u>\$2,871</u>

**Blaine House 0072**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,087	\$8,681
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$7,087</u>	<u>\$8,681</u>

**BLAINE HOUSE 0072**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$933,762	\$978,792
All Other	\$82,013	\$83,607
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,015,775</u>	<u>\$1,062,399</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,240</u>	<u>\$5,240</u>

**Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program  
Z388**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**DISTRIBUTED SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAM Z388**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$500 \$500  
FUNDS TOTAL

**GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$155,944 \$167,760  
All Other \$3,003,660 \$3,003,660

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,159,604 \$3,171,420

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$5,000,500 \$5,000,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$5,000,500 \$5,000,500

**GOPIF - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP Z376**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$155,944 \$167,760  
All Other \$3,003,660 \$3,003,660

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,159,604 \$3,171,420

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$5,000,500 \$5,000,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$5,000,500 \$5,000,500

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 5.000 5.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$801,731 \$854,282  
All Other \$1,659,418 \$1,659,418

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,461,149 \$2,513,700

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 8.000 8.000

LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$1,440,429 \$1,521,531  
All Other \$3,240,473 \$3,240,473

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$4,680,902 \$4,762,004

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000

LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$20,356 \$21,185  
All Other \$350,607 \$350,607

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$370,963 \$371,792

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$163,745 \$163,745

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$163,745 \$163,745

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$27,519 \$27,519

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$27,519 \$27,519

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$19,698 \$24,389

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$19,698 \$24,389

**GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 5.000 5.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$801,731 \$854,282  
All Other \$1,659,418 \$1,659,418

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,461,149 \$2,513,700

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,440,429	\$1,521,531
All Other	\$3,240,473	\$3,240,473
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,680,902</b>	<b>\$4,762,004</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$20,356	\$21,185
All Other	\$397,824	\$402,515
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$418,180</b>	<b>\$423,700</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$163,745	\$163,745
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,745</b>	<b>\$163,745</b>

**Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program Z389**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Z389**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Office of New Americans Z398**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$289,347	\$301,370
All Other	\$24,546	\$24,546
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313,893</b>	<b>\$325,916</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS Z398 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$289,347	\$301,370
All Other	\$24,546	\$24,546
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313,893</b>	<b>\$325,916</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$2,076,624	\$2,189,274
All Other	\$410,930	\$410,930
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,487,554</b>	<b>\$2,600,204</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$287,744	\$287,744
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$287,744</b>	<b>\$287,744</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,255	\$151,465
All Other	\$261,008	\$261,008

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$401,263	\$412,473
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$388,801	\$388,801
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$388,801	\$388,801

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$56,063	\$56,063
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,063	\$56,063

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,917	\$12,568
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,917	\$12,568

**OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE Z135**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$2,076,624	\$2,189,274
All Other	\$475,910	\$479,561
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,552,534	\$2,668,835

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$287,744	\$287,744
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$287,744	\$287,744

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,255	\$151,465
All Other	\$261,008	\$261,008

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$401,263	\$412,473
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$388,801	\$388,801
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$388,801	\$388,801

**Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund Z314**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FUND Z314**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Ombudsman Program 0103**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$341,539	\$341,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$341,539	\$341,539

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$57,150	\$57,150
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$57,150	\$57,150

**OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM 0103**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$341,539	\$341,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$341,539	\$341,539

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$57,150	\$57,150
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$57,150	\$57,150

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,923,205	\$2,026,514
All Other	\$2,180,729	\$2,180,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$4,103,934	\$4,207,243
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,908	\$16,015
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$15,908	\$16,015
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's proportionate share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,887	\$13,055
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$10,887	\$13,055
FUNDS TOTAL		

**PUBLIC ADVOCATE 0410**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,923,205	\$2,026,514
All Other	\$2,207,524	\$2,209,799
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$4,130,729	\$4,236,313
FUNDS TOTAL		

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$14,594,668</b>	<b>\$15,089,399</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$5,141,810</b>	<b>\$5,222,912</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,958,412</b>	<b>\$10,080,726</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$552,546</b>	<b>\$552,546</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$30,247,436</b>	<b>\$30,945,583</b>

**Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Dairy Improvement Fund Z143**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$465,182	\$465,182
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$465,182	\$465,182
FUNDS TOTAL		

**DAIRY IMPROVEMENT FUND Z143**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$465,182	\$465,182
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$465,182	\$465,182
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT MARKETING FUND Z174**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

**FHM - Dental Education 0951**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$237,740	\$237,740
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$237,740	\$237,740

**FHM - DENTAL EDUCATION 0951**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$237,740	\$237,740
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$237,740	\$237,740

**FHM - Health Education Centers 0950**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$110,000	\$110,000
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>

**FHM - HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS 0950 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$110,000	\$110,000
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>

**Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund Z286**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

**FOREIGN CREDENTIALING AND SKILLS RECOGNITION REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FUND Z286**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

**Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund Z330**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND Z330**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Small Enterprise Growth Fund Z235**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

**SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND Z235**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

**Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$27,890,394	\$27,890,394
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>

**STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 0653**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$27,890,394	\$27,890,394
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$28,540,394</b>	<b>\$28,540,394</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>\$347,740</b>	<b>\$347,740</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$465,682</b>	<b>\$465,682</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$29,354,316</b></u>	<u><b>\$29,354,316</b></u>
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**Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund Z387**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND Z387**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

**MAINE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION 0936**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,000	\$2,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>

**Sec. A-29. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE**

**Maine Health Data Organization 0848**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	\$688,128	\$743,343
All Other	\$1,462,940	\$1,462,940

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,151,068	\$2,206,283
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**Maine Health Data Organization 0848**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,930	\$1,930
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,930</u>	<u>\$1,930</u>

**Maine Health Data Organization 0848**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,122	\$1,870
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,122</u>	<u>\$1,870</u>

**MAINE HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION 0848**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	\$688,128	\$743,343
All Other	\$1,465,992	\$1,466,740
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,154,120</u>	<u>\$2,210,083</u>

**HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,154,120	\$2,210,083
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,154,120</u>	<u>\$2,210,083</u>

**Sec. A-30. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment 0146**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.000	26.000
Personal Services	\$2,834,249	\$2,884,709
All Other	\$33,014,435	\$33,014,435
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$35,848,684	\$35,899,144

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN RETRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT 0146 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.000	26.000
Personal Services	\$2,834,249	\$2,884,709
All Other	\$33,014,435	\$33,014,435
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$35,848,684	\$35,899,144

**Aids Lodging House 0518**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,496	\$37,496
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,496	\$37,496

**AIDS LODGING HOUSE 0518**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,496	\$37,496
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,496	\$37,496

**Brain Injury Z213**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

**BRAIN INJURY Z213**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000
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**Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund Z069**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$212,328	\$212,328

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$212,328	\$212,328
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**BREAST CANCER SERVICES SPECIAL PROGRAM FUND Z069**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$212,328	\$212,328

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$212,328	\$212,328
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**Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,989,836	\$6,989,836

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,989,836	\$6,989,836
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**BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Z205**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,989,836	\$6,989,836

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,989,836	\$6,989,836
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**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$588,964	\$606,481
All Other	\$43,967,696	\$43,967,696

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,556,660	\$44,574,177
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$431,090	\$0
All Other	\$5,680,008	\$5,680,008

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,111,098	\$5,680,008
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.500	41.500

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Personal Services	\$4,217,891	\$4,339,606
All Other	\$40,283,260	\$40,283,260
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$44,501,151</u>	<u>\$44,622,866</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,942	\$107,942
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$107,942</u>	<u>\$107,942</u>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,920,284	\$40,920,284
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>\$40,920,284</u>	<u>\$40,920,284</u>
<b>CHILD CARE SERVICES 0563 PROGRAM SUMMARY</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$588,964	\$606,481
All Other	\$43,967,696	\$43,967,696
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$44,556,660</u>	<u>\$44,574,177</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$431,090	\$0
All Other	\$5,680,008	\$5,680,008
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,111,098</u>	<u>\$5,680,008</u>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.500	41.500
Personal Services	\$4,217,891	\$4,339,606
All Other	\$40,283,260	\$40,283,260
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$44,501,151</u>	<u>\$44,622,866</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,942	\$107,942
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$107,942</u>	<u>\$107,942</u>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,920,284	\$40,920,284

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$40,920,284	\$40,920,284
<b>Child Support 0100 Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	126.500	126.500
Personal Services	\$4,388,329	\$4,528,900
All Other	\$1,017,801	\$1,017,801
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,406,130</u>	<u>\$5,546,701</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$14,080,259	\$14,540,883
All Other	\$5,597,054	\$5,597,054
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$19,677,313</u>	<u>\$20,137,937</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000
Personal Services	\$2,864,998	\$2,961,825
All Other	\$108,359,359	\$108,359,359
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$111,224,357</u>	<u>\$111,321,184</u>
<b>CHILD SUPPORT 0100 PROGRAM SUMMARY</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	126.500	126.500
Personal Services	\$4,388,329	\$4,528,900
All Other	\$1,017,801	\$1,017,801
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,406,130</u>	<u>\$5,546,701</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$14,080,259	\$14,540,883
All Other	\$5,597,054	\$5,597,054
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$19,677,313</u>	<u>\$20,137,937</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000
Personal Services	\$2,864,998	\$2,961,825
All Other	\$108,359,359	\$108,359,359
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$111,224,357</u>	<u>\$111,321,184</u>

**Community Services Block Grant 0716**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,434	\$104,988
All Other	\$8,433,454	\$8,433,454
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,536,888</b>	<b>\$8,538,442</b>

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT 0716**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,434	\$104,988
All Other	\$8,433,454	\$8,433,454
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,536,888</b>	<b>\$8,538,442</b>

**Consent Decree Z204**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,615,080	\$6,615,080
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,615,080</b>	<b>\$6,615,080</b>

**CONSENT DECREE Z204**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,615,080	\$6,615,080
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,615,080</b>	<b>\$6,615,080</b>

**Crisis Outreach Program Z216**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.000	57.000
Personal Services	\$3,348,453	\$3,419,882
All Other	\$171,509	\$171,509
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,519,962</b>	<b>\$3,591,391</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,042,629	\$3,107,622
All Other	\$238,269	\$238,269
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,280,898</b>	<b>\$3,345,891</b>

**Crisis Outreach Program Z216**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative

and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,124	\$18,124
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,124</b>	<b>\$18,124</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,848	\$16,848

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,848</b>	<b>\$16,848</b>
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**Crisis Outreach Program Z216**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions to 4 Social Services Manager I positions and one Community Response Worker position to a Social Services Program Manager position funded 52.4% General Fund and 47.6% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Crisis Outreach Program and one Public Service Manager II from range 30 to range 32 serving as the crisis team program administrator in the Developmental Services - Community program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$31,910	\$33,347
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,910</b>	<b>\$33,347</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,983	\$30,294
All Other	\$673	\$703

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,656</b>	<b>\$30,997</b>
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**CRISIS OUTREACH PROGRAM Z216**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.000	57.000
Personal Services	\$3,380,363	\$3,453,229
All Other	\$189,633	\$189,633
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,569,996</b>	<b>\$3,642,862</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,071,612	\$3,137,916
All Other	\$255,790	\$255,820

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,327,402</b>	<b>\$3,393,736</b>
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**Data, Research and Vital Statistics Z037**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$643,752	\$656,691
All Other	\$970,475	\$970,475
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,614,227</u>	<u>\$1,627,166</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$245,782	\$249,682
All Other	\$441,735	\$441,735
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$687,517</u>	<u>\$691,417</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$880,782	\$901,447
All Other	\$772,926	\$772,926
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,653,708</u>	<u>\$1,674,373</u>

**DATA, RESEARCH AND VITAL STATISTICS Z037**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$643,752	\$656,691
All Other	\$970,475	\$970,475
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,614,227</u>	<u>\$1,627,166</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$245,782	\$249,682
All Other	\$441,735	\$441,735
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$687,517</u>	<u>\$691,417</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$880,782	\$901,447
All Other	\$772,926	\$772,926
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,653,708</u>	<u>\$1,674,373</u>

**Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	155.000	155.000
Personal Services	\$11,959,792	\$12,244,326
All Other	\$17,577,380	\$17,577,380
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$29,537,172</u>	<u>\$29,821,706</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$152,100	\$152,100
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$152,100</u>	<u>\$152,100</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$8,250,434	\$8,448,750
All Other	\$14,540,989	\$14,540,989
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$22,791,423</u>	<u>\$22,989,739</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$851,000	\$851,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$851,000</u>	<u>\$851,000</u>

**Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$858,694	\$1,096,327
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$858,694</u>	<u>\$1,096,327</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$585,744	\$747,842
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$585,744</u>	<u>\$747,842</u>

**Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$242,871	\$255,481
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$242,871</u>	<u>\$255,481</u>

**Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Specialist II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position funded 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program and one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 31. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the Public Service Manager II position from 100% General Fund in the Multicultural Services program to 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$99,561	\$100,156
All Other	\$4,354	\$4,354
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,915</b>	<b>\$104,510</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$66,373	\$66,771
All Other	\$4,674	\$4,718
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,047</b>	<b>\$71,489</b>

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL OPERATIONS 0142**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	156.000	156.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$12,059,353	\$12,344,482
All Other	\$18,683,299	\$18,933,542
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,742,652</b>	<b>\$31,278,024</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$152,100	\$152,100
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,100</b>	<b>\$152,100</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$8,316,807	\$8,515,521
All Other	\$15,131,407	\$15,293,549
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,448,214</b>	<b>\$23,809,070</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$851,000	\$851,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$851,000</b>	<b>\$851,000</b>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	69.000	69.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,365,792	\$7,531,212
All Other	\$8,776,864	\$8,776,864
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,142,656</b>	<b>\$16,308,076</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,747	\$400,747
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,747</b>	<b>\$400,747</b>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions to 4 Social Services Manager I positions and one Community Response Worker position to a Social Services Program Manager position funded 52.4% General Fund and 47.6% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Crisis Outreach Program and one Public Service Manager II from range 30 to range 32 serving as the crisis team program administrator in the Developmental Services - Community program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,577	\$11,582
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,577</b>	<b>\$11,582</b>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Social Services Program Specialist II positions to 3 Social Services Manager I positions in the Developmental Services - Community program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$26,937	\$25,234
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,937</b>	<b>\$25,234</b>

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z208**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	69.000	69.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,404,306	\$7,568,028
All Other	\$8,776,864	\$8,776,864

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,181,170	\$16,344,892
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,747	\$400,747
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$400,747	\$400,747

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$201,839,573	\$201,839,573
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$201,839,573	\$201,839,573

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$17,693,181	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,693,181	\$0

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,898,992	\$4,913,798
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,898,992	\$4,913,798

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Provides funding for agency home supports in the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,795,066	\$22,906,999
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,795,066	\$22,906,999

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$657,465	\$671,100
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$657,465	\$671,100

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$246,884,277	\$230,331,470
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$246,884,277	\$230,331,470

**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,156,732	\$52,156,732
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,156,732	\$52,156,732

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$196,000	\$196,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$196,000	\$196,000
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**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,011,312	\$1,274,531
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,011,312	\$1,274,531

**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$878,480	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$878,480	\$0

**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$288,984	\$294,945
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$288,984	\$294,945

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$54,335,508	\$53,726,208
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$54,335,508	\$53,726,208

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$196,000	\$196,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$196,000	\$196,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Disability Determination - Division of 0208**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.500	57.500
Personal Services	\$6,302,702	\$6,520,994
All Other	\$5,270,313	\$5,270,313
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,573,015	\$11,791,307

**DISABILITY DETERMINATION - DIVISION OF 0208**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.500	57.500
Personal Services	\$6,302,702	\$6,520,994
All Other	\$5,270,313	\$5,270,313
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,573,015	\$11,791,307

**Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$11,210,149	\$11,432,756
All Other	\$2,220,860	\$2,220,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,431,009	\$13,653,616

**Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$458,808	\$525,182
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$458,808	\$525,182

**DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z225**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$11,668,957	\$11,957,938

All Other	\$2,220,860	\$2,220,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,889,817	\$14,178,798

**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,770,272	\$15,133,964
All Other	\$3,291,007	\$3,291,007
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,061,279	\$18,424,971

**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,172	\$1,315
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,172	\$1,315

**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$388,730	\$475,897
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$388,730	\$475,897

**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$145,229	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$145,229	\$0

**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Psychologist III positions and one Psychologist IV position to Psychologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,552	\$17,851
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,552	\$17,851

**DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z220**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,322,955	\$15,629,027
All Other	\$3,291,007	\$3,291,007
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,613,962</b>	<b>\$18,920,034</b>

**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$3,433,999	\$3,527,444
All Other	\$920,152	\$920,152
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,354,151</b>	<b>\$4,447,596</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,406,743	\$1,406,743
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406,743</b>	<b>\$1,406,743</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	85.000	85.000
Personal Services	\$5,955,238	\$6,117,789
All Other	\$3,605,552	\$3,605,552
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,560,790</b>	<b>\$9,723,341</b>

**DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION Z036**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$3,433,999	\$3,527,444
All Other	\$920,152	\$920,152
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,354,151</b>	<b>\$4,447,596</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,406,743	\$1,406,743
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406,743</b>	<b>\$1,406,743</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	85.000	85.000
Personal Services	\$5,955,238	\$6,117,789
All Other	\$3,605,552	\$3,605,552
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,560,790</b>	<b>\$9,723,341</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$420,714	\$432,502
All Other	\$2,850,793	\$2,850,793
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,271,507</b>	<b>\$3,283,295</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	252.000	252.000
Personal Services	\$19,082,266	\$19,457,690
All Other	\$3,833,353	\$3,833,353
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,915,619</b>	<b>\$23,291,043</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$457,133)	(\$523,509)
All Other	(\$6,340)	(\$7,261)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$463,473)</b>	<b>(\$530,770)</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$716,807	\$675,837
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$716,807</b>	<b>\$675,837</b>

**DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z222**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$420,714	\$432,502
All Other	\$3,567,600	\$3,526,630
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,988,314</b>	<b>\$3,959,132</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	252.000	252.000
Personal Services	\$18,625,133	\$18,934,181
All Other	\$3,827,013	\$3,826,092

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$22,452,146 \$22,760,273  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Drinking Water Enforcement 0728**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,795,500	\$4,795,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,795,500</b>	<b>\$4,795,500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$703,443	\$721,927
All Other	\$2,387,868	\$2,387,868

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$3,091,311 \$3,109,795  
FUNDS TOTAL

**DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT 0728**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,795,500	\$4,795,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,795,500</b>	<b>\$4,795,500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$703,443	\$721,927
All Other	\$2,387,868	\$2,387,868

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$3,091,311 \$3,109,795  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Driver Education & Evaluation Program - Off Sub Abuse & MH S Z200**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$650,683	\$677,352
All Other	\$1,028,931	\$1,028,931

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$1,679,614 \$1,706,283

**Driver Education & Evaluation Program - Off Sub Abuse & MH S Z200**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,285	\$92,285
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,285</b>	<b>\$92,285</b>

**DRIVER EDUCATION & EVALUATION PROGRAM - OFF SUB ABUSE & MH S Z200**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$650,683	\$677,352
All Other	\$1,121,216	\$1,121,216

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$1,771,899 \$1,798,568

**Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$353,305	\$360,835
All Other	\$1,750,480	\$1,750,480

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$2,103,785 \$2,111,315

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$134,881	\$137,504
All Other	\$1,943,014	\$1,943,014

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL** \$2,077,895 \$2,080,518

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTATION PROGRAM Z280**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$353,305	\$360,835
All Other	\$1,750,480	\$1,750,480

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$2,103,785 \$2,111,315

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$134,881	\$137,504
All Other	\$1,943,014	\$1,943,014

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL** \$2,077,895 \$2,080,518

**Food Supplement Administration Z019**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,370,882	\$8,370,882

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$8,370,882 \$8,370,882

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,690,095	\$19,690,095

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL** \$19,690,095 \$19,690,095

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$725,500	\$725,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$725,500</u>	<u>\$725,500</u>
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**FOOD SUPPLEMENT ADMINISTRATION Z019  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,370,882	\$8,370,882
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,370,882</u>	<u>\$8,370,882</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,690,095	\$19,690,095
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,690,095</u>	<u>\$19,690,095</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$725,500	\$725,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$725,500</u>	<u>\$725,500</u>

**Forensic Services Z203**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$947,419	\$975,755
All Other	\$351,864	\$351,864
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,299,283</u>	<u>\$1,327,619</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,097	\$13,097
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$13,097</u>	<u>\$13,097</u>

**FORENSIC SERVICES Z203  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$947,419	\$975,755
All Other	\$351,864	\$351,864
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,299,283</u>	<u>\$1,327,619</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,097	\$13,097
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$13,097</u>	<u>\$13,097</u>

**General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,398,875</u>	<u>\$10,398,875</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$629,337	\$641,482
All Other	\$2,058,346	\$2,058,346
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,687,683</u>	<u>\$2,699,828</u>

**General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Family Independence Program Manager position to a Public Service Coordinator II position in the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,160	\$19,499
All Other	\$331	\$456
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$14,491</u>	<u>\$19,955</u>

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE - REIMBURSEMENT TO CITIES AND TOWNS 0130  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,398,875</u>	<u>\$10,398,875</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$643,497	\$660,981
All Other	\$2,058,677	\$2,058,802
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,702,174</u>	<u>\$2,719,783</u>

**Head Start 0545**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,794,458	\$4,794,458
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,794,458</u>	<u>\$4,794,458</u>

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2025**

**PUBLIC LAW, C. 2**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,637	\$107,637
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$107,637</u>	<u>\$107,637</u>

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,354,580</u>	<u>\$1,354,580</u>

**HEAD START 0545 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,794,458	\$4,794,458
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,794,458</u>	<u>\$4,794,458</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,637	\$107,637
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$107,637</u>	<u>\$107,637</u>

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,354,580</u>	<u>\$1,354,580</u>

**Homeless Youth Program 0923**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$930,742	\$930,742
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$930,742</u>	<u>\$930,742</u>

**HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM 0923**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$930,742	\$930,742
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$930,742</u>	<u>\$930,742</u>

**Housing First Program Z374**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$287,177	\$300,346
All Other	\$13,074	\$13,074
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$300,251</u>	<u>\$313,420</u>

**HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM Z374**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$287,177	\$300,346
All Other	\$13,074	\$13,074
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$300,251</u>	<u>\$313,420</u>

**IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,999,999	\$20,999,999
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,999,999</u>	<u>\$20,999,999</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$42,493,283	\$42,493,283
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$42,493,283</u>	<u>\$42,493,283</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$476,737	\$476,737
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$476,737</u>	<u>\$476,737</u>

**IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$769,070	\$715,160
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$769,070</u>	<u>\$715,160</u>

**IV-E FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0137**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,769,069	\$21,715,159
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$21,769,069</u>	<u>\$21,715,159</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$42,493,283	\$42,493,283
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$42,493,283</u>	<u>\$42,493,283</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$476,737	\$476,737
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$476,737</u>	<u>\$476,737</u>

**Lifespan Waiver Z370**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$770,908	\$770,908
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$770,908</b>	<b>\$770,908</b>

**LIFESPAN WAIVER Z370**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$770,908	\$770,908
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$770,908</b>	<b>\$770,908</b>

**Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$381,038	\$392,553
All Other	\$52,049,022	\$52,049,022
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,430,060</b>	<b>\$52,441,575</b>

**LONG TERM CARE - OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES 0420**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$381,038	\$392,553
All Other	\$52,049,022	\$52,049,022
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,430,060</b>	<b>\$52,441,575</b>

**Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,374,791	\$5,374,791
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,374,791</b>	<b>\$5,374,791</b>

**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE**

All Other	\$6,082,095	\$6,082,095
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,082,095</b>	<b>\$6,082,095</b>

**Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$346,343	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$346,343</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202**

Initiative: Provides funding for the annual Medicare Part D rate increase.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$273,783	\$291,226
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$273,783</b>	<b>\$291,226</b>

**LOW-COST DRUGS TO MAINE'S ELDERLY 0202**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,994,917	\$5,666,017
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,994,917</b>	<b>\$5,666,017</b>

**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE**

All Other	\$6,082,095	\$6,082,095
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,082,095</b>	<b>\$6,082,095</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107.000	107.000
Personal Services	\$14,059,136	\$14,462,729
All Other	\$9,646,266	\$9,646,266
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,705,402</b>	<b>\$24,108,995</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	111.000	111.000
Personal Services	\$13,364,106	\$13,711,430
All Other	\$104,073,657	\$104,073,657

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,437,763</b>	<b>\$117,785,087</b>
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**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,722,036	\$1,769,904
All Other	\$17,194,907	\$17,194,907

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,916,943</b>	<b>\$18,964,811</b>
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	70.500	70.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$6,545,115	\$6,704,376
All Other	\$9,928,136	\$9,928,136

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2025**

**PUBLIC LAW, C. 2**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$16,473,251 \$16,632,512

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 3.000 3.000  
 Personal Services \$280,158 \$286,640  
 All Other \$1,488,674 \$1,488,674

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL \$1,768,832 \$1,775,314

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 1.000 1.000  
 Personal Services \$120,864 \$126,911  
 All Other \$14,019,992 \$14,019,992

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL \$14,140,856 \$14,146,903

**MAINE RECOVERY FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,350,000 \$1,350,000

MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL \$1,350,000 \$1,350,000

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate I position to an Accounting Associate II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 Personal Services \$7,376 \$7,813  
 All Other \$110 \$115

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$7,486 \$7,928

**MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION 0143 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 107.000 107.000  
 Personal Services \$14,059,136 \$14,462,729  
 All Other \$9,646,266 \$9,646,266

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$23,705,402 \$24,108,995

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 111.000 111.000  
 Personal Services \$13,371,482 \$13,719,243  
 All Other \$104,073,767 \$104,073,772

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$117,445,249 \$117,793,015

**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 13.000 13.000  
 Personal Services \$1,722,036 \$1,769,904  
 All Other \$17,194,907 \$17,194,907

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL \$18,916,943 \$18,964,811

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 70.500 70.500  
 POSITIONS - FTE COUNT 0.500 0.500  
 Personal Services \$6,545,115 \$6,704,376  
 All Other \$9,928,136 \$9,928,136

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$16,473,251 \$16,632,512

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 3.000 3.000  
 Personal Services \$280,158 \$286,640  
 All Other \$1,488,674 \$1,488,674

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL \$1,768,832 \$1,775,314

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$8,000,000 \$8,000,000

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 1.000 1.000  
 Personal Services \$120,864 \$126,911  
 All Other \$14,019,992 \$14,019,992

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL \$14,140,856 \$14,146,903

**MAINE RECOVERY FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,350,000 \$1,350,000

MAINE RECOVERY FUND \$1,350,000 \$1,350,000  
TOTAL

**Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund Z279**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**MAINE CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND Z279**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,405,049	\$1,455,232
All Other	\$12,477,246	\$12,477,246
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,882,295	\$13,932,478

**MAINE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE TRUST FUND Z292**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,405,049	\$1,455,232
All Other	\$12,477,246	\$12,477,246
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,882,295	\$13,932,478

**Maine Rx Plus Program 0927**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$135,786	\$135,786
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$135,786	\$135,786

**MAINE RX PLUS PROGRAM 0927 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$135,786	\$135,786
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$135,786	\$135,786

**Maine School Oral Health Fund Z025**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,405	\$23,405
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,405	\$23,405

**MAINE SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH FUND Z025 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,405	\$23,405
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,405	\$23,405

**Maine Water Well Drilling Program 0697**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$33,512	\$34,081
All Other	\$44,389	\$44,389
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77,901	\$78,470

**MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING PROGRAM 0697**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$33,512	\$34,081
All Other	\$44,389	\$44,389

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$77,901 \$78,470  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**Maternal and Child Health 0191**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$8,971,411 \$8,971,411

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$8,971,411 \$8,971,411

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 21.000 21.000  
 Personal Services \$2,742,215 \$2,812,342  
 All Other \$1,487,039 \$1,487,039

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL \$4,229,254 \$4,299,381

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 0191**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$8,971,411 \$8,971,411

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$8,971,411 \$8,971,411

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 21.000 21.000  
 Personal Services \$2,742,215 \$2,812,342  
 All Other \$1,487,039 \$1,487,039

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL \$4,229,254 \$4,299,381

**Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match Z008**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 12.000 12.000  
 Personal Services \$1,074,508 \$1,089,938  
 All Other \$4,444,089 \$4,444,089

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,518,597 \$5,534,027

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT MATCH Z008**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 12.000 12.000  
 Personal Services \$1,074,508 \$1,089,938  
 All Other \$4,444,089 \$4,444,089

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,518,597 \$5,534,027

**Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$35,560,989 \$35,560,989

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$35,560,989 \$35,560,989

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$100,000 \$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$100,000 \$100,000

**Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$752,621 \$948,508

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$752,621 \$948,508

**Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C.

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$169,275 \$172,751

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$169,275 \$172,751

**MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$36,482,885 \$36,682,248

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$36,482,885 \$36,682,248

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$100,000 \$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$100,000 \$100,000

**Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$9,592,666 \$9,592,666

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$9,592,666 \$9,592,666

**Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$185,304	\$233,534
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$185,304</u>	<u>\$233,534</u>

**MEDICAID WAIVER FOR BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL /COMMUNITY SERV Z218**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,777,970	\$9,826,200
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,777,970</u>	<u>\$9,826,200</u>

**Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,014,106	\$4,014,106
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,014,106</u>	<u>\$4,014,106</u>

**Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$77,542	\$97,724
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$77,542</u>	<u>\$97,724</u>

**MEDICAID WAIVER FOR OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS Z217**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,091,648	\$4,111,830
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,091,648</u>	<u>\$4,111,830</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$727,254,408	\$727,254,408
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$727,254,408</u>	<u>\$727,254,408</u>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other	\$2,691,450,165	\$2,691,450,165
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,691,450,165</u>	<u>\$2,691,450,165</u>

**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE**

All Other	\$32,400,154	\$32,400,154
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**FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL**

	<u>\$32,400,154</u>	<u>\$32,400,154</u>
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

All Other	\$239,237,620	\$239,237,620
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL**

	<u>\$239,237,620</u>	<u>\$239,237,620</u>
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**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

All Other	\$39,443,775	\$39,443,775
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**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL**

	<u>\$39,443,775</u>	<u>\$39,443,775</u>
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**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$96,729,843	\$0

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

	<u>\$96,729,843</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other	\$361,802,773	\$0
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL**

	<u>\$361,802,773</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

All Other	\$1,207,432	\$0
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL**

	<u>\$1,207,432</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

All Other	\$8,354,198	\$0
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**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL**

	<u>\$8,354,198</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,528,680	\$19,641,956

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

	<u>\$15,528,680</u>	<u>\$19,641,956</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other	(\$24,333,365)	(\$30,666,706)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	(\$24,333,365)	(\$30,666,706)
FUND TOTAL		

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$625,883	\$788,784
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$625,883	\$788,784

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$612)	(\$72,337)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$612)	(\$72,337)

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds within the MaineCare pharmacy program to reflect the drug rebates received annually.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$18,500,000)	(\$18,500,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$18,500,000)	(\$18,500,000)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Annualizes changes in each year of the biennium from Public Law 2023, chapter 643, which changed the hospital tax year from fiscal year 2019-20 to 2021-22, updated the tax rate applied to acute care hospitals from 2.23% to 3.25% and eliminated the hospital tax for critical access hospitals, effective January 1, 2025.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$29,472,420)	(\$29,472,420)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$29,472,420)	(\$29,472,420)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,472,420	\$29,472,420
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,472,420	\$29,472,420

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for agency home supports in the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for

Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$230,253	\$231,384
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$230,253	\$231,384

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,511,612	\$37,398,548
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,511,612	\$37,398,548

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for the annual Medicare Part D rate increase.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,529,525	\$9,072,938
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,529,525	\$9,072,938

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,607,030	\$2,659,659
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,607,030	\$2,659,659

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,618,547	\$6,544,243
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,618,547	\$6,544,243

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$183,337	\$181,940
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$183,337	\$181,940

**MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$802,907,319	\$710,887,925
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$802,907,319	\$710,887,925

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,073,049,732	\$2,704,726,250
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,073,049,732	\$2,704,726,250

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,026,037	\$33,188,938
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$33,026,037</u>	<u>\$33,188,938</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$288,417,472	\$287,210,040
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$288,417,472</u>	<u>\$287,210,040</u>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$47,980,698	\$39,553,378
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$47,980,698</u>	<u>\$39,553,378</u>

**Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$42,954,707	\$42,954,707
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$42,954,707</u>	<u>\$42,954,707</u>

**Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$829,768	\$1,045,735
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$829,768</u>	<u>\$1,045,735</u>

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILD MEDICAID Z207**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$43,784,475	\$44,000,442
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$43,784,475</u>	<u>\$44,000,442</u>

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$2,905,792	\$2,977,720
All Other	\$17,288,404	\$17,288,404
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,194,196</u>	<u>\$20,266,124</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,801,991	\$1,801,991

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	\$1,801,991	\$1,801,991
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$57,861	\$59,861
All Other	\$6,755,463	\$6,755,463

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,813,324</u>	<u>\$6,815,324</u>
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,388,417	\$2,388,417

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,388,417</u>	<u>\$2,388,417</u>
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**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$80,484	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$80,484</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Developmental Disability Resource Coordinator positions to Social Services Program Specialist II positions, retroactive to June 22, 2018, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,475	\$9,120
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,475</u>	<u>\$9,120</u>

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILDREN Z206**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$2,994,751	\$2,986,840
All Other	\$17,288,404	\$17,288,404
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,283,155</u>	<u>\$20,275,244</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,801,991	\$1,801,991

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,801,991</u>	<u>\$1,801,991</u>
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$57,861	\$59,861
All Other	\$6,755,463	\$6,755,463

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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$6,813,324	\$6,815,324
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,388,417	\$2,388,417
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$2,388,417	\$2,388,417

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	60.000	60.000
Personal Services	\$7,428,667	\$7,603,623
All Other	\$29,043,800	\$29,043,800
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,472,467	\$36,647,423

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,142,929	\$12,142,929

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$12,142,929	\$12,142,929
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$132,341	\$133,078
All Other	\$9,154,081	\$9,154,081

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$9,286,422	\$9,287,159
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475
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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	60.000	60.000
Personal Services	\$7,428,667	\$7,603,623
All Other	\$29,043,800	\$29,043,800
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,472,467	\$36,647,423

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$12,142,929	\$12,142,929
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$12,142,929	\$12,142,929
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
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Personal Services	\$132,341	\$133,078
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All Other	\$9,154,081	\$9,154,081
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$9,286,422	\$9,287,159
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475
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**Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$58,145,410	\$58,145,410

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,145,410	\$58,145,410
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**Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,123,211	\$1,415,554

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,123,211	\$1,415,554
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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY MEDICAID Z201**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$59,268,621	\$59,560,964

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$59,268,621	\$59,560,964
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**Multicultural Services Z034**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$150,725	\$154,576
All Other	\$18,707	\$18,707
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$169,432</u>	<u>\$173,283</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,469,748</u>	<u>\$1,469,748</u>

**Multicultural Services Z034**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Specialist II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position funded 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program and one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 31. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the Public Service Manager II position from 100% General Fund in the Multicultural Services program to 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$150,725)	(\$154,576)
All Other	(\$7,256)	(\$7,256)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$157,981)</u>	<u>(\$161,832)</u>

**MULTICULTURAL SERVICES Z034**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$11,451	\$11,451
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$11,451</u>	<u>\$11,451</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,469,748</u>	<u>\$1,469,748</u>

**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$162,458,290	\$162,458,290
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$162,458,290</u>	<u>\$162,458,290</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$367,442,020	\$367,442,020
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$367,442,020</u>	<u>\$367,442,020</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,414,371	\$46,414,371
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$46,414,371</u>	<u>\$46,414,371</u>

**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,034,851	\$5,085,018
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,034,851</u>	<u>\$5,085,018</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,034,851)	(\$5,085,018)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$4,034,851)</u>	<u>(\$5,085,018)</u>

**NURSING FACILITIES 0148**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$166,493,141	\$167,543,308
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$166,493,141</u>	<u>\$167,543,308</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$363,407,169	\$362,357,002
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$363,407,169</u>	<u>\$362,357,002</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,414,371	\$46,414,371
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$46,414,371</u>	<u>\$46,414,371</u>

**Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$2,485,141	\$2,540,344
All Other	\$6,645,180	\$6,645,180
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,130,321</u>	<u>\$9,185,524</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	40.000	40.000
Personal Services	\$3,576,290	\$3,656,281
All Other	\$13,174,202	\$13,174,202
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,750,492</b>	<b>\$16,830,483</b>

**OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE Z020**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$2,485,141	\$2,540,344
All Other	\$6,645,180	\$6,645,180
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,130,321</b>	<b>\$9,185,524</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	40.000	40.000
Personal Services	\$3,576,290	\$3,656,281
All Other	\$13,174,202	\$13,174,202
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,750,492</b>	<b>\$16,830,483</b>

**Office for Family Independence - District 0453**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$17,538,108	\$18,012,471
All Other	\$2,704,836	\$2,704,836
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,242,944</b>	<b>\$20,717,307</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	472.000	472.000
Personal Services	\$28,195,816	\$28,957,169
All Other	\$6,750,022	\$6,750,022
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,945,838</b>	<b>\$35,707,191</b>

**Office for Family Independence - District 0453**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$224,741	\$224,741
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$224,741</b>	<b>\$224,741</b>

**OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE - DISTRICT 0453**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$17,538,108	\$18,012,471
All Other	\$2,929,577	\$2,929,577
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,467,685</b>	<b>\$20,942,048</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	472.000	472.000
Personal Services	\$28,195,816	\$28,957,169
All Other	\$6,750,022	\$6,750,022
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,945,838</b>	<b>\$35,707,191</b>

**Office of Advocacy - BDS Z209**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$163,727	\$163,727
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,727</b>	<b>\$163,727</b>

**OFFICE OF ADVOCACY - BDS Z209**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$163,727	\$163,727
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,727</b>	<b>\$163,727</b>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	147.000	147.000
Personal Services	\$15,487,357	\$15,842,245
All Other	\$2,522,087	\$2,522,087
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,009,444</b>	<b>\$18,364,332</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,368,358	\$1,397,873
All Other	\$239,069	\$239,069
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,607,427</b>	<b>\$1,636,942</b>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II position funded in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, General Fund and one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II

position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position to a Social Services Program Manager position funded in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,664	\$16,820
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,664</b>	<b>\$16,820</b>

**OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Z040**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	147.000	147.000
Personal Services	\$15,499,021	\$15,859,065
All Other	\$2,522,087	\$2,522,087
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,021,108</b>	<b>\$18,381,152</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,368,358	\$1,397,873
All Other	\$239,069	\$239,069

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,607,427</b>	<b>\$1,636,942</b>
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**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	42.000	42.000
Personal Services	\$5,218,198	\$5,315,549
All Other	\$4,690,071	\$4,690,071
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,908,269</b>	<b>\$10,005,620</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$767,077	\$786,921
All Other	\$14,907,382	\$14,907,382
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,674,459</b>	<b>\$15,694,303</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,983	\$20,983

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,983</b>	<b>\$20,983</b>
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$415,000	\$415,000

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$670,860	\$670,860

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$670,860</b>	<b>\$670,860</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,782,751	\$2,782,751

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,782,751</b>	<b>\$2,782,751</b>
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**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II position funded in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, General Fund and one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position to a Social Services Program Manager position funded in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,736	\$8,738
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,736</b>	<b>\$8,738</b>

**OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES CENTRAL OFFICE 0140**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	42.000	42.000
Personal Services	\$5,226,934	\$5,324,287
All Other	\$4,690,071	\$4,690,071
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,917,005</b>	<b>\$10,014,358</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$767,077	\$786,921
All Other	\$14,907,382	\$14,907,382
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,674,459</b>	<b>\$15,694,303</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,983	\$20,983

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,983</b>	<b>\$20,983</b>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,983	\$20,983
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$415,000	\$415,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$415,000	\$415,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$670,860	\$670,860
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$670,860	\$670,860
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,782,751	\$2,782,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$2,782,751	\$2,782,751

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,650,756	\$1,694,193
All Other	\$25,638,930	\$25,638,930
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,289,686	\$27,333,123
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$181,215	\$186,170
All Other	\$18,147,414	\$18,147,414
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,328,629	\$18,333,584
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,002,692	\$1,002,692
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,002,692	\$1,002,692
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$750,408	\$768,285
All Other	\$25,147,361	\$25,147,361
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$25,897,769	\$25,915,646
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000

**OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Z199**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,650,756	\$1,694,193
All Other	\$25,638,930	\$25,638,930
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,289,686	\$27,333,123
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$181,215	\$186,170
All Other	\$18,147,414	\$18,147,414
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,328,629	\$18,333,584
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,002,692	\$1,002,692
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,002,692	\$1,002,692
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$750,408	\$768,285
All Other	\$25,147,361	\$25,147,361

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$25,897,769	\$25,915,646
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000

**Office of Behavioral Health-Medicaid Seed Z202**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,072,318	\$14,072,318
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,072,318	\$14,072,318
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,363,425	\$1,363,425
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,363,425	\$1,363,425

**Office of Behavioral Health-Medicaid Seed Z202**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$271,839	\$342,592
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$271,839	\$342,592
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$26,338	\$33,193
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$26,338	\$33,193

**OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-MEDICAID SEED Z202**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,344,157	\$14,414,910
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,344,157	\$14,414,910
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,389,763	\$1,396,618
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,389,763	\$1,396,618

**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	96.000	96.000
Personal Services	\$7,964,096	\$8,130,611
All Other	\$2,074,064	\$2,074,064
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,038,160	\$10,204,675
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,896,668	\$1,896,668
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,896,668	\$1,896,668

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,097,076	\$3,161,809
All Other	\$1,028,550	\$1,028,550
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,125,626	\$4,190,359

**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Social Services Manager I position to a Child Protective Services Caseworker Supervisor position in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,681	\$14,685
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,681	\$14,685
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,709	\$5,711
All Other	\$309	\$309
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,018	\$6,020

**OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CENTRAL 0307**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	96.000	96.000
Personal Services	\$7,978,777	\$8,145,296
All Other	\$2,074,064	\$2,074,064
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,052,841	\$10,219,360
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,896,668	\$1,896,668
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,896,668	\$1,896,668

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,102,785	\$3,167,520
All Other	\$1,028,859	\$1,028,859
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,131,644</b>	<b>\$4,196,379</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	690.500	690.500
Personal Services	\$65,963,442	\$67,722,048
All Other	\$5,228,196	\$5,228,196
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,191,638</b>	<b>\$72,950,244</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,498,223	\$17,965,695
All Other	\$2,181,634	\$2,181,634
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,679,857</b>	<b>\$20,147,329</b>

**OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - DISTRICT 0452**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	690.500	690.500
Personal Services	\$65,963,442	\$67,722,048
All Other	\$5,228,196	\$5,228,196
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,191,638</b>	<b>\$72,950,244</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,498,223	\$17,965,695
All Other	\$2,181,634	\$2,181,634
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,679,857</b>	<b>\$20,147,329</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	68.000	68.000
Personal Services	\$8,991,705	\$9,224,162
All Other	\$23,249,278	\$23,249,278
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,240,983</b>	<b>\$32,473,440</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000
Personal Services	\$11,935,889	\$12,246,359
All Other	\$86,634,828	\$86,634,828

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$98,570,717	\$98,881,187
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,250,256	\$1,250,256

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,250,256</b>	<b>\$1,250,256</b>
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,995,471	\$5,995,471

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,995,471</b>	<b>\$5,995,471</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,505,768</b>	<b>\$1,505,768</b>
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**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$178,895	\$228,402
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$178,895</b>	<b>\$228,402</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$183,045	\$233,700

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$183,045</b>	<b>\$233,700</b>
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**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$219,969	\$199,255
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,969</b>	<b>\$199,255</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$80,487	\$0
All Other	\$1,867	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$82,354 \$0  
 FUND TOTAL

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Developmental Disability Resource Coordinator positions to Social Services Program Specialist II positions, retroactive to June 22, 2018, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,470	\$9,123
All Other	\$199	\$214

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,669	\$9,337
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**OFFICE OF MAINECARE SERVICES 0129**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	68.000	68.000
Personal Services	\$8,991,705	\$9,224,162
All Other	\$23,648,142	\$23,676,935
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,639,847</b>	<b>\$32,901,097</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	90.000	90.000
Personal Services	\$12,024,846	\$12,255,482
All Other	\$86,819,939	\$86,868,742

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$98,844,785	\$99,124,224
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,250,256	\$1,250,256

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,250,256	\$1,250,256
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,995,471	\$5,995,471

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$5,995,471	\$5,995,471
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA TOTAL	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768
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**Office of Violence Prevention Z411**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$370,912	\$375,220
All Other	\$1,520,364	\$1,520,364

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,891,276	\$1,895,584
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$214,669	\$217,533
All Other	\$13,461	\$13,461

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$228,130	\$230,994
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$109,526	\$110,958
All Other	\$6,903	\$6,903

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$116,429	\$117,861
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**OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION Z411**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$370,912	\$375,220
All Other	\$1,520,364	\$1,520,364
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,891,276</b>	<b>\$1,895,584</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$214,669	\$217,533
All Other	\$13,461	\$13,461
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$228,130	\$230,994

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$109,526	\$110,958
All Other	\$6,903	\$6,903

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$116,429	\$117,861
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**Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund Z289**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,992,175	\$3,992,175

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,992,175	\$3,992,175
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**OPIOID USE DISORDER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FUND Z289**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,992,175	\$3,992,175
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,992,175</u>	<u>\$3,992,175</u>

**Plumbing - Control Over 0205**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$494,353	\$506,115
All Other	\$332,020	\$332,020
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$826,373</u>	<u>\$838,135</u>

**PLUMBING - CONTROL OVER 0205**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$494,353	\$506,115
All Other	\$332,020	\$332,020
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$826,373</u>	<u>\$838,135</u>

**PNMI Room and Board Z009**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$24,716,019	\$24,716,019
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$24,716,019</u>	<u>\$24,716,019</u>

**PNMI Room and Board Z009**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,102,535	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,102,535</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**PNMI Room and Board Z009**

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$80,579	\$80,579
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$80,579</u>	<u>\$80,579</u>

**PNMI ROOM AND BOARD Z009**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$31,899,133	\$24,796,598
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$31,899,133</u>	<u>\$24,796,598</u>

**Prescription Drug Academic Detailing Z055**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$206,253	\$206,253
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$206,253</u>	<u>\$206,253</u>

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACADEMIC DETAILING Z055**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$206,253	\$206,253
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$206,253</u>	<u>\$206,253</u>

**Private Well Safe Drinking Water Fund Z255**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,840	\$52,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$52,840</u>	<u>\$52,840</u>

**PRIVATE WELL SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND Z255**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,840	\$52,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$52,840</u>	<u>\$52,840</u>

**Progressive Treatment Program Fund Z362**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$160,000</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>

**PROGRESSIVE TREATMENT PROGRAM FUND Z362**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$160,000</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>

**Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$120,155	\$124,006
All Other	\$9,128,859	\$9,128,859
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,249,014</b>	<b>\$9,252,865</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$105,568	\$106,343
All Other	\$12,180,274	\$12,180,274
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,285,842</b>	<b>\$12,286,617</b>

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,971,118</b>	<b>\$1,971,118</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$66,162	\$66,162
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,162</b>	<b>\$66,162</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,579	\$104,308
All Other	\$13,497,213	\$13,497,213
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,600,792</b>	<b>\$13,601,521</b>

**PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES 0228**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$120,155	\$124,006
All Other	\$9,128,859	\$9,128,859
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,249,014</b>	<b>\$9,252,865</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$105,568	\$106,343
All Other	\$12,180,274	\$12,180,274
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,285,842</b>	<b>\$12,286,617</b>

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,971,118</b>	<b>\$1,971,118</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$66,162	\$66,162
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,162</b>	<b>\$66,162</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,579	\$104,308
All Other	\$13,497,213	\$13,497,213

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,600,792</b>	<b>\$13,601,521</b>
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**Rape Crisis Control 0488**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$32,720	\$32,720
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,720</b>	<b>\$32,720</b>

**RAPE CRISIS CONTROL 0488**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$32,720	\$32,720
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,720</b>	<b>\$32,720</b>

**Recovery Community Centers Fund Z406**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTERS FUND Z406**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment Z197**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,300,000</u>	<u>\$3,300,000</u>

**RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ASSESSMENT Z197**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,300,000</u>	<u>\$3,300,000</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,319,961	\$1,350,063
All Other	\$9,107,072	\$9,107,072
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,427,033</u>	<u>\$10,457,135</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	349.000	349.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.240	0.240
Personal Services	\$24,588,743	\$25,197,718
All Other	\$2,581,842	\$2,581,842
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$27,170,585</u>	<u>\$27,779,560</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$661,345	\$620,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$661,345</u>	<u>\$620,375</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$64,681	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$64,681</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,666	\$0
All Other	\$52	\$0
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,718	\$0
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**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Psychologist III positions and one Psychologist IV position to Psychologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,929	\$16,362
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,929</u>	<u>\$16,362</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,002	\$28,266
All Other	\$395	\$398
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$28,397</u>	<u>\$28,664</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$388,730)	(\$475,897)
All Other	(\$5,473)	(\$6,701)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$394,203)</u>	<u>(\$482,598)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2026 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The new rate is 61.48% for fiscal year 2025-26 and 61.29% for fiscal year 2026-27.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$1,173)	(\$1,314)
All Other	(\$12)	(\$13)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$1,185)</u>	<u>(\$1,327)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

**RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z219**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,395,571	\$1,366,425
All Other	\$9,768,417	\$9,727,447
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,163,988</u>	<u>\$11,093,872</u>

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	349,000	349,000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.240	0.240
Personal Services	\$24,230,508	\$24,748,773
All Other	\$2,576,804	\$2,575,526
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,807,312</b>	<b>\$27,324,299</b>

**State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,552,699</b>	<b>\$7,552,699</b>

**STATE SUPPLEMENT TO FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME 0131**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,552,699</b>	<b>\$7,552,699</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$667,969	\$683,083
All Other	\$46,088,567	\$46,088,567
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,756,536</b>	<b>\$46,771,650</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,348,628	\$2,348,628
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,348,628</b>	<b>\$2,348,628</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$286,262	\$292,733
All Other	\$1,062,393	\$1,062,393
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,348,655</b>	<b>\$1,355,126</b>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,336	\$37,336
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,336</b>	<b>\$37,336</b>

**STATE-FUNDED FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0139**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$667,969	\$683,083
All Other	\$46,125,903	\$46,125,903
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,793,872</b>	<b>\$46,808,986</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,348,628	\$2,348,628
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,348,628</b>	<b>\$2,348,628</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$286,262	\$292,733
All Other	\$1,062,393	\$1,062,393
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,348,655</b>	<b>\$1,355,126</b>

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,163,821	\$22,163,821
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,163,821</b>	<b>\$22,163,821</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,300	\$4,300
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$593,385	\$613,204
All Other	\$82,974,440	\$82,974,440
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,567,825</b>	<b>\$83,587,644</b>

<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>

**TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES 0138**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,163,821	\$22,163,821

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,163,821	\$22,163,821
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,300	\$4,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,300	\$4,300
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$593,385	\$613,204
All Other	\$82,974,440	\$82,974,440
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$83,567,825	\$83,587,644
<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000

**Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$128,676	\$128,676
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$128,676	\$128,676

**Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214**

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the increase in the state share of the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from fiscal year 2024-25.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,486	\$3,133
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,486	\$3,133

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SEED Z214**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$131,162	\$131,809
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$131,162	\$131,809

**Universal Childhood Immunization Program Z121**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340

**UNIVERSAL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM Z121**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,133,620,667</b>	<b>\$2,024,296,995</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$3,830,044,671</b>	<b>\$3,461,578,391</b>
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>\$63,811,338</b>	<b>\$64,028,962</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$673,431,091</b>	<b>\$675,423,411</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$290,669,154</b>	<b>\$282,537,389</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$1,505,768</b>	<b>\$1,505,768</b>
<b>ARRA FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$16,923,607</b>	<b>\$16,929,654</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$52,087,561</b>	<b>\$52,087,561</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$6,150,000</b>	<b>\$6,150,000</b>
<b>MAINE RECOVERY FUND</b>	<b>\$6,150,000</b>	<b>\$6,150,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,077,873,659</b>	<b>\$6,594,167,933</b>

**Sec. A-31. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Fund Z067**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**HISTORIC COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION FUND Z067**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$500 \$500  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$644,928	\$676,976
All Other	\$97,747	\$97,747
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$742,675</b>	<b>\$774,723</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$622,912	\$653,031
All Other	\$317,206	\$317,206
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$940,118</b>	<b>\$970,237</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	3.731	3.731
Personal Services	\$460,631	\$491,488
All Other	\$95,531	\$95,531
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$556,162</b>	<b>\$587,019</b>

**Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,661	\$6,661
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,661</b>	<b>\$6,661</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,807	\$3,807
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,807</b>	<b>\$3,807</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$953	\$953
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$953</b>	<b>\$953</b>

**Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service

centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,799	\$4,048

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,799</b>	<b>\$4,048</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,755	\$2,539
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,755</b>	<b>\$2,539</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,754	\$2,538

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,754</b>	<b>\$2,538</b>
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 0036**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$644,928	\$676,976
All Other	\$107,207	\$108,456

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$752,135</b>	<b>\$785,432</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$622,912	\$653,031
All Other	\$322,768	\$323,552

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$945,680</b>	<b>\$976,583</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	3.731	3.731
Personal Services	\$460,631	\$491,488
All Other	\$98,238	\$99,022

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$558,869</b>	<b>\$590,510</b>
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**Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Z109**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVOLVING FUND Z109**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$752,135</b>	<b>\$785,432</b>
<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>\$945,680</b>	<b>\$976,583</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$559,869</b>	<b>\$591,510</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,257,684</b>	<b>\$2,353,525</b>

**Sec. A-32. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE**

**Historical Society 0037**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$44,864	\$44,864
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,864	\$44,864

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY 0037**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$44,864	\$44,864
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,864	\$44,864

**Sec. A-33. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOSPICE COUNCIL, MAINE**

**Maine Hospice Council 0663**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$63,506	\$63,506
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,506	\$63,506

**MAINE HOSPICE COUNCIL 0663**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$63,506	\$63,506

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,506	\$63,506
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**Sec. A-34. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund Z390**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**EMERGENCY HOUSING MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z390**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program Z340**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**EMERGENCY HOUSING RELIEF FUND PROGRAM Z340**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,845,500	\$23,845,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,845,500	\$23,845,500

**HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$23,845,500	\$23,845,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,845,500	\$23,845,500

**Housing First - MSHA Z381**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**HOUSING FIRST - MSHA Z381**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$545	\$545

**LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE - MSHA 0708**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$545	\$545

**Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,316,535	\$4,316,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,316,535	\$4,316,535

**MAINE ENERGY, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM Z124**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,316,535	\$4,316,535

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,316,535	\$4,316,535
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**Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**SHELTER OPERATING SUBSIDY 0661**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
	<b>\$30,663,580</b>	<b>\$30,663,580</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,163,580</b>	<b>\$33,163,580</b>
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**Sec. A-35. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,477,793	\$1,571,440
All Other	\$127,849	\$127,849
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,605,642	\$1,699,289

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$497,024	\$528,541
All Other	\$200,972	\$200,972

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$697,996	\$729,513
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,864	\$107,864
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**Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,094	\$22,094
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,094</b>	<b>\$22,094</b>

**Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$148	\$2,184
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148</b>	<b>\$2,184</b>

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REGULATION 0150**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,477,793	\$1,571,440
All Other	\$150,091	\$152,127
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,627,884</b>	<b>\$1,723,567</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$497,024	\$528,541
All Other	\$200,972	\$200,972
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$697,996</b>	<b>\$729,513</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,864</b>	<b>\$107,864</b>

<b>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,627,884</b>	<b>\$1,723,567</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$697,996</b>	<b>\$729,513</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$107,864</b>	<b>\$107,864</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,433,744</b>	<b>\$2,560,944</b>

**Sec. A-36. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HUMANITIES COUNCIL, MAINE**

**Humanities Council 0942**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$163,357	\$163,357
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,357</b>	<b>\$163,357</b>

**HUMANITIES COUNCIL 0942**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$163,357	\$163,357
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,357</b>	<b>\$163,357</b>

**Sec. A-37. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Maine Indian Tribal-state Commission 0554**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$268,500	\$268,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$268,500</b>	<b>\$268,500</b>

**MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION 0554**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$268,500	\$268,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$268,500</b>	<b>\$268,500</b>

**Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$432,846	\$456,120
All Other	\$355,085	\$355,085
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$787,931</b>	<b>\$811,205</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,816	\$3,816
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,816</u>	<u>\$3,816</u>

**Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,181	\$9,859
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,181</u>	<u>\$9,859</u>

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0530**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$442,027	\$465,979
All Other	\$355,085	\$355,085
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$797,112</u>	<u>\$821,064</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,816	\$3,816
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,816</u>	<u>\$3,816</u>

**ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$124,947	\$124,947
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$124,947</u>	<u>\$124,947</u>

**ATV ENFORCEMENT FUND Z276**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$124,947	\$124,947
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$124,947</u>	<u>\$124,947</u>

**ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,170</u>	<u>\$23,170</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$70,974	\$71,038
All Other	\$49,916	\$49,917

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$120,890</u>	<u>\$120,955</u>
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**ATV SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 0559**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,170</u>	<u>\$23,170</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$70,974	\$71,038
All Other	\$49,916	\$49,917

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$120,890</u>	<u>\$120,955</u>
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**Boating Access Sites 0631**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$173,616</u>	<u>\$173,616</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,574	\$80,163
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$198,807</u>	<u>\$202,396</u>
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**BOATING ACCESS SITES 0631**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$173,616</u>	<u>\$173,616</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,574	\$80,163
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$198,807</u>	<u>\$202,396</u>
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**Camp North Woods Fund Z193**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

**CAMP NORTH WOODS FUND Z193**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

**Endangered Nongame Operations 0536**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$39,245	\$42,189
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,976	\$46,920

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$518,926	\$549,738
All Other	\$584,982	\$584,982
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,103,908	\$1,134,720

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$218,793	\$231,416
All Other	\$126,072	\$126,072
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$344,865	\$357,488

**Endangered Nongame Operations 0536**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,821	\$7,087
All Other	(\$6,821)	(\$7,087)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Personal Services	\$6,824	\$7,085
All Other	(\$6,824)	(\$7,085)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**ENDANGERED NONGAME OPERATIONS 0536**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$39,245	\$42,189
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,976	\$46,920

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$525,747	\$556,825
All Other	\$578,161	\$577,895
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,103,908	\$1,134,720

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$225,617	\$238,501
All Other	\$119,248	\$118,987
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$344,865	\$357,488

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	127.000	127.000
Personal Services	\$18,231,182	\$19,147,047
All Other	\$4,305,476	\$4,305,476
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,536,658	\$23,452,523

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.232	1.232
Personal Services	\$969,745	\$1,023,891
All Other	\$583,980	\$583,981
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,553,725	\$1,607,872

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$299,958	\$314,871
All Other	\$938,446	\$938,438

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$1,238,404 \$1,253,309  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for dispatch services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$324,411 \$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$324,411 \$0

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$217,333 \$307,591

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$217,333 \$307,591

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for dispatch services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$351,840 \$448,580

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$351,840 \$448,580

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to an Office Specialist II position and reduces All Other funding.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
Personal Services \$7,180 \$11,145  
All Other (\$7,180) (\$11,145)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$0

**ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0537**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 127.000 127.000  
Personal Services \$18,238,362 \$19,158,192  
All Other \$5,191,880 \$5,050,502

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$23,430,242 \$24,208,694

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT 1.232 1.232  
Personal Services \$969,745 \$1,023,891  
All Other \$583,980 \$583,981

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$1,553,725 \$1,607,872  
FUND TOTAL

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 2.000 2.000  
Personal Services \$299,958 \$314,871  
All Other \$938,446 \$938,438

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$1,238,404 \$1,253,309  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 57.000 57.000  
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT 1.731 1.731  
Personal Services \$5,123,547 \$5,426,166  
All Other \$1,929,807 \$1,929,807

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$7,053,354 \$7,355,973

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 5.000 5.000  
Personal Services \$1,660,952 \$1,756,301  
All Other \$746,411 \$746,411

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$2,407,363 \$2,502,712  
FUND TOTAL

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 1.000 1.000  
Personal Services \$105,456 \$112,783  
All Other \$158,364 \$158,364

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$263,820 \$271,147  
FUNDS TOTAL

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27

All Other \$3,200,000 \$3,200,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$3,200,000 \$3,200,000  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position to an IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reallocates the cost from 70% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 100% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$41,354	\$45,113
All Other	\$1,118	\$1,214
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,472</b>	<b>\$46,327</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers and re-allocates the cost from 38% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 32% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$43,395	\$47,074
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,395</b>	<b>\$47,074</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$47,728	\$51,851
All Other	\$1,142	\$1,241
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,870</b>	<b>\$53,092</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 7 IF&W Resource Technician positions to 7 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$26,905	\$37,480
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,905</b>	<b>\$37,480</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$26,910	\$37,479
All Other	\$644	\$897
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,554</b>	<b>\$38,376</b>

**FISHERIES AND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS 0535**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.000	57.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.731	1.731
Personal Services	\$5,193,847	\$5,510,720

All Other	\$1,929,807	\$1,929,807
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,123,654</b>	<b>\$7,440,527</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$1,735,590	\$1,845,631
All Other	\$748,197	\$748,549
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,483,787</b>	<b>\$2,594,180</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$146,810	\$157,896
All Other	\$159,482	\$159,578
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$306,292</b>	<b>\$317,474</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,200,000</b>	<b>\$3,200,000</b>

**Landowner Relations Z140**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$112,656	\$121,635
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,818</b>	<b>\$172,797</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,010	\$15,685
All Other	\$116,298	\$116,298
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,308</b>	<b>\$131,983</b>

**LANDOWNER RELATIONS Z140**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$112,656	\$121,635
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,818</b>	<b>\$172,797</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,010	\$15,685
All Other	\$116,298	\$116,298

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$131,308	\$131,983
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**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,282,241	\$1,364,151
All Other	\$676,466	\$676,466

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,958,707	\$2,040,617
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$248,294	\$264,863
All Other	\$373,195	\$373,195

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$621,489	\$638,058
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**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,977	\$53,977

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$53,977	\$53,977
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,741	\$33,741

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,741	\$33,741
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**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 9 Office Associate II positions to 9 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II position to a Senior Programmer Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,404	\$11,391

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,404	\$11,391
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,803	\$6,030
All Other	\$92	\$96

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,895	\$6,126
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**LICENSING SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0531**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,292,645	\$1,375,542
All Other	\$730,443	\$730,443

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,023,088	\$2,105,985
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$254,097	\$270,893
All Other	\$407,028	\$407,032

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$661,125	\$677,925
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**Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund 0829**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,500	\$1,500
All Other	\$871,906	\$871,906

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$873,406	\$873,406
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**MAINE OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND 0829**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,500	\$1,500
All Other	\$871,906	\$871,906

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$873,406	\$873,406
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**Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$721,383	\$750,065
All Other	\$3,269,799	\$3,269,799
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,991,182</u>	<u>\$4,019,864</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$461,685	\$488,858
All Other	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,599,467</u>	<u>\$1,626,640</u>

**Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$586,021	\$588,729
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$586,021</u>	<u>\$588,729</u>

**Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$103,514	\$146,808
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$103,514</u>	<u>\$146,808</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,115	\$24,188
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$22,115</u>	<u>\$24,188</u>

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0529**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$721,383	\$750,065
All Other	\$3,959,334	\$4,005,336
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,680,717</u>	<u>\$4,755,401</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

Personal Services	\$461,685	\$488,858
All Other	\$1,159,897	\$1,161,970
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,621,582</u>	<u>\$1,650,828</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$675,006	\$718,774
All Other	\$601,237	\$601,237
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,276,243</u>	<u>\$1,320,011</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.230	1.230
Personal Services	\$678,088	\$719,537
All Other	\$870,085	\$870,085
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,548,173</u>	<u>\$1,589,622</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,435	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$19,435</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,334	\$9,845
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,334</u>	<u>\$9,845</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Superintendent Maine Wildlife Park position from range 18 to range 21 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,760	\$11,602
All Other	\$174	\$188
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$10,934</u>	<u>\$11,790</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Wildlife Keeper positions to 3 Wildlife Care

and Education Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,106	\$11,232
All Other	\$146	\$180
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,252</b>	<b>\$11,412</b>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,452	\$4,903
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,452</b>	<b>\$4,903</b>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Relations Specialist position to a Public Relations Representative position and reallocates the cost from 100% General Fund to 90% General Fund and 10% Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$2,569)	(\$2,756)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,569)</b>	<b>(\$2,756)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,843	\$10,618
All Other	\$159	\$172
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,002</b>	<b>\$10,790</b>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position to a full-time Parks Maintenance Coordinator position and eliminates one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.230)	(1.230)
Personal Services	(\$12,731)	(\$9,125)
All Other	(\$204)	(\$146)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$12,935)</b>	<b>(\$9,271)</b>

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, DIVISION OF 0729**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$702,658	\$730,766
All Other	\$601,237	\$601,237
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,303,895</b>	<b>\$1,332,003</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$695,066	\$743,864
All Other	\$870,360	\$870,479
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,565,426</b>	<b>\$1,614,343</b>

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$2,172,465	\$2,294,876
All Other	\$1,650,844	\$1,650,844
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,823,309</b>	<b>\$3,945,720</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	59.000	59.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.356	1.356
Personal Services	\$5,147,075	\$5,437,958
All Other	\$3,901,746	\$3,901,746
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,048,821</b>	<b>\$9,339,704</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$752,220	\$799,359
All Other	\$1,747,956	\$1,747,956
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500,176</b>	<b>\$2,547,315</b>

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 9 Office Associate II positions to 9 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II position to a Senior Programmer Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$59,350	\$63,856
All Other	\$1,420	\$1,528

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$60,770 \$65,384  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers the cost from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,212	\$5,080
All Other	(\$3,212)	(\$5,080)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,498	\$11,864
All Other	(\$7,498)	(\$11,864)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$0 \$0  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Biologist position to an IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,987	\$3,336
All Other	(\$2,987)	(\$3,336)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,972	\$7,788
All Other	(\$6,972)	(\$7,788)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$0 \$0  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$1,982)	(\$765)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,982)</b>	<b>(\$765)</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**

Personal Services	(\$4,621)	(\$1,782)
All Other	(\$112)	(\$43)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (\$4,733) (\$1,825)  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position to an IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reallocates the cost from 70% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 100% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$31,790)	(\$34,368)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$31,790)</b>	<b>(\$34,368)</b>

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 38% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 32% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$50,191)	(\$54,368)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$50,191)</b>	<b>(\$54,368)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$63,576)	(\$68,866)
All Other	(\$1,535)	(\$1,663)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (\$65,111) (\$70,529)  
 FUND TOTAL

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0534**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,094,701	\$2,213,791
All Other	\$1,644,645	\$1,642,428

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,739,346	\$3,856,219
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	59.000	59.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.356	1.356
Personal Services	\$5,152,698	\$5,450,818
All Other	\$3,887,049	\$3,881,916

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$9,039,747	\$9,332,734
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$752,220	\$799,359
All Other	\$1,747,956	\$1,747,956

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,500,176	\$2,547,315
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**Search and Rescue 0538**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$483,183	\$495,976
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$603,403	\$616,196
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**SEARCH AND RESCUE 0538**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$483,183	\$495,976
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$603,403	\$616,196
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**Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$83,085	\$83,085
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**WATERFOWL HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT 0561**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$83,085	\$83,085
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**Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$94,536	\$101,276
All Other	\$43,798	\$43,798

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$138,334	\$145,074
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**WHITewater RAFTING - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0539**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$94,536	\$101,276
All Other	\$43,798	\$43,798

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$138,334	\$145,074
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**Whitewater Rafting Fund 0533**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,404	\$18,404
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**WHITewater RAFTING FUND 0533**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$18,404	\$18,404
FUNDS TOTAL		

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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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GENERAL FUND	\$43,932,421	\$45,378,976
FEDERAL	\$15,956,111	\$16,444,450
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$9,955,867	\$10,147,748
FEDERAL	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,044,399</b>	<b>\$75,171,174</b>
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**Sec. A-39. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	602.000	602.000
Personal Services	\$71,183,996	\$72,857,229
All Other	\$29,223,689	\$29,223,689

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,407,685</b>	<b>\$102,080,918</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$166,201	\$168,749
All Other	\$1,088,957	\$1,088,957

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,255,158</b>	<b>\$1,257,706</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$4,631,529	\$4,730,645
All Other	\$3,107,393	\$3,107,393
Capital Expenditures	\$950,000	\$950,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,688,922</b>	<b>\$8,788,038</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a volume increase in guardian ad litem, interpreter and mental health examiner services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$350,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased lease costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$90,000	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for security equipment, including ammunition, shields, rifles, trauma kits, radios, projectile electroshock devices and body armor.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$147,079	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$147,079</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for tenant improvements.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$126,500	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for Google Enterprise licensing costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for Microsoft 365 migration costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased insurance rates.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,173	\$11,173

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,173</b>	<b>\$11,173</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,676	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,676	\$0
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Employee Relations Specialist position to a Manager of Human Resources and People Operations position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,621	\$7,623
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,621	\$7,623

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Business Analyst/Technology Trainer positions from range 14 to range 16.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,961	\$24,741
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,961	\$24,741

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of all Deputy Marshal positions from range 11 to range 12.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$510,374	\$521,154
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$510,374	\$521,154

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of all Corporal positions from range 12 to range 13.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$41,306	\$41,487
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,306	\$41,487

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of all Sergeant positions from range 14 to range 15.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$65,989	\$65,833
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$65,989	\$65,833

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Court Access Coordinator position from range 19 to range 20.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,910	\$12,914
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,910	\$12,914

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Clerk position to an Associate Clerk position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,892	\$6,177
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,892	\$6,177

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Help Desk Support Lead position to a Help Desk Lead position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,175	\$7,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,175	\$7,786

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Court Operations Specialist position to a Court Operations Analyst position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,032	\$4,034
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,032	\$4,034

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,126	\$16,140
All Other	\$150	\$150

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$16,276	\$16,290
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Deputy Chief Marshal position from range 19 to range 20.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,923	\$12,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,923	\$12,927

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Process Auditor position to a Data and Process Analyst position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,075	\$11,075
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,075	\$11,075

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Court Management Analyst position to a Senior Court Management Analyst position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,079	\$10,082

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$10,079 \$10,082

**COURTS - SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT 0063**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	602.000	602.000
Personal Services	\$71,925,009	\$73,583,062
All Other	\$30,148,441	\$29,234,862

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$102,073,450 \$102,817,924

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$166,201	\$168,749
All Other	\$1,088,957	\$1,088,957

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,255,158 \$1,257,706

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$4,647,655	\$4,746,785
All Other	\$3,107,543	\$3,107,543
Capital Expenditures	\$950,000	\$950,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$8,705,198 \$8,804,328

**Judicial - Debt Service Z097**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$16,043,927 \$16,043,927

**JUDICIAL - DEBT SERVICE Z097**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$16,043,927 \$16,043,927

**Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Z367**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,300,000 \$1,300,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,346	\$2,500,346

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,500,346 \$2,500,346

**MAINE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND Z367**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,300,000 \$1,300,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,346	\$2,500,346

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,500,346 \$2,500,346

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$119,417,377</b>	<b>\$120,161,851</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$1,255,158</b>	<b>\$1,257,706</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,205,544</b>	<b>\$11,304,674</b>

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$131,878,079 \$132,724,231

**Sec. A-40. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$133,679	\$140,619
All Other	\$28,270	\$28,270

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$161,949 \$168,889

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$150,245	\$159,666
All Other	\$68,588	\$68,588

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$218,833 \$228,254

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$400,000 \$400,000

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,300,000 \$1,300,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,346	\$2,500,346

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,500,346 \$2,500,346

**ADMINISTRATION - BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS 0158**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$133,679	\$140,619
All Other	\$28,270	\$28,270
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,949</b>	<b>\$168,889</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$150,245	\$159,666
All Other	\$68,588	\$68,588
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$218,833</b>	<b>\$228,254</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$495,688	\$530,428
All Other	\$227,631	\$227,631
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$723,319</b>	<b>\$758,059</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,570,343	\$1,648,884
All Other	\$3,453,477	\$3,453,477
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,023,820</b>	<b>\$5,102,361</b>

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$168,424	\$186,004
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$168,424</b>	<b>\$186,004</b>

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service

centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$42,743	\$42,743
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,743</b>	<b>\$42,743</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$539,415	\$539,415
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$539,415</b>	<b>\$539,415</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - LABOR 0030**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$495,688	\$530,428
All Other	\$270,374	\$270,374
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$766,062</b>	<b>\$800,802</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,570,343	\$1,648,884
All Other	\$4,161,316	\$4,178,896
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,731,659</b>	<b>\$5,827,780</b>

**Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,289,657	\$1,371,129
All Other	\$3,259,508	\$3,259,508
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,549,165</b>	<b>\$4,630,637</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,292,668	\$2,441,815
All Other	\$2,325,337	\$2,325,337
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,618,005</b>	<b>\$4,767,152</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$217,044	\$217,044
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217,044</b>	<b>\$217,044</b>

**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,289,657	\$1,371,129
All Other	\$3,259,508	\$3,259,508
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,549,165</b>	<b>\$4,630,637</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,292,668	\$2,441,815
All Other	\$2,325,337	\$2,325,337
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,618,005</b>	<b>\$4,767,152</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$217,044	\$217,044
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217,044</b>	<b>\$217,044</b>

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	190.000	190.000
Personal Services	\$19,040,679	\$20,305,648
All Other	\$15,967,011	\$15,967,011
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,007,690</b>	<b>\$36,272,659</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,118,275	\$1,191,705
All Other	\$8,663,531	\$8,663,531
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,781,806</b>	<b>\$9,855,236</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,973,622	\$1,973,622
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000
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**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,824	\$0
All Other	(\$16,824)	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	190.000	190.000
Personal Services	\$19,057,503	\$20,305,648
All Other	\$15,950,187	\$15,967,011
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,007,690</b>	<b>\$36,272,659</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,118,275	\$1,191,705
All Other	\$8,663,531	\$8,663,531
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,781,806</b>	<b>\$9,855,236</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,973,622	\$1,973,622
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000
<b>EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>

**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$606,848	\$650,019
All Other	\$167,677	\$167,677
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$774,525</b>	<b>\$817,696</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	92.500	92.500
Personal Services	\$8,454,271	\$9,037,888
All Other	\$15,577,318	\$15,577,318

All Other	\$707,300	\$707,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,356,068	\$1,395,079

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,031,589	\$24,615,206
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,455,232	\$1,455,232

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$648,768	\$687,779
All Other	\$707,300	\$707,300

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,455,232	\$1,455,232
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,356,068	\$1,395,079
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<b>COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$883,706	\$940,225
All Other	\$6,552,554	\$6,552,554

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,455,232	\$1,455,232

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$7,436,260	\$7,492,779
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,455,232	\$1,455,232
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**Labor Relations Board 0160**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$883,706	\$940,225
All Other	\$6,552,554	\$6,552,554

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.500	3.500
Personal Services	\$465,876	\$492,191
All Other	\$83,461	\$83,461

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$7,436,260	\$7,492,779
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$549,337	\$575,652
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**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY 0852**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$606,848	\$650,019
All Other	\$167,677	\$167,677

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$95,000	\$95,000
All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$774,525	\$817,696
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$140,477	\$140,477
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**LABOR RELATIONS BOARD 0160**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	92.500	92.500
Personal Services	\$8,454,271	\$9,037,888
All Other	\$15,577,318	\$15,577,318

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.500	3.500
Personal Services	\$465,876	\$492,191
All Other	\$83,461	\$83,461

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,031,589	\$24,615,206
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$549,337	\$575,652
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$648,768	\$687,779

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$95,000	\$95,000
All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$140,477	\$140,477
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**Maine Apprenticeship Program Z375**

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**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$381,373	\$409,470
All Other	\$575,000	\$575,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$956,373</b>	<b>\$984,470</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$442,929	\$472,487
All Other	\$1,701,076	\$1,701,076
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,144,005</b>	<b>\$2,173,563</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$89,643	\$15,763
All Other	\$9,500	\$9,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,143</b>	<b>\$25,263</b>

**MAINE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM Z375**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$381,373	\$409,470
All Other	\$575,000	\$575,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$956,373</b>	<b>\$984,470</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$442,929	\$472,487
All Other	\$1,701,076	\$1,701,076
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,144,005</b>	<b>\$2,173,563</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$89,643	\$15,763
All Other	\$9,500	\$9,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,143</b>	<b>\$25,263</b>

**Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Z383**

**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	31.000	31.000
Personal Services	\$3,245,944	\$3,446,802
All Other	\$10,015,000	\$10,015,000
<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,260,944</b>	<b>\$13,461,802</b>

**Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Z383**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$440,344	\$84,059
<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$440,344</b>	<b>\$84,059</b>

**PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND Z383**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	31.000	31.000
Personal Services	\$3,245,944	\$3,446,802
All Other	\$10,455,344	\$10,099,059
<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,701,288</b>	<b>\$13,545,861</b>

**Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

**Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,536,793	\$1,633,440
All Other	\$407,346	\$407,346
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,944,139</b>	<b>\$2,040,786</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,481,636	\$1,574,279
All Other	\$135,292	\$135,292
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,616,928</b>	<b>\$1,709,571</b>

**REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	14.000	14.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,536,793	\$1,633,440
All Other	\$407,346	\$407,346
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,944,139</b>	<b>\$2,040,786</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,481,636	\$1,574,279
All Other	\$135,292	\$135,292
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,616,928</b>	<b>\$1,709,571</b>

**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	20.000	20.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,005,796	\$2,137,919
All Other	\$3,369,946	\$3,369,946
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,375,742</b>	<b>\$5,507,865</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	98.000	98.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$9,651,072	\$10,317,834
All Other	\$9,611,495	\$9,611,495
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,262,567</b>	<b>\$19,929,329</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,646	\$105,640
All Other	\$391,109	\$391,109
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$489,755</b>	<b>\$496,749</b>

**REHABILITATION SERVICES 0799**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	20.000	20.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,005,796	\$2,137,919
All Other	\$3,369,946	\$3,369,946
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,375,742</b>	<b>\$5,507,865</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	98.000	98.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$9,651,072	\$10,317,834
All Other	\$9,611,495	\$9,611,495

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$19,262,567	\$19,929,329
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,646	\$105,640
All Other	\$391,109	\$391,109
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$489,755</b>	<b>\$496,749</b>

**Safety Education and Training Programs 0161**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	15.000	15.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,458,664	\$1,546,833
All Other	\$984,782	\$984,782
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,443,446</b>	<b>\$2,531,615</b>

**Safety Education and Training Programs 0161**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,395	\$99,560
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,395</b>	<b>\$99,560</b>

**SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS 0161**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	15.000	15.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,458,664	\$1,546,833
All Other	\$1,085,177	\$1,084,342
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,543,841</b>	<b>\$2,631,175</b>

**State Workforce Investment Board Z158**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$467,528	\$494,184
All Other	\$53,163	\$53,163
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$520,691</b>	<b>\$547,347</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

**STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD Z158**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$467,528	\$494,184
All Other	\$53,163	\$53,163
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$520,691</u>	<u>\$547,347</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

**Workforce Research Z164**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$347,107	\$368,117
All Other	\$212,552	\$212,552
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$559,659</u>	<u>\$580,669</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,749,849	\$1,857,356
All Other	\$1,032,270	\$1,032,270
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,782,119</u>	<u>\$2,889,626</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$54,379</u>	<u>\$54,379</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,118	\$33,118
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$33,118</u>	<u>\$33,118</u>

**WORKFORCE RESEARCH Z164**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$347,107	\$368,117
All Other	\$212,552	\$212,552
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$559,659</u>	<u>\$580,669</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,749,849	\$1,857,356
All Other	\$1,032,270	\$1,032,270
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,782,119</u>	<u>\$2,889,626</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$54,379</u>	<u>\$54,379</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,118	\$33,118
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$33,118</u>	<u>\$33,118</u>

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$15,636,951</b>	<b>\$16,107,466</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$20,817,172</b>	<b>\$21,046,182</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$1,488,350</b>	<b>\$1,488,350</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>	<b>\$1,973,622</b>
<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$13,701,288</b>	<b>\$13,545,861</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>
<b>COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>	<b>\$7,436,260</b>	<b>\$7,492,779</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$401,256,070</b></u>	<u><b>\$404,786,967</b></u>

**Sec. A-41. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY**

**Law and Legislative Reference Library 0636**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.500	12.500
Personal Services	\$1,622,246	\$1,744,293
All Other	\$356,757	\$356,757
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,979,003</b>	<b>\$2,101,050</b>

**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY 0636**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.500	12.500
Personal Services	\$1,622,246	\$1,744,293
All Other	\$356,757	\$356,757
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,979,003</b>	<b>\$2,101,050</b>

**Sec. A-42. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Citizen Trade Policy Commission Z173**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$1,320	\$1,320
All Other	\$12,800	\$12,800
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,120</b>	<b>\$14,120</b>

**CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION Z173**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$1,320	\$1,320
All Other	\$12,800	\$12,800
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,120</b>	<b>\$14,120</b>

**Interstate Cooperation - Commission on 0053**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$209,557	\$209,557
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$209,557</b>	<b>\$209,557</b>

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION - COMMISSION ON 0053**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$209,557	\$209,557

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$209,557</b>	<b>\$209,557</b>
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**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	162.500	162.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	27.716	27.716
Personal Services	\$32,710,854	\$35,758,400
All Other	\$4,988,734	\$5,051,408

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,699,588</b>	<b>\$40,809,808</b>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
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**LEGISLATURE 0081**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	162.500	162.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	27.716	27.716
Personal Services	\$32,710,854	\$35,758,400
All Other	\$4,988,734	\$5,051,408

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,699,588</b>	<b>\$40,809,808</b>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
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**State House and Capitol Park Commission 0615**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$67,834	\$67,834

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67,834</b>	<b>\$67,834</b>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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**STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL PARK COMMISSION 0615**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$67,834	\$67,834

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,834	\$67,834
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,725	\$3,725
All Other	\$18,471	\$18,471
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,196	\$22,196

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**STUDY COMMISSIONS - FUNDING 0444**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,725	\$3,725
All Other	\$18,471	\$18,471
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,196	\$22,196

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Uniform State Laws - Commission on 0242**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

**UNIFORM STATE LAWS - COMMISSION ON 0242**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

<b>LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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GENERAL FUND	\$38,023,295	\$41,133,515
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,000	\$11,000

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$38,034,295</b>	<b>\$41,144,515</b>
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**Sec. A-43. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

**Administration - Library 0215**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNTR	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$195,518	\$203,394
All Other	\$85,938	\$85,938

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$281,456	\$289,332
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**ADMINISTRATION - LIBRARY 0215**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNTR	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$195,518	\$203,394
All Other	\$85,938	\$85,938

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$281,456	\$289,332
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**Blind and Visually Impaired News Access Fund Z275**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$40,000	\$40,000
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**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED NEWS ACCESS FUND Z275**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$40,000	\$40,000
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**Maine Public Library Fund Z144**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,000	\$52,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$52,000	\$52,000
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**MAINE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND Z144**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,000	\$52,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$52,000</u>

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	30.000	30.000
All Other	\$3,114,891	\$3,275,719
	\$1,321,511	\$1,321,511
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,436,402</u>	<u>\$4,597,230</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,163,170	\$1,223,292
All Other	\$569,790	\$569,790
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,732,960</u>	<u>\$1,793,082</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$719,977	\$719,977
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$719,977</u>	<u>\$719,977</u>

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY 0217**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	30.000	30.000
All Other	\$3,114,891	\$3,275,719
	\$1,321,511	\$1,321,511
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,436,402</u>	<u>\$4,597,230</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,163,170	\$1,223,292
All Other	\$569,790	\$569,790
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,732,960</u>	<u>\$1,793,082</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$719,977	\$719,977
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$719,977</u>	<u>\$719,977</u>

**Statewide Library Information System 0185**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$242,786	\$242,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$242,786</u>	<u>\$242,786</u>

**Statewide Library Information System 0185**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,957	\$12,957
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,957</u>	<u>\$12,957</u>

**Statewide Library Information System 0185**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,018	\$55,577
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,018</u>	<u>\$55,577</u>

**STATEWIDE LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM 0185**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$301,761	\$311,320
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$301,761</u>	<u>\$311,320</u>

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$5,019,619</b>	<b>\$5,197,882</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$1,732,960</b>	<b>\$1,793,082</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$811,977</b>	<b>\$811,977</b>
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$7,564,556</u>	<u>\$7,802,941</u>

**Sec. A-44. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE CHILDREN'S CABINET EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council Z282**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
 FUND TOTAL

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$500 \$500

**MAINE CHILDREN'S CABINET EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL Z282 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$500 \$500

**Sec. A-45. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE LOBSTER MARKETING COLLABORATIVE**

**Lobster Promotion Fund 0701**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$2,686,000 \$2,686,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,686,000 \$2,686,000

**LOBSTER PROMOTION FUND 0701**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$2,686,000 \$2,686,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,686,000 \$2,686,000

**Sec. A-46. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 1.000 1.000  
 Personal Services \$165,739 \$167,186  
 All Other \$12,000 \$12,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$177,739 \$179,186

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$500 \$500

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS Z396**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 1.000 1.000  
 Personal Services \$165,739 \$167,186  
 All Other \$12,000 \$12,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$177,739 \$179,186

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$500 \$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$500 \$500

**Sec. A-47. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE REDEVELOPMENT LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

**Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Fund Z346**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,845,000 \$1,845,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$1,845,000 \$1,845,000

**MAINE REDEVELOPMENT LAND BANK  
FUND Z346**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Sec. A-48. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD**

**Maine Retirement Savings Program Z326**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM  
Z326**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Sec. A-49. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE STATE CEMETERY PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION**

**Cemetery Preservation Fund Z408**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$85,500	\$85,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$85,500	\$85,500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**CEMETERY PRESERVATION FUND Z408**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$85,500	\$85,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$85,500	\$85,500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Sec. A-50. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE-ISLAND OF IRELAND TRADE  
COMMISSION**

**Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission Z407**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**MAINE-ISLAND OF IRELAND TRADE  
COMMISSION Z407**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Sec. A-51. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$2,155,829	\$2,299,811
All Other	\$1,013,463	\$1,013,463
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,169,292	\$3,313,274

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES  
FUND**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,096,351	\$1,171,059
All Other	\$1,470,712	\$1,470,712
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,567,063	\$2,641,771

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,566,991	\$1,663,409
All Other	\$1,046,291	\$1,046,291

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$2,613,282 \$2,709,700  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,729	\$8,729
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,729</b>	<b>\$8,729</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,853	\$7,853
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,853</b>	<b>\$7,853</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$313	\$313
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313</b>	<b>\$313</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,558	\$22,330
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,558</b>	<b>\$22,330</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,374	\$13,892
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,374</b>	<b>\$13,892</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$846	\$2,055
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$846</b>	<b>\$2,055</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,371	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,371</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 34 to range 36.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,353	\$15,951
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,353</b>	<b>\$15,951</b>

**BUREAU OF MARINE SCIENCE 0027**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$2,184,553	\$2,315,762
All Other	\$1,042,750	\$1,044,522
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,227,303</b>	<b>\$3,360,284</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,096,351	\$1,171,059
All Other	\$1,490,939	\$1,492,457
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,587,290</b>	<b>\$2,663,516</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,566,991	\$1,663,409
All Other	\$1,047,450	\$1,048,659
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,614,441</b>	<b>\$2,712,068</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.500	18.500
Personal Services	\$2,407,971	\$2,551,407
All Other	\$4,115,476	\$4,115,476
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,523,447</b>	<b>\$6,666,883</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$652,344	\$692,689
All Other	\$1,096,398	\$1,096,398
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,748,742</b>	<b>\$1,789,087</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000

Personal Services	\$2,074,941	\$2,190,456
All Other	\$1,245,223	\$1,245,223
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,320,164	\$3,435,679
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$870,519	\$870,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$870,519	\$870,519

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$294,835	\$309,075
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$294,835	\$309,075

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$131,817	\$138,184

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$131,817	\$138,184
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,545	\$50,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$29,545	\$50,709

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,202	\$36,389

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,202	\$36,389
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,727	\$3,727
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,727	\$3,727

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$664	\$664
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$664	\$664

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$84	\$84

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$84	\$84
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$317	\$837
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$317	\$837

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the cost of legal services provided by the Department of the Attorney General.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,249	\$9,387
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,249	\$9,387

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,199	\$0
All Other	\$312	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,511	\$0
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$29,531	\$0
All Other	\$1,277	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,808	\$0
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**BUREAU OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT 0258**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	18,500	18,500
All Other	\$2,407,971	\$2,551,407
	\$4,446,149	\$4,489,211
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,854,120	\$7,040,618

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$659,543	\$692,689
All Other	\$1,097,374	\$1,097,062
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,756,917</u>	<u>\$1,789,751</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,104,472	\$2,190,456
All Other	\$1,399,603	\$1,419,880
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,504,075</u>	<u>\$3,610,336</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$870,519	\$870,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$870,519</u>	<u>\$870,519</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,750,322	\$2,919,605
All Other	\$460,637	\$460,637
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,210,959</u>	<u>\$3,380,242</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$280,174	\$295,642
All Other	\$365,883	\$365,883
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$646,057</u>	<u>\$661,525</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$939,125	\$997,770
All Other	\$148,231	\$148,231
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,087,356</u>	<u>\$1,146,001</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,884	\$3,884
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,884</u>	<u>\$3,884</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,471	\$13,315
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,471</u>	<u>\$13,315</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13	\$28
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13</u>	<u>\$28</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$54,328	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$54,328</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,417	\$0
All Other	\$104	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,521</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Marine Resource Specialist II position to a Marine Resource Scientist I position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,738	\$4,140
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,738</u>	<u>\$4,140</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,737	\$4,138
All Other	\$161	\$179
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,898</u>	<u>\$4,317</u>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Microbiologist Supervisor position to a Senior Laboratory Scientist position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,919	\$9,279
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,919</b>	<b>\$9,279</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Marine Resource Specialist II position to a Marine Resource Scientist I position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,275	\$7,083
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,275</b>	<b>\$7,083</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,378	\$1,556
All Other	\$60	\$67
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,438</b>	<b>\$1,623</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 34 to range 36.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$15,353	\$15,951
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,353</b>	<b>\$15,951</b>

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH Z154**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,838,935	\$2,956,058
All Other	\$469,992	\$477,836
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,308,927</b>	<b>\$3,433,894</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$280,174	\$295,642
All Other	\$365,896	\$365,911
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$646,070</b>	<b>\$661,553</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000

Personal Services	\$946,657	\$1,003,464
All Other	\$148,556	\$148,477
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,095,213</b>	<b>\$1,151,941</b>

**Lobster Innovation Fund Z391**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**LOBSTER INNOVATION FUND Z391**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Lobster Legal Defense Fund Z365**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,970	\$1,970
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,970</b>	<b>\$1,970</b>

**LOBSTER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND Z365**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,970	\$1,970
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,970</b>	<b>\$1,970</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$6,399,805	\$6,714,113
All Other	\$1,543,883	\$1,543,883
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,943,688</b>	<b>\$8,257,996</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$296,831	\$314,573
All Other	\$120,036	\$120,036
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$416,867</b>	<b>\$434,609</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,417,213	\$1,492,067
All Other	\$1,871,400	\$1,871,403
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,288,613</b>	<b>\$3,363,470</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased fees from the Department of Public Safety for dispatch services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,037	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,037</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,992	\$21,992
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,992</b>	<b>\$21,992</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$383	\$383
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$383</b>	<b>\$383</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,991	\$47,031
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,991</b>	<b>\$47,031</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$349	\$858
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$349</b>	<b>\$858</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fees from the Department of Public Safety for dispatch services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,109	\$12,686

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,109</b>	<b>\$12,686</b>
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**MARINE PATROL - BUREAU OF 0029 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$6,399,805	\$6,714,113
All Other	\$1,605,012	\$1,625,592

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,004,817</b>	<b>\$8,339,705</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$296,831	\$314,573
All Other	\$120,036	\$120,036

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$416,867</b>	<b>\$434,609</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,417,213	\$1,492,067
All Other	\$1,872,132	\$1,872,644

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,289,345</b>	<b>\$3,364,711</b>
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**Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$503,654	\$526,830
All Other	\$67,986	\$67,986

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$571,640</b>	<b>\$594,816</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$1,559,420	\$1,638,333
All Other	\$1,075,589	\$1,075,592

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,635,009</b>	<b>\$2,713,925</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$213,643	\$224,452
All Other	\$300,074	\$300,074

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$513,717</b>	<b>\$524,526</b>
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**Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,215	\$3,215
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,215</u>	<u>\$3,215</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48	\$48
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$48</u>	<u>\$48</u>

**Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,322	\$8,014
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,322</u>	<u>\$8,014</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,509	\$14,975
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14,509</u>	<u>\$14,975</u>

**SEA RUN FISHERIES AND HABITAT Z295**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$503,654	\$526,830
All Other	\$71,201	\$71,201
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$574,855</u>	<u>\$598,031</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$1,559,420	\$1,638,333
All Other	\$1,078,911	\$1,083,606
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,638,331</u>	<u>\$2,721,939</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$213,643	\$224,452
All Other	\$314,631	\$315,097
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$528,274</u>	<u>\$539,549</u>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
FEDERAL	\$21,970,022	\$22,772,532
EXPENDITURES FUND	\$8,045,475	\$8,271,368
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,033,818</b>	<b>\$11,381,075</b>
FEDERAL	\$870,519	\$870,519
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$41,919,834</u>	<u>\$43,295,494</u>
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**Sec. A-52. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

**Maine Maritime Academy - Debt Service Z304**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,723,498	\$3,723,498
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,723,498</u>	<u>\$3,723,498</u>

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY - DEBT SERVICE Z304**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,723,498	\$3,723,498
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,723,498</u>	<u>\$3,723,498</u>

**Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$202,920	\$202,920
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$202,920</u>	<u>\$202,920</u>

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASINO Z167**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$202,920	\$202,920

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$202,920	\$202,920
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,675,667	\$12,675,667
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,675,667	\$12,675,667

**MARITIME ACADEMY - OPERATIONS 0035**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,675,667	\$12,675,667
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,675,667	\$12,675,667

**Maritime Academy - Schooner Bowdoin Z253**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

**MARITIME ACADEMY - SCHOONER BOWDOIN Z253**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$16,449,165	\$16,449,165
	\$202,920	\$202,920
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$16,652,085	\$16,652,085

**Sec. A-53. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE**

**Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Maine Rural Water Association 0699**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$69,331	\$69,331

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK - MAINE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION 0699**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$69,331	\$69,331

**Sec. A-54. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE**

**Maine State Museum 0180**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,348,899	\$2,473,275
All Other	\$298,630	\$298,630
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,647,529	\$2,771,905

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$180,899	\$180,899

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$180,899	\$180,899
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**Maine State Museum 0180**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,828	\$15,828
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,828	\$15,828

**Maine State Museum 0180**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,533	\$14,522
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,533	\$14,522

**MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,348,899	\$2,473,275
All Other	\$325,991	\$328,980
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,674,890	\$2,802,255

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$180,899	\$180,899

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$180,899	\$180,899
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Maine State Museum - Operating Fund Z179**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,623	\$9,077
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$36,623	\$37,077
FUNDS TOTAL		

**MAINE STATE MUSEUM - OPERATING FUND Z179**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,623	\$9,077
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$36,623	\$37,077
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Research and Collection - Museum 0174**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$130,606	\$130,606

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$130,606	\$130,606
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,448	\$6,726
All Other	\$163,238	\$163,238

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$169,686	\$169,964
FUNDS TOTAL		

**RESEARCH AND COLLECTION - MUSEUM 0174**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$130,606	\$130,606

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$130,606	\$130,606
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,448	\$6,726
All Other	\$163,238	\$163,238

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$169,686	\$169,964
FUNDS TOTAL		

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,674,890</b>	<b>\$2,802,255</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$130,606</b>	<b>\$130,606</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$387,208</b>	<b>\$387,940</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,192,704</b>	<b>\$3,320,801</b>
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**Sec. A-55. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee 0980**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,950	\$52,950

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,950	\$52,950
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**MAINE JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING COORDINATING COMMITTEE 0980**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,950	\$52,950

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,950	\$52,950
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**Sec. A-56. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**

**Office of Affordable Health Care Z320**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$443,277	\$469,803
All Other	\$190,321	\$190,321

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$633,598	\$660,124
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE  
Z320**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$443,277	\$469,803
All Other	\$190,321	\$190,321
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$633,598</b>	<b>\$660,124</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Sec. A-57. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS**

**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$818,186	\$868,497
All Other	\$538,870	\$538,870
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,357,056</b>	<b>\$1,407,367</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,500	\$50,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$332,253	\$332,253

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$332,253	\$332,253
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**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,869	\$20,869
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,869</b>	<b>\$20,869</b>

**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,810	\$11,810
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,810</b>	<b>\$11,810</b>

**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive I position to a Public Service Executive II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,545	\$18,918
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,545</b>	<b>\$18,918</b>

**RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$834,731	\$887,415
All Other	\$571,549	\$571,549
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,406,280</b>	<b>\$1,458,964</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,500	\$50,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$332,253	\$332,253
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$332,253</b>	<b>\$332,253</b>

<b>PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,406,280</b>	<b>\$1,458,964</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$332,253</b>	<b>\$332,253</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,789,533</b>	<b>\$1,842,217</b>

**Sec. A-58. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

**Legal Assistance 0553**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE 0553**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>

**Sec. A-59. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**POTATO BOARD, MAINE**

**Potato Board 0429**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$160,902	\$160,902
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,902</b>	<b>\$160,902</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,586,129	\$1,586,129
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,586,129</b>	<b>\$1,586,129</b>

**POTATO BOARD 0429**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$160,902	\$160,902
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,902</b>	<b>\$160,902</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,586,129	\$1,586,129
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,586,129</b>	<b>\$1,586,129</b>

**Sec. A-60. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,030</b>	<b>\$10,030</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11,000	11,000
Personal Services	\$1,571,665	\$1,664,136
All Other	\$4,691,559	\$4,691,559

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,263,224</b>	<b>\$6,355,695</b>
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**Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$327,755	\$320,218
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$327,755</b>	<b>\$320,218</b>

**Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$126,419	\$126,419
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,419	\$126,419

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION 0094**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,030	\$10,030

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,571,665	\$1,664,136
All Other	\$5,145,733	\$5,138,196
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,717,398	\$6,802,332

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Homeowner Assistance Fund Z301**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 - HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND Z301**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection 0091**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,636,496	\$2,805,103
All Other	\$617,164	\$617,164
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,253,660	\$3,422,267

**BUREAU OF CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION 0091**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,636,496	\$2,805,103
All Other	\$617,164	\$617,164
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,253,660	\$3,422,267

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$260,139	\$275,553
All Other	\$111,354	\$111,354
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$371,493	\$386,907

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,998	\$2,998
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,998	\$2,998

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,110	\$2,110

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$2,110 \$2,110  
FUNDS TOTAL

**ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$260,139	\$275,553
All Other	\$116,462	\$116,462

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$376,601 \$392,015  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Financial Institutions - Bureau of 0093**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,314,011	\$2,453,788
All Other	\$645,359	\$645,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$2,959,370 \$3,099,147  
FUNDS TOTAL

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - BUREAU OF 0093**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,314,011	\$2,453,788
All Other	\$645,359	\$645,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$2,959,370 \$3,099,147  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Insurance - Bureau of 0092**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$10,000 \$10,000  
FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	73.000	73.000
Personal Services	\$9,411,882	\$10,019,439
All Other	\$3,817,929	\$3,817,929

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$13,229,811 \$13,837,368  
FUNDS TOTAL

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**INSURANCE - BUREAU OF 0092**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$10,000 \$10,000  
FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	73.000	73.000
Personal Services	\$9,411,882	\$10,019,439
All Other	\$3,817,929	\$3,817,929

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$13,229,811 \$13,837,368  
FUNDS TOTAL

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$500 \$500  
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.500	12.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.847	0.847
Personal Services	\$1,528,438	\$1,630,403
All Other	\$955,713	\$955,713

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$2,484,151 \$2,586,116  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,394	\$19,586

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$19,394 \$19,586  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,615	\$4,615
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,615</u>	<u>\$4,615</u>

**LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.500	12.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.847	0.847
Personal Services	\$1,528,438	\$1,630,403
All Other	\$979,722	\$979,914
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,508,160</u>	<u>\$2,610,317</u>

**Manufactured Housing Board 0351**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,486	\$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,486</u>	<u>\$22,486</u>

**MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD 0351**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,486	\$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,486</u>	<u>\$22,486</u>

**Nursing - Board of 0372**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,144</u>	<u>\$10,144</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$934,362	\$991,258
All Other	\$609,816	\$609,816

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,544,178</u>	<u>\$1,601,074</u>
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**Nursing - Board of 0372**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,568	\$13,752
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$13,568</u>	<u>\$13,752</u>

**NURSING - BOARD OF 0372**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,144</u>	<u>\$10,144</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$934,362	\$991,258
All Other	\$623,384	\$623,568

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,557,746</u>	<u>\$1,614,826</u>
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**Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	70.000	70.000
Personal Services	\$7,842,601	\$8,324,304
All Other	\$3,021,872	\$3,021,872

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,864,473</u>	<u>\$11,346,176</u>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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**Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Specialist I position to an Office

Specialist II position. This reclassification is retroactive to August 15, 2024.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,471	\$6,001
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,471</u>	<u>\$6,001</u>

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION 0352**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	70.000	70.000
Personal Services	\$7,853,072	\$8,330,305
All Other	\$3,021,872	\$3,021,872
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,874,944</u>	<u>\$11,352,177</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Office of Securities 0943**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,113	\$10,113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,113</u>	<u>\$10,113</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$2,061,327	\$2,202,276
All Other	\$752,567	\$752,567
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,813,894</u>	<u>\$2,954,843</u>

**OFFICE OF SECURITIES 0943**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,113	\$10,113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,113</u>	<u>\$10,113</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$2,061,327	\$2,202,276
All Other	\$752,567	\$752,567
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,813,894</u>	<u>\$2,954,843</u>

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,890	\$76,252
All Other	\$39,484	\$39,484
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$112,374</u>	<u>\$115,736</u>

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$917	\$917
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$917</u>	<u>\$917</u>

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,559	\$1,559
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,559</u>	<u>\$1,559</u>

**OPTOMETRY - BOARD OF 0385**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,890	\$76,252
All Other	\$41,960	\$41,960
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$114,850</u>	<u>\$118,212</u>

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$94,596	\$101,727
All Other	\$218,900	\$218,900
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313,496</b>	<b>\$320,627</b>

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,121	\$2,121
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,121</b>	<b>\$2,121</b>

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,393	\$2,393
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,393</b>	<b>\$2,393</b>

**OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$94,596	\$101,727
All Other	\$223,414	\$223,414
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$318,010</b>	<b>\$325,141</b>

**Securities Restitution Assistance Fund Z352**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$532,000	\$532,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$532,000</b>	<b>\$532,000</b>

**SECURITIES RESTITUTION ASSISTANCE FUND Z352**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$532,000	\$532,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$532,000</b>	<b>\$532,000</b>

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$62,773</b>	<b>\$62,773</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$45,256,444</b>	<b>\$47,060,645</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,320,717</b>	<b>\$47,124,918</b>
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**Sec. A-61. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF**

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability 0976**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$1,628,871	\$1,733,865
All Other	\$149,088	\$149,088
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,777,959</b>	<b>\$1,882,953</b>

**OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY 0976**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$1,628,871	\$1,733,865
All Other	\$149,088	\$149,088
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,777,959</b>	<b>\$1,882,953</b>

**Sec. A-62. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROPERTY TAX REVIEW, STATE BOARD OF**

**Property Tax Review - State Board of 0357**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$97,231	\$97,231
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,231</b>	<b>\$97,231</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

**Property Tax Review - State Board of 0357**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,820	\$9,820
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,820</b>	<b>\$9,820</b>

**Property Tax Review - State Board of 0357**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,320	\$3,320
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,320</b>	<b>\$3,320</b>

**PROPERTY TAX REVIEW - STATE BOARD OF 0357**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$110,371	\$110,371
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,371</b>	<b>\$110,371</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAX REVIEW, STATE BOARD OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$110,371</b>	<b>\$110,371</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$113,371</b>	<b>\$113,371</b>

**Sec. A-63. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE**

**Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION 0033**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Sec. A-64. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	74.500	74.500
Personal Services	\$9,355,517	\$9,951,445
All Other	\$40,951,535	\$40,951,535
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,307,052</b>	<b>\$50,902,980</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$1,157,000 \$1,157,000

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000  
 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$585,437 \$328,557  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$585,437 \$328,557

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$53,447 \$60,028  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$53,447 \$60,028

**MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES Z112**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - 74.500 74.500  
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
 Personal Services \$9,355,517 \$9,951,445  
 All Other \$41,590,419 \$41,340,120  
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$50,945,936 \$51,291,565

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,157,000 \$1,157,000  
 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$1,157,000 \$1,157,000

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000  
 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS** 2025-26 2026-27

**GENERAL FUND** \$50,945,936 \$51,291,565  
**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** \$1,157,000 \$1,157,000  
**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY** \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

**DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS** \$53,602,936 \$53,948,565

**Sec. A-65. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Public Safety 0088**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - 2.000 2.000  
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
 Personal Services \$326,681 \$341,603  
 All Other \$968,273 \$968,273

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$1,294,954 \$1,309,876

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - 3.000 3.000  
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
 Personal Services \$332,724 \$355,710  
 All Other \$2,003,543 \$2,003,543

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL** \$2,336,267 \$2,359,253

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
 POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000  
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
 Personal Services \$228,435 \$237,830  
 All Other \$256,483 \$256,483

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL** \$484,918 \$494,313

**Administration - Public Safety 0088**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

**GENERAL FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$25,379 \$27,950  
**GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$25,379 \$27,950

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,808	\$1,808
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,808</b>	<b>\$1,808</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC SAFETY 0088**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$326,681	\$341,603
All Other	\$993,652	\$996,223
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,320,333</b>	<b>\$1,337,826</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$332,724	\$355,710
All Other	\$2,005,351	\$2,005,351
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,338,075</b>	<b>\$2,361,061</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$228,435	\$237,830
All Other	\$256,483	\$256,483
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$484,918</b>	<b>\$494,313</b>

**Background Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants 0992**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$104,744	\$108,543
All Other	\$12,544	\$12,544
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,288</b>	<b>\$121,087</b>

**Background Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants 0992**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$493	\$493
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$493</b>	<b>\$493</b>

**BACKGROUND CHECKS - CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS 0992**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$104,744	\$108,543
All Other	\$13,037	\$13,037
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,781</b>	<b>\$121,580</b>

**Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$2,828,056	\$2,947,587
All Other	\$522,570	\$522,570
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,350,626</b>	<b>\$3,470,157</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$701,683	\$725,206
All Other	\$59,696	\$59,696
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$761,379</b>	<b>\$784,902</b>

**Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$51,984	\$51,984
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,984</b>	<b>\$51,984</b>

**CAPITOL POLICE - BUREAU OF 0101**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$2,828,056	\$2,947,587
All Other	\$574,554	\$574,554
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,402,610</b>	<b>\$3,522,141</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,000	\$5,000
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$701,683	\$725,206
All Other	\$59,696	\$59,696

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$761,379	\$784,902
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**Computer Crimes 0048**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$2,458,413	\$2,582,156
All Other	\$673,285	\$673,285

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,131,698	\$3,255,441
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**Computer Crimes 0048**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$65,497	\$65,497

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$65,497	\$65,497
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**Computer Crimes 0048**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 9 Computer Forensic Analyst positions from range 27 to range 28.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$23,392	\$24,922

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,392	\$24,922
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**COMPUTER CRIMES 0048**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$2,481,805	\$2,607,078
All Other	\$738,782	\$738,782

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,220,587	\$3,345,860
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**Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.000	66.000

Personal Services	\$9,580,651	\$10,171,931
All Other	\$927,485	\$927,485

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$10,508,136	\$11,099,416
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**Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$98,949	\$98,949

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$98,949	\$98,949
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**CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Z021**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.000	66.000
Personal Services	\$9,580,651	\$10,171,931
All Other	\$1,026,434	\$1,026,434

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$10,607,085	\$11,198,365
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**Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$185,151	\$192,763
All Other	\$851,639	\$851,639

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,036,790	\$1,044,402
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,339,324	\$1,417,097
All Other	\$191,362	\$191,362

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,530,686	\$1,608,459
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$36,124	\$36,124

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$36,124	\$36,124
FUNDS TOTAL		

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY 0290**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$185,151	\$192,763
All Other	\$851,639	\$851,639

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,036,790	\$1,044,402
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,339,324	\$1,417,097
All Other	\$227,486	\$227,486

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,566,810	\$1,644,583
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**Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$184,724	\$198,460
All Other	\$60,109	\$60,109

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$244,833	\$258,569
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**DIVISION OF BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS Z073**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$184,724	\$198,460
All Other	\$60,109	\$60,109

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$244,833	\$258,569
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**Drug Enforcement Agency 0388**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$368,155	\$393,811
All Other	\$6,436,572	\$6,436,572

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,804,727	\$6,830,383
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,569,893	\$1,569,893

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,569,893	\$1,569,893
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$66,099	\$71,375
All Other	\$263,692	\$263,692

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$329,791	\$335,067
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**Drug Enforcement Agency 0388**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$70,564	\$70,564

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$70,564	\$70,564
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,820	\$13,820

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$13,820	\$13,820
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**DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 0388**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$368,155	\$393,811
All Other	\$6,507,136	\$6,507,136

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,875,291	\$6,900,947
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,583,713	\$1,583,713
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,583,713</b>	<b>\$1,583,713</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$66,099	\$71,375
All Other	\$263,692	\$263,692
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$329,791</b>	<b>\$335,067</b>

**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,431,359	\$1,502,000
All Other	\$635,597	\$635,597
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,066,956</b>	<b>\$2,137,597</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$128,924	\$138,142
All Other	\$130,529	\$130,529
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$259,453</b>	<b>\$268,671</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,875	\$104,625
All Other	\$169,377	\$169,377
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$268,252</b>	<b>\$274,002</b>

**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,835	\$8,835
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,835</b>	<b>\$8,835</b>

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 0485**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,431,359	\$1,502,000
All Other	\$644,432	\$644,432

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,075,791</b>	<b>\$2,146,432</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$128,924	\$138,142
All Other	\$130,529	\$130,529

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$259,453</b>	<b>\$268,671</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,875	\$104,625
All Other	\$169,377	\$169,377

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$268,252</b>	<b>\$274,002</b>
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**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,387,649	\$1,470,254
All Other	\$66,216	\$66,216

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,453,865</b>	<b>\$1,536,470</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$101,675	\$101,675

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,675</b>	<b>\$101,675</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	33.000	33.000
Personal Services	\$4,772,804	\$5,025,614
All Other	\$1,150,750	\$1,150,858

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,923,554</b>	<b>\$6,176,472</b>
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**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,925	\$35,680

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,925</b>	<b>\$35,680</b>
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**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$155,641	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$155,641</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$461,534	\$0
All Other	\$2,733	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$464,267</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Public Safety Inspector II positions from range 20 to range 25, retroactive to June 27, 2023.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$69,308	\$74,178
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$69,308</u>	<u>\$74,178</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$203,059	\$218,802
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$203,059</u>	<u>\$218,802</u>

**FIRE MARSHAL - OFFICE OF 0327**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,612,598	\$1,544,432
All Other	\$100,141	\$101,896
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,712,739</u>	<u>\$1,646,328</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$101,675	\$101,675
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$101,675</u>	<u>\$101,675</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	33.000	33.000
Personal Services	\$5,437,397	\$5,244,416
All Other	\$1,153,483	\$1,150,858
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,590,880</u>	<u>\$6,395,274</u>

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$2,213,890	\$2,329,843
All Other	\$20,088	\$20,088

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,233,978</u>	<u>\$2,349,931</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$181,288	\$193,913
All Other	\$9,751,567	\$9,751,576
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,932,855</u>	<u>\$9,945,489</u>

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,106	\$34,979
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$40,106</u>	<u>\$34,979</u>

**GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD Z002**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$2,213,890	\$2,329,843
All Other	\$20,088	\$20,088
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,233,978</u>	<u>\$2,349,931</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$181,288	\$193,913
All Other	\$9,791,673	\$9,786,555
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,972,961</u>	<u>\$9,980,468</u>

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,252,611	\$1,326,982
All Other	\$4,467,990	\$4,467,990
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,720,601</u>	<u>\$5,794,972</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,425	\$11,185
All Other	\$33,306	\$33,306

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$43,731 \$44,491  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 11.000 11.000  
 Personal Services \$1,252,611 \$1,326,982  
 All Other \$4,467,990 \$4,467,990

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$5,720,601 \$5,794,972

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 Personal Services \$10,425 \$11,185  
 All Other \$33,306 \$33,306

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$43,731 \$44,491

**Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 3.000 3.000  
 Personal Services \$430,174 \$451,394  
 All Other \$80,439 \$80,439

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$510,613 \$531,833

**Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$3,739 \$6,113

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,739 \$6,113

**LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY 0712**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 3.000 3.000  
 Personal Services \$430,174 \$451,394  
 All Other \$84,178 \$86,552

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$514,352 \$537,946

**Safe Homes Program Fund Z341**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$25,500 \$25,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$25,500 \$25,500

**SAFE HOMES PROGRAM FUND Z341**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$500 \$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$25,500 \$25,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$25,500 \$25,500

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 344.500 344.500  
 Personal Services \$41,427,013 \$43,282,507  
 All Other \$13,259,553 \$13,259,553

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$54,686,566 \$56,542,060

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 4.000 4.000  
 Personal Services \$607,809 \$639,170  
 All Other \$1,367,156 \$1,367,156

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,974,965 \$2,006,326

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 2.000 2.000  
 Personal Services \$244,035 \$258,915  
 All Other \$2,293,715 \$2,293,715

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,537,750 \$2,552,630

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for increased dispatch costs.

**GENERAL FUND** **2025-26** **2026-27**  
 All Other \$731,144 \$731,144

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$731,144 \$731,144

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
All Other \$430,196 \$430,196

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$430,196 \$430,196

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 9 Computer Forensic Analyst positions from range 27 to range 28.

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
Personal Services \$1,990 \$2,136

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,990 \$2,136

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
Personal Services \$924 \$985  
All Other \$38 \$40

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$962 \$1,025

**STATE POLICE 0291**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 344.500 344.500  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$41,429,003 \$43,284,643  
All Other \$14,420,893 \$14,420,893

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$55,849,896 \$57,705,536

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 4.000 4.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$607,809 \$639,170  
All Other \$1,367,156 \$1,367,156

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,974,965 \$2,006,326

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** 2025-26 2026-27  
POSITIONS - 2.000 2.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$244,959 \$259,900  
All Other \$2,293,753 \$2,293,753

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,538,712 \$2,553,655

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES 2025-26 2026-27**  
**FUND**  
POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$603,427 \$635,894  
All Other \$1,326,409 \$1,326,471

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$1,929,836 \$1,962,365  
FUND TOTAL

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES 2025-26 2026-27**  
**FUND**  
Personal Services \$31,820 \$0  
All Other \$525 \$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$32,345 \$0  
FUND TOTAL

**TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES 2025-26 2026-27**  
**FUND**  
POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$635,247 \$635,894  
All Other \$1,326,934 \$1,326,471

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$1,962,181 \$1,962,365  
FUND TOTAL

**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

**OTHER SPECIAL 2025-26 2026-27**  
**REVENUE FUNDS**  
POSITIONS - 37.000 37.000  
LEGISLATIVE COUNT  
Personal Services \$8,015,571 \$8,341,505  
All Other \$1,161,360 \$1,161,489

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$9,176,931 \$9,502,994  
FUNDS TOTAL

**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

**OTHER SPECIAL 2025-26 2026-27**  
**REVENUE FUNDS**  
All Other \$53,442 \$53,442

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$53,442 \$53,442  
FUNDS TOTAL

**TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	37,000	37,000
Personal Services	\$8,015,571	\$8,341,505
All Other	\$1,214,802	\$1,214,931
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,230,373</b>	<b>\$9,556,436</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$78,360,148</b>	<b>\$80,658,929</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$13,971,163</b>	<b>\$14,109,283</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS CONSOLIDATED</b>	<b>\$32,058,140</b>	<b>\$32,347,260</b>
<b>EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>\$10,607,085</b>	<b>\$11,198,365</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$134,996,536</b>	<b>\$138,313,837</b>

**Sec. A-66. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10,000	10,000
Personal Services	\$1,355,867	\$1,421,594
All Other	\$6,390,563	\$6,390,563
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,746,430</b>	<b>\$7,812,157</b>

**Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$126,276	\$134,276

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,276	\$134,276
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**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU 0994**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10,000	10,000
Personal Services	\$1,355,867	\$1,421,594
All Other	\$6,516,839	\$6,524,839
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,872,706</b>	<b>\$7,946,433</b>

**Oversight and Evaluation Fund Z106**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$252,660</b>	<b>\$252,660</b>

**OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION FUND Z106**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$252,660</b>	<b>\$252,660</b>

**Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$1,066	\$1,066
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	69,000	69,000
Personal Services	\$11,108,765	\$11,611,875
All Other	\$5,492,973	\$5,492,973
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,601,738</b>	<b>\$17,104,848</b>

**Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$191,580	\$197,174
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$191,580</u>	<u>\$197,174</u>

**PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$1,066	\$1,066
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	69,000	69,000
Personal Services	\$11,108,765	\$11,611,875
All Other	\$5,684,553	\$5,690,147
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$16,793,318</u>	<u>\$17,302,022</u>

**PUC - Interconnection Ombudsman Fund Z393**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$185,746	\$200,764
All Other	\$15,891	\$15,891
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$201,637</u>	<u>\$216,655</u>

**PUC - INTERCONNECTION OMBUDSMAN FUND Z393**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$185,746	\$200,764
All Other	\$15,891	\$15,891
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$201,637</u>	<u>\$216,655</u>

**PUC - Unused NEB Credits for Low-Income Assistance Z392**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**PUC - UNUSED NEB CREDITS FOR LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE Z392**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$60,500</b>	<b>\$60,500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,120,821</b>	<b>\$25,718,270</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$25,181,321</b></u>	<u><b>\$25,778,770</b></u>

**Sec. A-67. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$212,118	\$212,118
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$212,118</u>	<u>\$212,118</u>

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FUND 0085**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$212,118	\$212,118
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$212,118</u>	<u>\$212,118</u>

**Sec. A-68. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

**Saco River Corridor Commission 0322**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,960	\$46,960

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$46,960	\$46,960
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION 0322**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,960	\$46,960
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$46,960	\$46,960
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**Sec. A-69. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Archives 0050**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19,500	19,500
Personal Services	\$2,144,355	\$2,224,160
All Other	\$1,041,411	\$1,041,411
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,185,766	\$3,265,571
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$27,673	\$27,673
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,535	\$33,535

**Administration - Archives 0050**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate structure.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,545	\$1,545

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,545	\$1,545
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**ADMINISTRATION - ARCHIVES 0050**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19,500	19,500
Personal Services	\$2,144,355	\$2,224,160
All Other	\$1,042,956	\$1,042,956

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,187,311	\$3,267,116
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$27,673	\$27,673
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,535	\$33,535
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**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$485,423	\$485,423
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$138,010	\$145,012
All Other	\$209,043	\$209,043

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$347,053	\$354,055
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**ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$485,423	\$485,423
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$138,010	\$145,012
All Other	\$209,043	\$209,043

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$347,053 \$354,055  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	44,000	44,000
Personal Services	\$4,640,343	\$4,953,722
All Other	\$2,597,985	\$2,597,985
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,238,328</b>	<b>\$7,551,707</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$266,514	\$284,434
All Other	\$200,833	\$200,833

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$467,347 \$485,267  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology increases.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,838	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,838</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the increase in election ballot printing, postage and other election costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$408,431	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$408,431</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate structure.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,838	\$19,838
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,838</b>	<b>\$19,838</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the retroactive costs of approved reclassifications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,978	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$14,978 \$0

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Accounting Associate I position to an Office Specialist I position, retroactive to August 2023.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,660	\$3,960

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,660 \$3,960

**BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS 0692**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	44,000	44,000
Personal Services	\$4,658,981	\$4,957,682
All Other	\$3,046,092	\$2,617,823

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$7,705,073 \$7,575,505

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$266,514	\$284,434
All Other	\$200,833	\$200,833

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$467,347 \$485,267  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**Federal Elections Grant 0693**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$113,089	\$21,002
All Other	\$4,551,242	\$4,551,242

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$4,664,331 \$4,572,244  
 FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$50,000 \$50,000  
 FUNDS TOTAL

**FEDERAL ELECTIONS GRANT 0693**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$113,089	\$21,002
All Other	\$4,551,242	\$4,551,242

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,664,331	\$4,572,244
FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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**Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund 0871**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
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**MUNICIPAL EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT FUND 0871**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
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**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$10,892,384	\$10,842,621
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$5,177,427	\$5,085,340
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,997,935	\$2,022,857

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$18,067,746	\$17,950,818
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**Sec. A-70. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION**

**St. Croix International Waterway Commission 0576**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$85,000	\$85,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,000	\$85,000
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**ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION 0576**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$85,000	\$85,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,000	\$85,000

**Sec. A-71. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**STATE HOUSE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE, RESERVE FUND FOR**

**Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance 0975**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$800,000	\$800,000
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**RESERVE FUND FOR STATE HOUSE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE 0975**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$800,000	\$800,000
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**Sec. A-72. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL**

**Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund Z266**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000
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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL FUND Z266**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000
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**Sec. A-73. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF Administration - Treasury 0022**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	18,000	18,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,995,830	\$2,112,682
All Other	\$776,277	\$776,277
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,772,107</b>	<b>\$2,888,959</b>

<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$448,417	\$448,417
<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$448,417</b>	<b>\$448,417</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - TREASURY 0022**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	18,000	18,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,995,830	\$2,112,682
All Other	\$776,277	\$776,277
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,772,107</b>	<b>\$2,888,959</b>

<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$448,417	\$448,417
<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$448,417</b>	<b>\$448,417</b>

**Debt Service - Treasury 0021**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$117,205,145	\$117,205,145
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,205,145</b>	<b>\$117,205,145</b>

**Debt Service - Treasury 0021**

Initiative: Reduces funding on a one-time basis based on debt service payments on currently authorized general obligation bonds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,727,658)	(\$5,313,358)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,727,658)</b>	<b>(\$5,313,358)</b>

**DEBT SERVICE - TREASURY 0021**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$112,477,487	\$111,891,787
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,477,487</b>	<b>\$111,891,787</b>

**Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$56,150,941	\$56,150,941

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$56,150,941	\$56,150,941
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**DISPROPORTIONATE TAX BURDEN FUND 0472**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$56,150,941	\$56,150,941

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$56,150,941	\$56,150,941
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Z278**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**KIM WALLACE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM FUND Z278**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Maliseet Sales Tax Fund Z359**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,000	\$37,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$37,000	\$37,000
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**MALISEET SALES TAX FUND Z359**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$37,000	\$37,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$37,000	\$37,000
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund 0915**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$17,607	\$17,607

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$17,607	\$17,607
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**PASSAMAQUODDY SALES TAX FUND 0915**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$17,607	\$17,607
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$17,607	\$17,607

**Penobscot Sales Tax Fund Z360**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$5,500	\$5,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,500	\$5,500

**PENOBSCOT SALES TAX FUND Z360**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$5,500	\$5,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,500	\$5,500

**State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$208,603,769	\$208,603,769
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$208,603,769	\$208,603,769

**STATE - MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING 0020**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$208,603,769	\$208,603,769
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$208,603,769	\$208,603,769

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$115,249,594	\$114,780,746
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$266,815,317	\$266,815,317
<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND</b>	\$448,417	\$448,417
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$382,513,328	\$382,044,480

**Sec. A-74. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Casco Bay Estuary Project - University of Southern Maine 0983**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

**CASCO BAY ESTUARY PROJECT - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE 0983**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

**Debt Service - University of Maine System 0902**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$15,767,950	\$15,767,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,767,950	\$15,767,950

**DEBT SERVICE - UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM 0902**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$15,767,950	\$15,767,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,767,950	\$15,767,950

**Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$239,521,228	\$239,521,228
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$239,521,228	\$239,521,228

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$115,000	\$115,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$115,000	\$115,000

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>		
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

**EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES - UMS 0031**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$239,521,228	\$239,521,228
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$239,521,228</b>	<b>\$239,521,228</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$115,000	\$115,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>

**Labor and Community Education Center Z348**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**LABOR AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER Z348**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**Maine Economic Improvement Fund 0986**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,850,000	\$21,850,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,850,000</b>	<b>\$21,850,000</b>

**MAINE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUND 0986**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$21,850,000	\$21,850,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,850,000</b>	<b>\$21,850,000</b>

**New Ventures Maine Z169**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,428,282	\$1,428,282

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,428,282</b>	<b>\$1,428,282</b>
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**NEW VENTURES MAINE Z169**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,428,282	\$1,428,282
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,428,282</b>	<b>\$1,428,282</b>

**Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund Z290**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**TICK LABORATORY AND PEST MANAGEMENT FUND Z290**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**University of Maine Cooperative Extension Z172**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Z172**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,712,476	\$4,712,476
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,712,476</b>	<b>\$4,712,476</b>

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z011**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,712,476	\$4,712,476

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$4,712,476 \$4,712,476  
FUNDS TOTAL

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
SYSTEM, BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$279,352,460	\$279,352,460
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,027,476	\$5,027,476
FEDERAL	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$287,979,936 \$287,979,936

**Sec. A-75. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

**Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107.000	107.000
Personal Services	\$12,442,700	\$13,110,179
All Other	\$2,983,829	\$2,983,829

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$15,426,529 \$16,094,008

**Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$346,214	\$347,471

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$346,214 \$347,471

**Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$35,317	\$48,315

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$35,317 \$48,315  
FUNDS TOTAL

**ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107.000	107.000
Personal Services	\$12,442,700	\$13,110,179
All Other	\$3,365,360	\$3,379,615

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$15,808,060 \$16,489,794

**Employment Rehabilitation Program 0195**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$125,000 \$125,000

**EMPLOYMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM 0195**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$125,000 \$125,000

**Workers' Compensation Board 0751**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	\$14,400	\$14,400
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$25,220 \$25,220

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0751**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	\$14,400	\$14,400
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$25,220 \$25,220

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

**2025-26 2026-27**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,958,280	\$16,640,014
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$15,958,280</b>	<b>\$16,640,014</b>

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$5,626	\$6,029
All Other	\$236	\$254
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,862	\$6,283

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$7,302	\$7,572
All Other	\$1,303	\$1,351
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,605	\$8,923

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$10,361	\$10,761
All Other	\$229	\$238
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,590	\$10,999

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$10,590	\$10,999
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$14,467	\$15,206
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,057</b>	<b>\$26,205</b>

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$7,552	\$8,212
All Other	\$257	\$279
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,809	\$8,491

**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$5,585	\$9,370
All Other	\$190	\$318
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,775	\$9,688

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$13,584	\$18,179
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,584</b>	<b>\$18,179</b>

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$6,596	\$8,301
All Other	(\$6,596)	(\$8,301)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$9,519	\$10,324
All Other	\$411	\$446
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$9,930	\$10,770

	2025-26	2026-27		2025-26 TOTAL
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>			<b>Total Operating Allocation</b>	
Personal Services	\$20,554	\$24,150	Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683	\$1,654,892,993
All Other	\$888	\$1,044	Total operating allocation for public charter schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683-B	\$35,480,746
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,442	\$25,194	Total adjustments to state subsidy pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689 included in subsidizable costs and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$706,366,492
<b>MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>Total Operating Allocation and Subsidizable Costs</b>	
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$9,930</b>	<b>\$10,770</b>	Total operating allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683 and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$2,396,740,231
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$21,442</b>	<b>\$25,194</b>	<b>Total Debt Service Allocation</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$31,372</b>	<b>\$35,964</b>	Total debt service allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683-A	\$114,070,354
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715</b>			<b>Total Adjustments and Targeted Education Funds</b>	
Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS			Adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689	
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	Audit adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 4	\$0
Personal Services	\$9,222	\$10,874	Educating students in long-term drug treatment centers adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 5	\$249,607
All Other	\$342	\$311	Minimum teacher salary adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 7-A	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$9,564	\$11,185	Regionalization, consolidation and efficiency assistance adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 9	\$5,878,826
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	MaineCare seed payments adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 14	\$1,334,776
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$9,564</b>	<b>\$11,185</b>	Special education budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 15	\$100,000
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,564</b>	<b>\$11,185</b>	English learner budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 16	\$500,000
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>		
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$30,084</b>	<b>\$32,954</b>		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$49,493</b>	<b>\$58,579</b>		
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$79,577</b>	<b>\$91,533</b>		

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Mill expectation.** The mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2025-26 is 6.10.

**Sec. C-2. Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.** The total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2025-26 is as follows:

Total adjustments to the state share of total allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689	\$8,063,209	Musical instruments and professional development in rural schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 28	\$50,000
Targeted education funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A		Total targeted education funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A	\$75,234,739
Special education costs for state agency clients pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 1	\$26,000,000	Enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A	
Essential programs and services components contract pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 3	\$250,000	Career and technical education costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1	\$76,245,618
Data management and support services for essential programs and services pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 10	\$10,000,000	College transitions programs through adult education programs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 2	\$450,000
Postsecondary course payments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 11	\$5,500,000	National industry standards for career and technical education pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 6	\$2,000,000
National board certification salary supplement pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12	\$0	Career and technical education middle school grant program pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688, subsection 8	\$500,000
Learning through technology program pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12-A	\$14,000,000	Career and technical education early childhood education program expansion support pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 10	\$100,000
Jobs for Maine's Graduates, including costs of postsecondary education, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 13	\$3,881,379	Total enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A	\$79,295,618
Maine School of Science and Mathematics pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 14	\$3,615,347	<b>Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12</b>	
Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 15	\$9,758,979	Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, not including normal retirement costs	\$2,673,404,151
Transportation administration pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 16	\$521,035	Total normal cost of teacher retirement	\$64,842,491
Special education for juvenile offenders pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 17	\$407,999	Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, including normal retirement costs	\$2,738,246,642
Comprehensive early college programs funding (bridge year program) pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 23	\$1,000,000		
Community schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25	\$250,000		

Total cost of state contribution to unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423, excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement \$285,557,687

Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, plus state contributions to the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 \$3,023,804,329

State contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 plus state contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 \$1,791,593,341

**Sec. C-3. Local and state contributions to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.** The local contribution and the state contribution appropriation provided for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is calculated as follows:

	2025-26 LOCAL	2025-26 STATE
<b>Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12</b>		
Local and state contributions to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683, subject to statewide distributions required by law	\$1,232,210,988	\$1,506,035,654
State contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement		\$285,557,687

**Sec. C-4. Authorization of payments.** If the State's continued obligation for any individual component contained in those sections of this Part that set the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the local and state contributions for that purpose exceeds the level of funding provided for that component, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs may be applied to avoid proration of payments for any individual component. Any unexpended balances from this Part may not lapse but must be carried forward for the same purpose.

**Sec. C-5. Limit of State's obligation.** Those sections of this Part that set the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the local and state contributions for that purpose may not be construed to require the State to provide payments that exceed the appropriation of funds for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety Fund and Municipal Opt-In Fund Z263**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,148,338	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,148,338	\$0	\$0

**Property Tax Stabilization Z368**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to fully reimburse municipalities for lost revenue in the property tax

year beginning April 1, 2023 due to the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 6281.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0

**Property Tax Stabilization Mandate Z369**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to reimburse municipalities for state-mandated costs related to implementation and administration in the property tax year beginning April 1, 2023 of the property tax stabilization program for senior citizens established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 6281.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$46,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$46,000	\$0	\$0

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$2,194,338	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,194,338	\$0	\$0

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for extraordinary costs associated with animal welfare seizures.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$250,000	\$0	\$0

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management division for essential aircraft liability coverage based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$8,601	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,601	\$0	\$0

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for spruce budworm response to protect the State's forest resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

**Harness Racing Commission 0320**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$962,281)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$962,281)	\$0	\$0

**Milk Commission 0188**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$5,880,687)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$5,880,687)	\$0	\$0

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$619,689)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$619,689)	\$0	\$0

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$8,601	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$5,212,657)	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS (\$5,204,056) \$0 \$0

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding to cover an increase in toxicology expenses.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,195	\$0	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,195</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$52,195</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,195</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, STATE**

**Maine Charter School Commission Z137**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected revenues.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$110,932	\$0	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,932</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$110,932</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$110,932</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$219,077)	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL (\$219,077) \$0 \$0

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$219,077)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$219,077)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Corrections Fuel Z366**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the increased costs of fuel.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$743,241	\$0	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$743,241</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$743,241</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$743,241</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Disaster Recovery Fund to meet state funding requirements for emergency declarations.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding to support the activities of the Maine Emergency Management Agency in light of stagnant and reduced federal funding.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding for workers' compensation premiums for emergency management volunteers.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$104,780	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,780</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$31,984	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,984</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$354,780	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,031,984	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,386,764</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Tourism 0577**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$694,814	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$694,814</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>			

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$694,814</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$694,814</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$1,588,909)	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,588,909)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$1,588,909)	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$1,588,909)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Dairy Improvement Fund Z143**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$30,319)	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$30,319)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$30,319)	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$30,319)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the MaineCare program.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$117,618,761	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND	\$117,618,761	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$3,639,290)	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$3,639,290)	\$0	\$0
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$117,618,761	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$3,639,290)	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$113,979,471	\$0	\$0
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$340,409	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$340,409	\$0	\$0
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HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$340,409	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$340,409	\$0	\$0
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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
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All Other	\$3,443	\$0	\$0
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,443	\$0	\$0
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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,443	\$0	\$0
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,443	\$0	\$0
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**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Corrects negative allocation in the Workforce Development Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
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**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the department's obligation of the total cost for federal Public Assistance 406 Mitigation funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency related to storm damages from January 2024. Any unexpended balance remaining of these appropriated funds at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 must be carried forward and be available for the same purpose in fiscal year 2025-26.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$400,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist III position and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II positions previously continued by Financial Order 003622 F5 through June 7, 2025 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the positions.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$39,503	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$39,503)	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

**Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$13,282)	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$13,282)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	(\$13,282)	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$13,282)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with projected resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$125,000	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$0	\$0
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**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$74,568	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,568</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$74,568</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS**

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Archives 0050**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology increases.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,545	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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DEPARTMENT \$1,545 \$0 \$0  
 TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF  
 Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$2,795,810 \$0 \$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$2,795,810 \$0 \$0

**State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other \$11,183,237 \$0 \$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$11,183,237 \$0 \$0

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS \$13,979,047 \$0 \$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$13,979,047 \$0 \$0

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27  
 All Other (\$303,594) \$0 \$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL (\$303,594) \$0 \$0

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (\$303,594) \$0 \$0

DEPARTMENT (\$303,594) \$0 \$0  
 TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

SECTION TOTALS 2024-25 2025-26 2026-27

GENERAL FUND \$119,179,123 \$0 \$0  
 FEDERAL \$125,000 \$0 \$0

EXPENDITURES FUND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS \$12,922,407 \$0 \$0

SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$132,226,530 \$0 \$0

**PART E**

**Sec. E-1. Tax expenditures.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1666 and to the extent not otherwise provided in this Act, funding is continued for each individual tax expenditure, as defined in Title 5, section 1666, reported in the budget document submitted to the 132nd Legislature by the Governor on January 10, 2025.

**PART F**

**Sec. F-1. Transfer of interest earnings; General Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$42,393,017 from the interest earnings on the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**PART G**

**Sec. G-1. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Sale of State Property Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$350 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Sale of State Property Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-2. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Military Authority Facilities - Limestone Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$40,229 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Military Authority Facilities - Limestone Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-3. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, BPI Insurance & Loss Prevention Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer

\$1,500 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, BPI Insurance & Loss Prevention Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-4. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Monument for Women Veterans Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$500 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Monument for Women Veterans Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-5. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, BPI Food Vending Services Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,784 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, BPI Food Vending Services Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-6. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Employee Suggestion System Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,355 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Employee Suggestion System Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-7. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Services Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,600 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Services Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-8. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Human Resources Training Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,633 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Human Resources Training Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-9. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer

\$596 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-10. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Reimbursement-Homestead Property Tax Exemption-OSR Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,943,283 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Reimbursement-Homestead Property Tax Exemption-OSR Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. G-11. Transfer; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Property Tax Stabilization Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,300,081 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Property Tax Stabilization Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**PART H**

**Sec. H-1. Attrition savings.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2026-2027 biennium is 5% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies only. The attrition rate for subsequent biennia is 1.6%.

**Sec. H-2. Calculation and transfer; attrition savings.** The State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of the savings in this Part that applies against each General Fund account for all executive branch departments and agencies statewide and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The State Budget Officer shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than October 1, 2025.

**Sec. H-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$19,333,382)	(\$20,023,933)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$19,333,382)	(\$20,023,933)
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	(\$19,333,382)	(\$20,023,933)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$19,333,382)	(\$20,023,933)

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$2,100,122)	(\$2,140,911)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,100,122)	(\$2,140,911)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	(\$2,100,122)	(\$2,140,911)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$2,100,122)	(\$2,140,911)

SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	(\$21,433,504)	(\$22,164,844)
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$21,433,504)	(\$22,164,844)

**PART I**

**Sec. I-1. Transfer of funds from unencumbered balance forward; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection; fiscal year 2024-25.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall leave \$250,000 of unencumbered balance forward remaining in the Personal Services line category and \$300,000 of unencumbered balance forward remaining in the All Other line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account at the close of fiscal year 2024-25 and shall transfer all remaining money from the unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category above \$250,000 and in the All Other line category above \$300,000 on or before August 1, 2025 to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account to carry out the mission of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry.

**Sec. I-2. Transfer of funds from unencumbered balance forward; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection; fiscal year 2025-26.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall leave \$250,000 of unencumbered balance forward remaining in the Personal Services line category and \$300,000 of unencumbered balance forward remaining in the All Other line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account at the close of fiscal year 2025-26 and shall transfer all remaining money from the unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category above \$250,000 and in the All Other line category above \$300,000 on or before August 1, 2026 to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account to carry out the mission of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry.

**PART J**

**Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund; Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Program; fiscal year 2025-26.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System to continue support of the 2 years of free community college for all eligible students who meet the conditions in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part QQQ, section 3, subsection 2.

**PART K**

**Sec. K-1. Transfer; Education Stabilization Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$45,000,000 from the Education Stabilization Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15698, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. K-2. Transfer; Department of Education, Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,214,574 from the Department of Education, Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**PART L**

**Sec. L-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local**

**Schools.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$10,000,000 from unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**PART M**

**Sec. M-1. 38 MRSA §341-G, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 245, §2, is further amended to read:

~~There is established the~~ The Board of Environmental Protection Fund is established to be used by the board as a nonlapsing fund to carry out its duties under this Title. Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of law to the contrary, the funds identified in subsection 1 transfer annually to the Board of Environmental Protection Fund in an amount not to exceed ~~\$325,000~~ \$450,000. Money in the Board of Environmental Protection Fund may only be expended in accordance with allocations approved by the Legislature.

**PART N**

**Sec. N-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,217,885 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part A in the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence program, General Fund account, All Other line category at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to fiscal year 2025-26 for required technology development and testing.

**PART O**

**Sec. O-1. Transfer; Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare General Fund accounts.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, until June 30, 2027, available balances of appropriations in MaineCare General Fund accounts within the Department of Health and Human Services may be transferred between accounts by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

**PART P**

**Sec. P-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Background Check Program Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,500,000 of the unexpended balance from the Maine Background Check Program Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**PART Q**

**Sec. Q-1. Emergency rule-making authority; health and human services matters.** The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to adopt emergency rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 8054 and 8073 as necessary to implement those provisions of this Act over which the department has subject matter jurisdiction for which specific authority has not been provided in any other Part of this Act, notwithstanding the requirement that the department determine that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or general welfare.

**PART R**

**Sec. R-1. 34-B MRSA §3613, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. EEEE, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

**2. Crisis receiving centers.** The department shall establish 2 crisis receiving centers to support individuals dealing with behavioral health, mental health or substance use issues. The receiving centers must be established in ~~Aroostook~~ Androscoggin County and Penobscot County. The department shall ensure that the crisis receiving centers provide culturally sensitive trauma-informed care. The department shall develop a plan to expand crisis receiving centers statewide, with at least one crisis receiving center located in each county of the State.

**Sec. R-2. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,900,000 one-time funding appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part EEEE, section 2 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund account, All Other line category for start-up costs to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one each in Aroostook and Penobscot counties, to fiscal year 2025-26, to be used to establish 2 crisis receiving centers, one each in Androscoggin and Penobscot counties.

**PART S**

**Sec. S-1. 12 MRSA §10202, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. N, §1, is further amended to read:

**9. Fiscal Stability Program.** The Fiscal Stability Program is established to ensure that the general public and hunters and anglers share the cost of the fish and wildlife conservation programs of the department. To achieve this goal, beginning with the ~~2026-2027~~ 2028-2029 biennial budget and for each biennial budget thereafter, the biennial budget submitted by the execu-

tive branch must include an additional General Fund appropriation of 18% in excess of the department's requested biennial budget.

#### PART T

**Sec. T-1. Transfer; Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,400,000 from the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. Funds transferred pursuant to this section were transferred to the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, Other Special Revenue Funds account from the General Fund in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part VVV to fund certain first responder overtime costs associated with the Lewiston mass casualty event on October 25, 2023 and the subsequent apprehension operation.

#### PART U

**Sec. U-1. Transfer from Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Statewide-Family and Medical Leave; employees of state postsecondary education institutions.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer the unobligated balance from the Statewide-Family and Medical Leave, General Fund and Highway Fund accounts within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in the following order: the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees, Educational and General Activities, General Fund account; Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees, General Fund account; and Maine Maritime Academy, General Fund account for the purpose of supporting the State's paid family and medical leave premiums for eligible University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy employees. These funds may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.

#### PART V

**Sec. V-1. Suspension of appropriation limitation.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1534 establishing a General Fund appropriation limitation and the criteria for exceeding that limitation are suspended for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26.

#### PART W

**Sec. W-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Benefit Mandate Defrayal; lapsed balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$3,300,000 of unen-

cumbered balance forward in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Benefit Mandate Defrayal program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

#### PART X

**Sec. X-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement; lapsed balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$14,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

#### PART Y

**Sec. Y-1. Transfer; Fund for a Healthy Maine; fiscal year 2025-26.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Fund for a Healthy Maine established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1511.

**Sec. Y-2. Transfer; Fund for a Healthy Maine; fiscal year 2026-27.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$21,121,062 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Fund for a Healthy Maine established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1511.

#### PART Z

**Sec. Z-1. Continuation of limited-period positions.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all limited-period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June 2025, are already funded through the end of fiscal year 2024-25 and are proposed to continue in the 2026-2027 biennium are authorized to continue until November 1, 2025.

#### PART AA

**Sec. AA-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Children.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part A in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund account, All Other line category for training clinicians in assertive continuing care to facilitate the delivery of the evidence-based practice for potential expansion of services for the acute mental health needs of adolescents

with co-occurring disorders to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

#### PART BB

**Sec. BB-1. Carrying provision; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Benefit Mandate Defrayal.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$3,300,000 of the funds appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Benefit Mandate Defrayal program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year.

#### PART CC

**Sec. CC-1. Carrying provision; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$14,000,000 of the funds appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 17 in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year.

#### PART DD

**Sec. DD-1. Carrying provision; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$550,000 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and carried forward in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part JJJ, section 1 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year to be used for replacement of the feed, seed and fertilizer database.

#### PART EE

**Sec. EE-1. Carrying provision; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,500,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and carried forward in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part JJJ, section 2 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category to the next fiscal year to be used for replacement of the licensing and inspection database for the division of quality assurance and regulations.

#### PART FF

**Sec. FF-1. Carrying provision; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$750,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and carried forward in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part I in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account, Capital Expenditures line category to the next fiscal year to be used to upgrade the Cony Road facility in Augusta.

#### PART GG

**Sec. GG-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Disaster Recovery Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Disaster Recovery Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to fund the State's share of estimated disaster recovery costs.

#### PART HH

**Sec. HH-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$953,300 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part DDDD in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund account, All Other line category to establish 24 mental health law enforcement liaisons to support mental health crisis intervention mobile response services to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purposes.

#### PART II

**Sec. II-1. 36 MRS §2891**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. JJ, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. II-2. 36 MRS §2891-A** is enacted to read:

##### **§2891-A. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Acute care hospital.** "Acute care hospital" means an institution licensed as an acute care hospital by the department pursuant to Title 22, chapter 405 that is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the supervision of physicians, inpatient diagnostic and therapeutic services or rehabilitation services. "Acute care

hospital" includes an acute care hospital that provides organ transplant services.

**2. Critical access hospital.** "Critical access hospital" means an institution licensed as a critical access hospital by the department pursuant to Title 22, chapter 405 that is a rural hospital consisting of no more than 25 acute or skilled nursing care beds that may be used for either acute inpatient or skilled nursing care.

**3. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services.

**4. Hospital.** "Hospital" means an acute care health care facility with permanent inpatient beds planned, organized, operated and maintained to offer for a continuing period of time facilities and services for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury and deformity; with a governing board and an organized medical staff offering continuous 24-hour professional nursing care; with a plan to provide emergency treatment 24 hours a day and including other services as defined in rules of the department relating to licensure of acute care hospitals, critical access hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and rehabilitation hospitals; and that is licensed under Title 22, chapter 405.

For purposes of this chapter, "hospital" does not include a nursing home or, for state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2008, municipally funded hospitals, or, beginning January 1, 2025, critical access hospitals.

**5. Municipally funded hospital.** "Municipally funded hospital" means Cary Medical Center in Caribou.

**6. Net operating revenue.** "Net operating revenue" means gross charges of facilities less any deducted amounts for charity care and payer discounts.

**7. Psychiatric hospital.** "Psychiatric hospital" means an institution licensed as a psychiatric hospital by the department pursuant to Title 22, chapter 405 that is a specialized hospital that provides inpatient and outpatient services for individuals with mental illness.

**8. Rehabilitation hospital.** "Rehabilitation hospital" means an institution licensed as a rehabilitation hospital by the department pursuant to Title 22, chapter 405 that provides essential therapy and coordinated care that assist patients in recovering from serious disabling illness or injury.

**Sec. II-3. 36 MRSA §2892, 2nd ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. JJ, §2, is further amended to read:

For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, a tax is imposed annually against each hospital in the State. The tax is equal to 2.23% of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's taxable year. Beginning January 1, 2025, the tax for acute care hospitals and specialty rehabilitation hospitals is equal to 3.25%

of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2022. Beginning January 1, 2025, the tax does not apply to critical access hospitals. For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2002. For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2003. For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006 but before July 1, 2008, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2004.

**Sec. II-4. 36 MRSA §2893, sub-§2-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. JJ, §5, is amended to read:

B. For a an acute care hospital or a specialty rehabilitation hospital, an amount equal to 3.25% of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2022 multiplied by one-half on or before May 15, 2025; and

## PART JJ

**Sec. JJ-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining, up to \$1,500,000, of the funds appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part GGGG in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year to be used for employee recruitment and to provide retention incentives to staff that provide medication management services pursuant to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

## PART KK

**Sec. KK-1. Rename Reserve for Indigent Legal Services program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Reserve for Indigent Legal Services program within the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services is renamed the Reserve for Public Defense Services program.

## PART LL

**Sec. LL-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2024-25, the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services is authorized to transfer up to \$5,300,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Maine Commission on Public Defense

Services program, after all financial commitments for salary, benefits and other obligations have been met, to the All Other line category in order to fund costs associated with assigned legal counsel. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**Sec. LL-2. Carrying provision; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward for the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services any remaining balance in the Personal Services line category in the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services program, General Fund account to the next fiscal year. The commission is authorized to transfer these funds to the All Other line category in order to fund contractual services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

#### PART MM

**Sec. MM-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$900,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part EEEE, section 2 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund account, All Other line category to establish crisis receiving centers to fiscal year 2025-26 to be used to establish crisis receiving centers in Androscoggin, Kennebec and Penobscot counties.

#### PART NN

**Sec. NN-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Violence Prevention.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part FFFF in the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Violence Prevention program, General Fund account, All Other line category for annual grants to communities to the next fiscal year for grants to communities.

#### PART OO

**Sec. OO-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Animal Welfare Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State

Controller shall transfer \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Animal Welfare Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for extraordinary costs related to the seizing of animals.

#### PART PP

**Sec. PP-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Forest Resource Management.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Forest Resource Management program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time funding to address the management of and early intervention for spruce budworms.

#### PART QQ

**Sec. QQ-1. Carrying provision; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$1,400,000 of the funds appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part EEEE, section 2 in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund account, All Other line category for additional start-up costs to establish crisis receiving centers to the next fiscal year to be used to establish a crisis receiving center in Aroostook County.

#### PART RR

**Sec. RR-1. 22 MRSA §5412**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. RR-2. 22 MRSA §5413**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. RR-3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶RRR**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §3 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §125, is amended to read:

**RRR.** ~~The For information related to tax years beginning in 2023 and 2024 only, the disclosure of information to the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace to administer the easy enrollment health insurance program pursuant to Title 22, former section 5412 and the health insurance check-off box pursuant to former section 5294.~~

**Sec. RR-4. 36 MRSA §5294**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §4 and corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §128, is repealed.

#### PART SS

**Sec. SS-1. 22 MRSA §4302-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 575, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Training required.** No later than the 120th day after appointment or election, and annually thereafter, an overseer, municipal official designated by the overseers to administer this chapter and any municipal official appointed to administer this chapter shall complete training on the requirements of this chapter.

**Sec. SS-2. 22 MRSA §4302-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Communication of program requirements.** The department annually shall transmit to an overseer, municipal official designated by the overseers to administer this chapter and any municipal official appointed to administer this chapter information about the rules, requirements and compliance expectations of the municipal general assistance program.

**Sec. SS-3. Cost-of-living adjustment for essential support workers.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the required methodology notice necessary to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 92, 96 and 97, Appendix C as originally scheduled for January 1, 2025. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the required methodology notice necessary to seek approval under this section to implement a cost-of-living adjustment as soon as practicable but no later than June 30, 2025, and, upon receipt of the approval, the department shall provide the cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% for reimbursement rates for essential support workers pursuant to the MaineCare Benefits Manual sections referenced in this section retroactive to the effective date approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Notwithstanding any reduction in the availability of funding due to projected or actual MaineCare budget shortfalls, the department may not reduce or eliminate the cost-of-living adjustment of 1.95% implemented pursuant to this section.

**PART TT**

**Sec. TT-1. State Controller; post-closing.** The State Controller is authorized to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2024-25 in order to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. TT-2. Retroactivity.** This Part applies retroactively to June 30, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 3  
H.P. 179 - L.D. 275**

**An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**State Police - Support 0981**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position, retroactive to February 28, 2024.

HIGHWAY FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$10,984	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$132	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	\$11,116	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one State Police Specialist position to a State Police Specialist Corporal position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$13,019	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	\$13,019	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$24,135</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,135</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology increases.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$121,808	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$121,808	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in postage-related expenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$43,850	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$43,850	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Senior Motor Vehicle Section Manager positions to 2 Regional Motor Vehicle Service Manager positions and provides funding for related All Other costs, retroactive to February 2024.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,664	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$721	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$17,385	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Specialist position to a Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs, retroactive to June 2024.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,504	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$628	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$15,132	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in contract expenses for issuing driver's license and state identification credentials.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$147,194	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$147,194	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

<b>SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$345,369</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$345,369</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for Capital Expenditures in the Multimodal Transportation Fund, Highway Fund and offsets that increase with a one-time reduction in funding for Personal Services in the Maintenance and Operations, Highway Fund based on anticipated vacancies.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$15,000,000)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$15,000,000)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0

**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for Capital Expenditures in the Multimodal Transportation Fund, Highway Fund and offsets that increase with a one-time reduction in funding for Personal Services in the Maintenance and Operations, Highway Fund based on anticipated vacancies.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**TRANSPORTATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$369,504	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$231,383	\$0	\$0

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$9,000,000 in the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 must be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 must be used for the new license plate general issue project. These funds were previously authorized to be carried forward in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. These funds must be used to continue the modernization of systems and services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 21, 2025.

**CHAPTER 4  
S.P. 28 - L.D. 17**

**An Act to Designate the  
Warden of the Maine State  
Prison as Chief Administrative  
Officer of the Bolduc  
Correctional Facility**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3231, sub-§3, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 583, §18, is amended to read:

A. The warden may appoint deputy wardens, subject to the Civil Service Law. A deputy warden designated by the warden has the powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the warden when the warden is absent ~~from the prison location~~ or is unable to perform the duties of the office.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §4203,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 508, §7, is amended to read:

**§4203. ~~Director~~ Warden**

**1. Chief administrative officer.** The chief administrative officer of the facility is ~~called the director and the warden of the Maine State Prison, referred to in this subchapter as "the warden."~~ The warden is responsible to the commissioner.

**2. Duties.** In addition to other duties set out in this Title, the ~~director~~ warden has the following duties.

A. The ~~director~~ warden shall exercise proper supervision over the employees, grounds, buildings and equipment at the facility.

B. The ~~director~~ warden shall supervise and control the prisoners at the facility in accordance with departmental rules.

~~**3. Powers.** In addition to other powers granted in this Title, the director may appoint one assistant director, subject to the Civil Service Law; the assistant director has the powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the director when the director is absent or unable to perform the director's duties.~~

**Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §4204, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 508, §7, is amended to read:

**2. Education.** The ~~director~~ warden shall maintain suitable courses for academic and career and technical education of the prisoners. The ~~director~~ warden shall maintain necessary equipment and employ suitable qualified instructors as necessary to carry out the objectives of the facility's programs.

**Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §4205,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 48, §2, is amended to read:

§4205. Employees of the facility

Employees of the facility have the same power as do deputy sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility when authorized to do so by the ~~director~~ warden.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 5
H.P. 49 - L.D. 85

An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

36-C.

Table with 4 columns: Human Services, Maine, Not Authorized, 22 MRSA. Row 1: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, Expenses/Legislative Per Diem for Nonsalaried Employee Members, §3789-D

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3789-D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §7, is further amended to read:

§3789-D. Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

1. Duties. The Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, as referred to in this section as "the council," is established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 36-C, shall to advise the commissioner or the commissioner's designee regarding education, training, job opportunities, quality employment and business ownership opportunities, the operation of any postsecondary education programs administered by the department and other matters affecting recipients of TANF recipients cash and other TANF recipients.

2. Members. The commissioner shall appoint the members of the council. Members who fail to attend 2 meetings within a 12-month period may be removed from the council. Members must include at least the following:

- A. Two recipients of benefits under the TANF program;
B. One representative of employers within the State;
C. One representative of organized labor;
D. One representative of women's interests;

E. One or more representatives of organizations or agencies that have experience in addressing the training, education and job needs of low-income women;

F. One representative of the one-stop delivery system established under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 United States Code, Section 3151; and

G. Two representatives of postsecondary education, one representing private institutions and one representing public institutions.

3. Advice regarding postsecondary education programs. The council shall establish a postsecondary education subcommittee, consisting of up to 15 members and nonmembers of the council. The subcommittee must include but is not limited to the following representatives:

A. A representative of the department, appointed by the commissioner;

B. A representative of the University of Maine System who represents the interests of women or nontraditional students at one of the campuses, appointed by the chancellor;

C. A representative of the Finance Authority of Maine appointed by the chief executive officer;

D. Representatives of the Maine Community College System, including a gender coordinator at one of the campuses, appointed by the president; and

E. Representatives of the following groups, appointed by the council:

- (1) Nonprofit service organizations that assist parents who are nontraditional students;
(2) TANF participants or participants of the Parents as Scholars Program established in chapter 1054-B who are enrolled in postsecondary education programs;
(3) Nonprofit organizations that prepare parents to be nontraditional postsecondary education students;
(4) Organizations that represent low income parents and that have significant knowledge of public assistance programs;
(5) Organizations that advocate for the interests of women;
(6) The business community; and
(7) Private postsecondary educational institutions.

By March 1, 1998, the subcommittee shall make recommendations to the council for improving the administration of the Parents as Scholars Program under section

~~3790, improving the program to make it more successful for participants and maximizing resources to meet the goals of the program. The council shall approve, disapprove or modify the recommendations of the subcommittee and report their recommendation to the commissioner.~~

**4. Compensation and expenses.** A member of the council who is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the council by the member's employer or the entity the member represents may be compensated in an amount not to exceed the legislative per diem for the member's time and reimbursed for expenses, including but not limited to meals and refreshments provided during a meeting of the council, child care and travel.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 6  
H.P. 62 - L.D. 97**

**An Act to Facilitate the  
Improvement of Credit Scores  
of Residents of Department of  
Corrections Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2016, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 299, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Payment of restitution or fines from other sources.** A prisoner, other than one addressed by subsection 1, who receives money, from any source, shall pay 25% of that money to any victim or the court if the court has ordered that restitution or a fine be paid. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility in which the prisoner is incarcerated shall collect and disburse to the victim or victims that portion of the prisoner's money ordered as restitution. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility where the prisoner is incarcerated shall also collect and disburse to the court that portion of the prisoner's money ordered as fines after the restitution is paid in full. If the victim or victims ordered by the court to receive restitution cannot be located, the correctional facility shall forward the funds, as provided in section 2009, to the Treasurer of State to be handled as unclaimed property. Money received by the prisoner and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the Department of Corrections for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this subsection, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's discharge or transfer to supervised

community confinement must be collected and disbursed as provided in this subsection. Money received by the prisoner as a credit improvement loan in accordance with Title 34-A, section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this subsection.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§5-A, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §4, is further amended to read:

A. Restitution may be imposed for the purpose of replacing or repairing property destroyed or damaged by the prisoner or juvenile while the prisoner or juvenile is at the institution. When restitution is imposed at a facility, a prisoner or a juvenile who is subject to that restitution and who receives money from any source shall pay 25% of that money to the facility where the destruction or damage occurred. The facility shall collect that money and apply it to defray the cost of replacement or repair of the items destroyed or damaged. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this paragraph, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner or juvenile and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's or juvenile's discharge or transfer to supervised community confinement or community reintegration status must be collected and disbursed as provided in this paragraph. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this paragraph.

**Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§5-A, ¶A-1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §5, is further amended to read:

A-1. Restitution may be imposed for the purpose of paying the cost of medical care incurred as a result of the conduct of a prisoner or juvenile while the prisoner or juvenile is at the institution. When restitution is imposed at a facility, a prisoner or a juvenile who is subject to that restitution and who receives money from any source shall pay 25% of that money to the facility where the medical care was provided. The facility shall collect that money and apply it to defray the cost of medical care. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this paragraph, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner or juvenile and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's or juvenile's discharge or transfer to supervised community confinement or

community reintegration status must be collected and disbursed as provided in this paragraph. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this paragraph.

**Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§5-B, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §6, is further amended to read:

A. When a monetary sanction is imposed at a facility, a prisoner who is subject to that monetary sanction and who receives money from any source shall pay 25% of that money to the facility where the monetary sanction was imposed. The facility shall collect that money and apply it to defray the cost of holding disciplinary hearings. Money received by the prisoner and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this paragraph, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's discharge or transfer to supervised community confinement must be collected and disbursed as provided in this paragraph. Money received by the prisoner as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this paragraph.

**Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §3039, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Credit improvement loan.** The commissioner may allow a client, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner, to receive a loan from a financial institution without the loan money being deposited in the department's general client account or the department's telephone call account if:

A. The loan is designed to improve the client's credit score;

B. The loan money is deposited in the client's savings account at the financial institution;

C. The loan is secured in full by money disbursed by the client from the department's general client account to the client's savings account at the financial institution after any collections provided for by statute or rule; and

D. The loan is required to be repaid in full from the secured money under paragraph C or from other money disbursed by the client from the department's general client account after collections provided for by statute or rule.

As used in this subsection, "financial institution" has the same meaning as in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection

17 and includes a credit union as defined in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 12.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 6. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §10, is further amended to read:

A. Has, within the 6 months prior to the date of parole or discharge, transferred from the department's general client account to any person more than \$500, excluding any money transferred for the support of dependents or a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6; or

**Sec. 7. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 102, §9, is further amended to read:

B. Has, on the date of parole or discharge, more than \$500 in personal assets not including a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6.

See title page for effective date.

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CHAPTER 7

S.P. 44 - L.D. 123

**An Act Regarding Licensure of  
Emergency Medical Services  
Persons**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 271, §8, is further amended to read:

C. The person must have successfully completed a state cognitive test for basic emergency medical treatment and a board-approved ~~practical evaluation~~ assessment of emergency medical treatment skills.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 271, §9, is further amended to read:

B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated competence in the skills required for the license level. Skill competence may be satisfied by a combination of run report reviews and continuing education training programs conducted in accordance with the rules or by satisfactorily completing the state cognitive test and a board-approved ~~practical evaluation~~ assessment of emergency medical treatment skills.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 8  
H.P. 165 - L.D. 262**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing the Taste Testing of  
Wine and Malt Liquor to  
Facilitate Marketing by  
Wholesalers**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** in response to the economic hardship facing the State's restaurants, bars, grocery stores and beverage retailers; in response to the diversity and new product innovation in the beverage industry; and in support of local craft manufacturers' ability to showcase their products at taste-testing events, it is necessary to amend statutory language to allow wholesalers of wine and malt liquor products to hold taste-testing events at a greater number of locations; and

**Whereas,** unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency, interested parties will not be able to take advantage of this legislation until after the majority of the busy summer season has concluded; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1402, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §236, is further amended to read:

**2. Taste testing on retail licensee's premises or other venue.** With the bureau's written permission, a wholesale licensee may rent or lease an area or room from an on-premises retail licensee or from any unlicensed venue for the purpose of inviting retail licensees to taste test wine or malt liquor products.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1402, sub-§3, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §237, is further amended to read:

D. After the taste-testing event is concluded, the wholesale licensee shall remove all products supplied for the taste-testing event from the premises of the retail licensee's premises licensee or unlicensed venue.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 21, 2025.

**CHAPTER 9  
H.P. 178 - L.D. 274**

**An Act Making Unified  
Allocations from the Highway  
Fund and Other Funds for the  
Expenditures of State  
Government and Changing  
Certain Provisions of the Law  
Necessary to the Proper  
Operations of State  
Government for the Fiscal  
Years Ending June 30, 2025,  
June 30, 2026 and June 30,  
2027**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

**Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Budget - Bureau of the 0055**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		
Personal Services	\$143,429	\$149,203
All Other	\$9,073	\$9,073
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,502</b>	<b>\$158,276</b>

**BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$143,429	\$149,203
All Other	\$9,073	\$9,073
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,502</b>	<b>\$158,276</b>

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$660,278	\$700,912
All Other	\$1,609,800	\$1,609,800
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,270,078</b>	<b>\$2,310,712</b>

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Office of Information Technology.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$39	\$39
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39</b>	<b>\$39</b>

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$3,111	\$4,782
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,111</b>	<b>\$4,782</b>

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$660,278	\$700,912
All Other	\$1,612,950	\$1,614,621
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,273,228</b>	<b>\$2,315,533</b>

**Claims Board 0097**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$69,934	\$72,532
All Other	\$18,344	\$18,344
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,278</b>	<b>\$90,876</b>

**Claims Board 0097**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the department.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,341	\$1,649
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,341</b>	<b>\$1,649</b>

**CLAIMS BOARD 0097**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$69,934	\$72,532
All Other	\$19,685	\$19,993
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,619</b>	<b>\$92,525</b>

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$272,075	\$272,075
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$272,075</b>	<b>\$272,075</b>

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: Deallocates funds included in the baseline budget as a placeholder to record funding adjustments that are subsequently reallocated to the appropriate programs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$272,075)	(\$272,075)
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$272,075)</b>	<b>(\$272,075)</b>

**DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - STATEWIDE 0016**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$648,928	\$682,759
All Other	\$32,095	\$32,095
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$681,023</b>	<b>\$714,854</b>

**REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$648,928	\$682,759
All Other	\$32,095	\$32,095
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$681,023</u>	<u>\$714,854</u>

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$3,196,372</b>	<b>\$3,281,188</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$3,196,372</b></u>	<u><b>\$3,281,188</b></u>

**Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,816	\$33,816
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$33,816</u>	<u>\$33,816</u>

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$246	\$589
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$246</u>	<u>\$589</u>

**AIR QUALITY 0250**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,062	\$34,405
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$34,062</u>	<u>\$34,405</u>

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$34,062</b>	<b>\$34,405</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$34,062</b></u>	<u><b>\$34,405</b></u>

**Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,575	\$3,575
All Other	\$4,550	\$4,550
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,125</u>	<u>\$8,125</u>

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Reduces funding to remove the baseline budget that is no longer needed.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$3,575)	(\$3,575)
All Other	(\$4,550)	(\$4,550)
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$8,125)</u>	<u>(\$8,125)</u>

**LEGISLATURE 0081**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

**Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Public Safety 0088**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$172,058	\$181,112
All Other	\$855,943	\$855,943
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,028,001</u>	<u>\$1,037,055</u>

**Administration - Public Safety 0088**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

**ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC SAFETY 0088**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$172,058	\$181,112
All Other	\$1,255,943	\$1,255,943
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,428,001</b>	<b>\$1,437,055</b>

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$96,486	\$103,764
All Other	\$580,436	\$580,436
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$676,922</b>	<b>\$684,200</b>

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Contract Grant Manager position and one Director of Bureau of Highway Safety position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Highway Fund.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$158,377	\$166,343
All Other	\$1,122	\$1,179
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$159,499</b>	<b>\$167,522</b>

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,321	\$52,321
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,321</b>	<b>\$52,321</b>

**HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$254,863	\$270,107
All Other	\$633,879	\$633,936
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$888,742</b>	<b>\$904,043</b>

**Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,194,704	\$1,255,914
All Other	\$423,007	\$423,009

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,617,711</b>	<b>\$1,678,923</b>
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**Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,541	\$11,541

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,541</b>	<b>\$11,541</b>
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**Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the State Police divisions governing turn-pike enforcement, motor vehicle inspection, traffic safety and commercial vehicle enforcement consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$51,940	\$51,940

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,940</b>	<b>\$51,940</b>
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**MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION 0329**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,194,704	\$1,255,914
All Other	\$434,548	\$434,550
Capital Expenditures	\$51,940	\$51,940

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,681,192</b>	<b>\$1,742,404</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,306,571	\$23,306,137
All Other	\$7,757,960	\$7,759,299

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,064,531</b>	<b>\$31,065,436</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 bomb suits for the State Police bomb team.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$58,800	\$0

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of one forensic laser for latent fingerprints.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$8,750	\$0

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a marine sonar device.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$23,730	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,730</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a throwable robot for the tactical team.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$7,000	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 handgun lights.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,625	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,625</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for a higher cost of fuel for State Police vehicles.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$249,178	\$249,178
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$249,178</b>	<b>\$249,178</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 4 specialized digital cameras.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,696	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,696</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 26 rifles.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,220	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,220</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace infrared lasers.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$35,170
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,170</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 plate carriers.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$265,996	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$265,996</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 helmets.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$137,047	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$137,047</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 ballistic shields.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$8,400	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 10 sniper rifles.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$19,250	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 ballistic vests.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,909	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,909</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 8 40-millimeter launchers.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,120	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,120</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle that can be linked to existing software.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$9,574	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,574</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a 3-dimensional scanner upgrade.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$22,737	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,737</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the roof at the K-9 office.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$10,500	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$218,295	\$218,295
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$218,295</b>	<b>\$218,295</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to resurface the parking lot and driveway at the Alfred barracks.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$22,400	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service costs associated with the purchase of State Police vehicles on a regular vehicle replacement schedule.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$462,224	\$607,286
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$462,224</b>	<b>\$607,286</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one Behavioral Health Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$39,492	\$42,565
All Other	\$1,942	\$1,995
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,434</b>	<b>\$44,560</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Lieutenant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$70,247	\$75,298
All Other	\$10,924	\$9,962

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,171</b>	<b>\$85,260</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 3 State Police Specialist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$218,643	\$233,233
All Other	\$23,447	\$15,504

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242,090</b>	<b>\$248,737</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for increased dispatch costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,406	\$400,406

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,406</b>	<b>\$400,406</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine Information and Analysis Center software contract.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$44,496	\$44,496

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,496</b>	<b>\$44,496</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 2 State Police Detective Corporal positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$122,188	\$131,362
All Other	\$9,721	\$9,879

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,909</b>	<b>\$141,241</b>
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 9 Computer Forensic Analyst positions from range 27 to range 28.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,071	\$1,152
All Other	\$44	\$47

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>	<b>\$1,199</b>
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**STATE POLICE 0291**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,758,212	\$23,789,747
All Other	\$9,639,250	\$9,351,517
Capital Expenditures	\$191,141	\$0

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,588,603</b>	<b>\$33,141,264</b>
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**State Police - Support 0981**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$806,262	\$857,665
All Other	\$11,915	\$11,915
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$818,177</b>	<b>\$869,580</b>

**State Police - Support 0981**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position, retroactive to February 28, 2024.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,303	\$5,742
All Other	\$91	\$99
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,394</b>	<b>\$5,841</b>

**STATE POLICE - SUPPORT 0981**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$811,565	\$863,407
All Other	\$12,006	\$12,014
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$823,571</b>	<b>\$875,421</b>

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,571,939	\$1,634,192
All Other	\$330,500	\$330,530
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,902,439</b>	<b>\$1,964,722</b>

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,308	\$9,308
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,308</b>	<b>\$9,308</b>

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the State Police divisions governing turnpike enforcement, motor vehicle inspection, traffic safety and commercial vehicle enforcement consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$51,940	\$51,940
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,940</b>	<b>\$51,940</b>

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one State Police Specialist position to a State Police Specialist Corporal position and related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,670	\$14,717
All Other	\$85	\$85
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,755</b>	<b>\$14,802</b>

**TRAFFIC SAFETY 0546**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,585,609	\$1,648,909
All Other	\$339,893	\$339,923
Capital Expenditures	\$51,940	\$51,940
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,977,442</b>	<b>\$2,040,772</b>

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	43.000	43.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$6,872,146	\$7,161,290
All Other	\$1,051,947	\$1,052,182
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,924,093</b>	<b>\$8,213,472</b>

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,583	\$30,583
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,583</b>	<b>\$30,583</b>

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the State Police divisions governing turnpike enforcement, motor vehicle inspection, traffic safety and commercial vehicle enforcement consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$267,120	\$267,120
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$267,120</b>	<b>\$267,120</b>

**TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS -	43.000	43.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$6,872,146	\$7,161,290
All Other	\$1,082,530	\$1,082,765
Capital Expenditures	\$267,120	\$267,120
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,221,796</b>	<b>\$8,511,175</b>

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$47,609,347</b>	<b>\$48,652,134</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$47,609,347</b>	<b>\$48,652,134</b>

**Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	395.500	395.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$38,951,789	\$41,504,106
All Other	\$16,824,956	\$16,824,957
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,776,745</b>	<b>\$58,329,063</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for administrative and branch office updates for ergonomic equipment, security cameras and accessibility improvements.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$260,823	\$329,596
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260,823</b>	<b>\$329,596</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for interpretation of official documents.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,165	\$52,165
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,165</b>	<b>\$52,165</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for an additional security compliance assessment.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$208,658	\$52,165
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$208,658</b>	<b>\$52,165</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Accounting Assistant Technician positions

to 2 Accounting Associate II positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,430	\$8,031
All Other	\$452	\$351
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,882</b>	<b>\$8,382</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in contract expenses for issuing driver's license and state identification credentials.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$147,194	\$663,622
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$147,194</b>	<b>\$663,622</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in vehicle lease expenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$99,546	\$111,736
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,546</b>	<b>\$111,736</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in building rent expenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,760	\$100,099
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,760</b>	<b>\$100,099</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for a customer relationship management platform for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles contact center.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$89,210	\$76,690
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,210</b>	<b>\$76,690</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of 3 part-time Customer Representative Associate II - Motor Vehicle positions to 3 full-time Customer Representative Associate II - Motor Vehicle positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.500	1.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$103,171	\$111,493
All Other	\$4,466	\$4,827
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,637</b>	<b>\$116,320</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position to a

Public Service Manager III position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,684	\$19,227
All Other	\$722	\$832
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,406</b>	<b>\$20,059</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for an enforcement services radio communication system.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,563	\$13,563
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,563</b>	<b>\$13,563</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increase in membership fees for the International Registration Plan.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,492	\$8,492
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,492</b>	<b>\$8,492</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for additional software licenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,601	\$16,601
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,601</b>	<b>\$16,601</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for an address verification software program.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$64,684	\$22,952
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,684</b>	<b>\$22,952</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for server software upgrades.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$90,902	\$90,902
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,902</b>	<b>\$90,902</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated increase in cloud-based data storage.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,070	\$45,070
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,070</b>	<b>\$45,070</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Senior Motor Vehicle Section Manager positions to 2 Regional Motor Vehicle Service Manager positions and provides funding for related All Other costs, retroactive to February 2024.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$256	\$2,097
All Other	\$11	\$91
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$267</b>	<b>\$2,188</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased membership fees for the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,433	\$10,433
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,433</b>	<b>\$10,433</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for monitoring servers, applications and hardware and software inventory.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,976	\$7,976
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,976</b>	<b>\$7,976</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Hearings Examiner positions to 4 Hearings Officer positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$43,389	\$46,007
All Other	\$1,898	\$2,015
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,287</b>	<b>\$48,022</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in technology costs in accordance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate structure.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$121,808	\$121,808
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121,808</b>	<b>\$121,808</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for mobile unit operational expenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$96,141	\$96,141
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,141</b>	<b>\$96,141</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Motor Vehicle Hearings Examiner position from range 18 to range 22 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$25,528	\$26,672
All Other	\$1,105	\$1,155
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,633</b>	<b>\$27,827</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Establishes one Technical Support Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$128,582	\$138,743
All Other	\$16,060	\$9,092
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,642</b>	<b>\$147,835</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Inventory & Property Associate I positions to 2 Office Associate II positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,667	\$7,918
All Other	\$418	\$347
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,085</b>	<b>\$8,265</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in postage-related expenses.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$388,523	\$388,523
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$388,523</b>	<b>\$388,523</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Driver License Examiner position to a Driver License Examiner Training Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,383	\$21,382
All Other	\$882	\$926
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,265</b>	<b>\$22,308</b>

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Specialist position to a Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs, retroactive to June 2024.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,974	\$10,992

All Other	\$388	\$476
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,362</b>	<b>\$11,468</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	398.000	398.000
Personal Services	\$39,318,853	\$41,896,668
All Other	\$18,665,907	\$19,053,603
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,984,760</b>	<b>\$60,950,271</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$57,984,760	\$60,950,271
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$57,984,760</b>	<b>\$60,950,271</b>

**Sec. A-6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	95.000	95.000
Personal Services	\$11,507,809	\$11,758,503
All Other	\$4,522,196	\$4,522,196
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,030,005</b>	<b>\$16,280,699</b>

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,541,078	\$1,530,968
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,541,078</b>	<b>\$1,530,968</b>

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a conference account in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1550.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to manage policy initiatives at the state and federal level.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$188,009	\$189,462
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$188,009</b>	<b>\$189,462</b>

**ADMINISTRATION 0339**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	96.000	96.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$11,695,818	\$11,947,965
All Other	\$6,063,274	\$6,053,164
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,759,092</b>	<b>\$18,001,129</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Callahan Mine Site Restoration Z007**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$740,000	\$740,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$740,000</b>	<b>\$740,000</b>

**CALLAHAN MINE SITE RESTORATION Z007**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$740,000	\$740,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$740,000</b>	<b>\$740,000</b>

**Charging Infrastructure Z317**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE Z317**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Fleet Services 0347**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	25.000	25.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	126.125	126.125
Personal Services	\$14,407,700	\$14,801,681
All Other	\$22,197,922	\$22,197,922
<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,605,622</b>	<b>\$36,999,603</b>

**Fleet Services 0347**

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$51,438)	\$486,294
<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$51,438)</b>	<b>\$486,294</b>

**Fleet Services 0347**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$73,054)	(\$76,642)
<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$73,054)</b>	<b>(\$76,642)</b>

**FLEET SERVICES 0347**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	126.125	126.125
Personal Services	\$14,334,646	\$14,725,039
All Other	\$22,146,484	\$22,684,216
<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,481,130</b>	<b>\$37,409,255</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	488.500	488.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	18.654	18.654
Personal Services	\$29,423,045	\$30,063,046
All Other	\$17,445,259	\$17,445,259
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,868,304</b>	<b>\$47,508,305</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$32,379,322	\$33,084,435
All Other	\$57,655,513	\$57,655,513
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,034,835</b>	<b>\$90,739,948</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,144,586	\$3,215,219
All Other	\$4,589,564	\$4,589,564
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,734,150</b>	<b>\$7,804,783</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Provides capital funding needed to achieve the prioritized capital goals set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$46,296,500	\$45,578,949
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,296,500</b>	<b>\$45,578,949</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures and All Other in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$32,000,000	\$32,000,000
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000,000	\$500,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$532,000,000</b>	<b>\$532,000,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$153,000,000	\$175,000,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,000,000</b>	<b>\$175,000,000</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,122,891	\$2,043,729

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,122,891</b>	<b>\$2,043,729</b>
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**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for costs related to the delivery of capital projects that are part of a cost-saving initiative, including the prepurchase of materials, the rental of equipment and the increased use of consultants.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,994,227	\$3,067,060
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,994,227</b>	<b>\$3,067,060</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$3,309,338)	(\$3,387,601)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$3,309,338)</b>	<b>(\$3,387,601)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$21,047)	(\$21,152)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$21,047)</b>	<b>(\$21,152)</b>

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for All Other costs related to the delivery of capital projects, including the pre-buying of materials and the increased use of consultants.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

**HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE CAPITAL 0406**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	488.500	488.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	18.654	18.654
Personal Services	\$32,417,272	\$33,130,106
All Other	\$33,568,150	\$32,488,988
Capital Expenditures	\$46,296,500	\$45,578,949

<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,281,922</b>	<b>\$111,198,043</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$29,069,984	\$29,696,834
All Other	\$89,655,513	\$89,655,513
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000,000	\$500,000,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$618,725,497	\$619,352,347
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$3,123,539	\$3,194,067
All Other	\$4,589,564	\$4,589,564
Capital Expenditures	\$153,000,000	\$175,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$160,713,103	\$182,783,631
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**Highway Light Capital Z095**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND All Other	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000
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**Highway Light Capital Z095**

Initiative: Provides capital funding needed to achieve the prioritized capital goals set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7.

	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND Capital Expenditures	\$12,900,000	\$11,621,524

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$12,900,000	\$11,621,524
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**Highway Light Capital Z095**

Initiative: Provides allocation to spend the returned cash available after the repayment of bonds from the funds previously transferred to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, TransCap Trust Fund.

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Capital Expenditures	\$20,524,578	\$20,919,034

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,524,578	\$20,919,034
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**Highway Light Capital Z095**

Initiative: Provides funding for projected Personal Services costs at a level to provide approximately 700 miles of light capital paving per year, among other work, depending on bid prices and the severity of winter weather.

	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND Personal Services	\$3,150,001	\$3,150,001

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,150,001	\$3,150,001
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**HIGHWAY LIGHT CAPITAL Z095**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
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Personal Services	\$3,150,001	\$3,150,001
All Other	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000
Capital Expenditures	\$12,900,000	\$11,621,524

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$18,975,001	\$17,696,525
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Capital Expenditures	\$20,524,578	\$20,919,034
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,524,578	\$20,919,034
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**Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY All Other	\$1,500	\$1,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,500
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**Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318**

Initiative: Provides funding for engineering services performed by department staff for infrastructure adaptation-focused projects for the biennium.

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Personal Services	\$528,521	\$528,681

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$528,521	\$528,681
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**Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318**

Initiative: Provides funding in the Infrastructure Adaptation Fund program to allow the receipt and expenditure of federal funds.

	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTATION FUND Z318**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Personal Services	\$528,521	\$528,681

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$528,521	\$528,681
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,500

**Local Road Assistance Program 0337**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,343,795	\$25,343,795
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$25,343,795	\$25,343,795

**Local Road Assistance Program 0337**

Initiative: Provides capital funding needed to achieve the prioritized capital goals set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,433,663	\$5,077,382
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$5,433,663	\$5,077,382

**LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 0337**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,777,458	\$30,421,177
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$30,777,458	\$30,421,177

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	154.000	154.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	956.566	956.566
Personal Services	\$121,855,144	\$125,103,984
All Other	\$99,058,763	\$99,058,763
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$220,913,907	\$224,162,747

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,071,203	\$1,085,981
All Other	\$5,106,169	\$5,106,169
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,177,372	\$6,192,150

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886
<b>INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of capital equipment to be used in the maintenance of the transportation system.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$600,000	\$600,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$603,977	\$751,595
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$603,977	\$751,595

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Reduces funding to provide a one-time offset to a one-time increase in allocation in the Highway and Bridge Capital program, and a part of the capital transportation funding need for this biennium.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$10,999,956)	(\$11,003,286)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$10,999,956)	(\$11,003,286)

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(60.000)	(60.000)
Personal Services	(\$5,424,728)	(\$5,579,606)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$5,424,728)	(\$5,579,606)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$627)	(\$587)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$627)	(\$587)

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Provides funding to rehabilitate crew facilities.

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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,405,096	\$2,486,615
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,405,096</u>	<u>\$2,486,615</u>

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 0330**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	154.000	154.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	896.566	896.566
Personal Services	\$105,430,460	\$108,521,092
All Other	\$102,067,836	\$102,296,973
Capital Expenditures	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$208,098,296</u>	<u>\$211,418,065</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,070,576	\$1,085,394
All Other	\$5,106,169	\$5,106,169
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,176,745</u>	<u>\$6,191,563</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,374,886</u>	<u>\$1,374,886</u>

<b>INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

**Multimodal - Aviation 0294**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,585,782	\$1,585,782
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,585,782</u>	<u>\$1,585,782</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$252,575	\$263,957
All Other	\$957,000	\$957,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,209,575</u>	<u>\$1,220,957</u>

**Multimodal - Aviation 0294**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

**Multimodal - Aviation 0294**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$148,817	\$153,682
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$148,817</u>	<u>\$153,682</u>

**MULTIMODAL - AVIATION 0294**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,585,782	\$1,585,782
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,885,782</u>	<u>\$1,885,782</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$401,392	\$417,639
All Other	\$957,000	\$957,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,358,392</u>	<u>\$1,374,639</u>

**Multimodal - Freight Rail 0350**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,213	\$13,217
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$113,213</u>	<u>\$113,217</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$263,063	\$263,803
All Other	\$1,467,904	\$1,467,904
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,730,967</u>	<u>\$1,731,707</u>

**Multimodal - Freight Rail 0350**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

**MULTIMODAL - FREIGHT RAIL 0350**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,213	\$13,217
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,113,213</u>	<u>\$10,113,217</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$263,063	\$263,803
All Other	\$1,467,904	\$1,467,904
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,730,967</u>	<u>\$1,731,707</u>

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,602,896	\$7,602,896
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,602,896</u>	<u>\$7,602,896</u>

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	97.000	97.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	7.226	7.226
Personal Services	\$11,105,645	\$11,295,714
All Other	\$5,015,701	\$5,015,701
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,121,346</u>	<u>\$16,311,415</u>

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$254,401	\$391,299
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$254,401</u>	<u>\$391,299</u>

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Provides funding to adjust state support to 50% of the operating cost of the Maine State Ferry Service in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-C.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$496,352	\$591,837
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$496,352</u>	<u>\$591,837</u>

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,288	\$132,198
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$126,288</u>	<u>\$132,198</u>

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$126,288</u>	<u>\$132,198</u>
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**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent the following limited-period positions established by Financial Order 003718 F5: one Ferry Ordinary Seaman positions, 2 Ferry Captain 100 Ton positions and one Ferry Engineer position.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$214,281	\$224,942
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$214,281</u>	<u>\$224,942</u>

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$428,561	\$449,884
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$428,561</u>	<u>\$449,884</u>

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of existing positions that provide service in the ferry terminals. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$93,238	\$93,760
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$93,238</u>	<u>\$93,760</u>

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.500	3.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.759)	(1.759)
Personal Services	\$186,476	\$187,520

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES	\$186,476	\$187,520
FUND TOTAL		

**Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to continue a contract for temporary services in order to continue the operations of the Maine State Ferry Service.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000
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<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**MULTIMODAL - ISLAND FERRY SERVICE Z016**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,656,767	\$8,763,435

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$8,656,767	\$8,763,435
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<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	105.500	105.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	5.467	5.467
Personal Services	\$11,846,970	\$12,065,316
All Other	\$5,770,102	\$5,907,000

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$17,617,072	\$17,972,316
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**Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
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**MULTIMODAL - PASSENGER RAIL Z139**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
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**Multimodal - Ports and Marine 0323**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$329,297	\$338,483
All Other	\$59,500	\$59,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$388,797	\$397,983
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**Multimodal - Ports and Marine 0323**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures and reduces All Other in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,200,000)	(\$1,200,000)
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$1,150,000)	(\$1,150,000)
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**MULTIMODAL - PORTS AND MARINE 0323**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$450,000	\$450,000
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$329,297	\$338,483
All Other	\$59,500	\$59,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$388,797	\$397,983
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**Multimodal - Transit 0443**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$423,640	\$433,825
All Other	\$8,131,112	\$8,131,112

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,554,752	\$8,564,937
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,231	\$12,304
All Other	\$1,395,665	\$1,395,665
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,407,896</u>	<u>\$1,407,969</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Multimodal - Transit 0443**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

**Multimodal - Transit 0443**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$12,231)	(\$12,306)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$12,231)</u>	<u>(\$12,306)</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,231	\$12,306
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,231</u>	<u>\$12,306</u>

**Multimodal - Transit 0443**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Multimodal Transportation Fund, Highway Fund account to the Multimodal - Transit program, Highway Fund account.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

**MULTIMODAL - TRANSIT 0443**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$411,409	\$421,519
All Other	\$8,131,112	\$8,131,112
Capital Expenditures	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,542,521</u>	<u>\$12,552,631</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,462	\$24,610
All Other	\$1,395,665	\$1,395,665
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,420,127</u>	<u>\$1,420,275</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,209,519</u>	<u>\$1,209,519</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$454,029	\$465,391
All Other	\$9,394,441	\$9,394,441

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,848,470	\$9,859,832
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Provides capital funding needed to achieve the prioritized capital goals set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$7,907,538	\$4,985,328

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,907,538	\$4,985,328
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$42,000,000	\$45,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$42,000,000	\$45,000,000
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Eliminates 60 crew positions across programs to fund the reallocation of positions to more accurately align with work assignments and funding.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$149,797	\$147,181

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$149,797	\$147,181
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Provides funding for engineering services performed by department staff for multimodal projects for the biennium.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$619,677	\$633,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$619,677	\$633,359
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,152,503	\$768,314

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,152,503	\$768,314
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**Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Multimodal Transportation Fund, Highway Fund account to the Multimodal - Transit program, Highway Fund account.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
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**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND Z017**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$7,907,538	\$4,985,328

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,907,538	\$4,985,328
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$1,223,503	\$1,245,931
All Other	\$10,546,944	\$10,162,755
Capital Expenditures	\$42,000,000	\$45,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$53,770,447	\$56,408,686
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$500	\$500
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Receivables 0344**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$99,099	\$99,129
All Other	\$912,121	\$912,121

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,011,220	\$1,011,250
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**RECEIVABLES 0344**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$99,099	\$99,129
All Other	\$912,121	\$912,121
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,011,220</u>	<u>\$1,011,250</u>

**State Infrastructure Bank 0870**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

**STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK 0870**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

**Supplemental Transportation Fund Z281**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,500	\$100,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,500</u>	<u>\$100,500</u>

**SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION FUND Z281**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,500	\$100,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,500</u>	<u>\$100,500</u>

**Transportation Facilities Z010**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

**TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES Z010**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

<b>TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
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<b>TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$409,456,074</b>	<b>\$407,483,702</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$651,153,777</b>	<b>\$651,805,559</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$247,612,038</b>	<b>\$272,741,772</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>\$36,481,130</b>	<b>\$37,409,255</b>
<b>INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>\$17,617,072</b>	<b>\$17,972,316</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$1,365,823,591</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,390,916,104</b></u>
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**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 23 MRSA §1803-B, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 354, Pt. I, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

D. ~~Beginning July 1, 2014, the~~ The annual funding dedicated for the Local Road Assistance Program must be 9% of the Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation for general construction and maintenance of highways and bridges. ~~On July 1, 2014 and every~~ Annually, by July 1st there- ~~after,~~ the Commissioner of Transportation shall administratively adjust the base funding and the reimbursement rates per lane mile proportionately according to revenue available.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Attrition savings.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2026-2027 biennium is increased from 1.6% to 5% for executive branch departments and agencies only. The attrition rate for subsequent biennia is 1.6%.

**Sec. C-2. Calculation and transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of savings in this Part that applies against each Highway Fund ac-

count for all departments and agencies from savings associated with attrition in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27. The State Budget Officer shall provide a report of the transferred amounts to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than October 1, 2025.

**Sec. C-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$6,063,213)	(\$6,269,757)
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,063,213)</b>	<b>(\$6,269,757)</b>

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. Transfer of Highway Fund unallocated balance; capital program needs; Department of Transportation.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, at the close of the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 the State Controller shall transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund after the deduction of all allocations, financial commitments, other designated funds and any other transfer authorized by statute to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital, Maintenance and Operations and multimodal transportation programs for capital or all other needs. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to allot these funds by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor. The transferred amounts are considered adjustments to allocations. Within 30 days of approval of the financial order, the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide to the members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters a report detailing the financial status of the department's capital program.

**PART E**

**Sec. E-1. Transfer authorized.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027 the Commissioner of

Transportation is authorized to transfer, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, identified Highway Fund Personal Services savings to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital, Maintenance and Operations and multimodal transportation programs for capital or all other needs. The financial order must identify the specific savings after all adjustments that may be required by the State Controller to ensure that all financial commitments have been met in Personal Services after assuming all costs for that program including collective bargaining costs. The Commissioner of Transportation shall provide a report by September 15, 2026 and September 15, 2027 to the members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters detailing the financial adjustments to the Highway Fund.

**PART F**

**Sec. F-1. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 216, §11, is further amended to read:

**2. Fee.** The annual administrative fee for a vanity registration plate is \$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The administrative fee must be credited to the General Highway Fund, ~~except that \$10 of the administrative fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G.~~ A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Highway Fund.

**Sec. F-2. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4, is further amended by amending the 6th blocked paragraph to read:

Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2025, \$10 of the fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G.

**Sec. F-3. 29-A MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 647, §3 and affected by §8, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2025, \$10 of the fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G.

**Sec. F-4. 29-A MRSA §603, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 647, §4 and affected by §8 and amended by c. 703, §§16 to 20, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2025, \$10 of the fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G.

**Sec. F-5. 30-A MRSA §6006-G, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 239, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. Establishment; purposes.** The TransCap Trust Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the custody of the bank to provide transportation capital investment for the Department of Transportation and municipalities in accordance with this section. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance for the planning, design, acquisition, reconstruction and rehabilitation of transportation capital improvements of all modes including improvements that will forward the asset management goals set forth in Title 23, section 73, subsection 7 and Title 23, section 4210-B, subsection 3.

**Sec. F-6. 30-A MRSA §6006-G, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. A, §43, is further amended to read:

A. Sums that are transferred to the fund from time to time by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 2903, subsection 6 and; Title 36, section 3203, subsection 4; and Title 36, section 1821; and

**Sec. F-7. 30-A MRSA §6006-G, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 411, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. F-8. 36 MRSA §1821, 3rd ¶,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 189, Pt. I, §1, is amended to read:

When notified by the assessor, the State Controller shall transfer 40% of the amount in the notice, after the reduction for transfer to the Local Government Fund pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5, from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. The State Controller shall transfer 22% of the amount transferred to the Highway Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G.

**Sec. F-9. PL 2023, c. 189, Pt. F, §1** is amended to read:

**Sec. F-1. Authorization to issue TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at the request of the Department of Transportation, is authorized to issue TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-G from time to time in amounts that in total do not exceed ~~\$200,000,000~~ \$250,000,000 from the effective date of this Part through fiscal year ~~2024-25~~ 2026-27 for the purpose of making capital improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure.

**PART G**

**Sec. G-1. 23 MRSA §1652, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 392, Pt. L, §2, is further amended to read:

~~Such unexpended~~ Unexpended balances of the Highway Fund ~~as that~~ have been set up for general construction and maintenance of highways and bridges and for purchasing, operating, maintaining, improving, repairing, constructing and managing the assets of multimodal forms of transportation, including, but not limited to, transit, aeronautics, marine and rail, are deemed nonlapsing carrying accounts. All other unexpended balances lapse into the Highway Fund at the end of each fiscal ~~period year,~~ but may not lapse or be transferred to the General Fund in the State Treasury.

**PART H**

**Sec. H-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Reduces Capital Expenditures funding related to an initiative included in Part A.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 21, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 10**

**H.P. 27 - L.D. 63**

**An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature appropriated funds during the 131st Legislature to support certified community behavioral health clinic projects; and

Whereas, since the adjournment of the 131st Legislature, the State was accepted into the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration Program by the United States Department of Health

and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in partnership with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and

**Whereas**, an adjustment in the appropriation of funding for certified community behavioral health clinic projects is needed for state-licensed mental health organizations to establish certified community behavioral health clinics within the federal Medicaid demonstration program and to leverage federal funding for the implementation of a Medicaid prospective payment system model; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of certified community behavioral health clinics through the federal Medicaid demonstration program is critical to strengthening the community mental health system to provide comprehensive and integrated mental health and substance use services that ensure timely access to care, improve accountability and improve the quality of behavioral health services and supports to meet the needs of people in this State; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the required state share component of reimbursement to state-licensed mental health organizations participating in the federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid Demonstration program under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,836,454	\$18,107,487	\$19,275,103
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,836,454</b>	<b>\$18,107,487</b>	<b>\$19,275,103</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$181,750	\$563,875	\$600,235
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,750</b>	<b>\$563,875</b>	<b>\$600,235</b>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funding provided under Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part A for the start-up and implementation costs of mental health organizations participating in certified community behavioral health clinic projects previously funded by federal grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,000,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$5,836,454</b>	<b>\$18,107,487</b>	<b>\$19,275,103</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$181,750</b>	<b>\$563,875</b>	<b>\$600,235</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,018,204</b>	<b>\$18,671,362</b>	<b>\$19,875,338</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 25, 2025.

**CHAPTER 11  
H.P. 68 - L.D. 103**

**An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§15**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 402, §1, is amended to read:

**15. Campsite Minor campground.** "Campsite" "Minor campground" means a camping location containing tents, registered tent trailers, registered pickup campers, registered recreational vehicles, registered trailers or similar devices used for camping.

"Campsite" "Minor campground" does not include a camping location that has access to a pressurized water system or permanent structures other than outhouses, fireplaces, picnic tables, picnic tables with shelters or lean-tos. A ~~campsite~~ minor campground may be designed to contain a maximum of 4 camping sites for transient occupancy by 12 or fewer people per site, or numbers of sites and occupancy rates consistent with a landowner's recreational policy filed with the commission. The commission may require a ~~campsite~~ permit if it determines that the recreational policy is inconsistent with the commission's comprehensive land use plan.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §685-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 111, §1, is further amended by repealing the 4th blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 682, §14, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 265, §2 and affected by §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶B-2**, as reallocated by RR 2011, c. 2, §8 and affected by §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 270, Pt. D, §2, is further amended to read:

C. A permit is not required for a ~~campsite~~ minor campground in a management district;

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 270, Pt. D, §3, is amended to read:

D. A permit is not required for an offshore wind energy demonstration project approved by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, section 480-HH. Notice of the intent to develop and a map indicating the location of the proposed development must be filed with the commission prior to or concurrently with submission of an application to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, section 480-HH; ~~and~~

**Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

E. A permit or other approval by the commission is not required for a hydropower project that uses tidal or wave action as a source of electrical or mechanical power or is located partly within an organized municipality and partly within an unorganized territory;

**Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. Except for projects that are located in a planned subdistrict that was approved or accepted by the commission for processing prior to September 1, 2012, a permit is not required for those aspects of a project approved by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 5-A if the commission determines that the project is an allowed use within the subdistrict or subdistricts for which it is proposed. Notice of the intent to develop and a map indicating the location of the proposed development must be filed with the commission prior to or concurrently with the submission of a development application to the Department of Environmental Protection;

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Except for projects located in a planned subdistrict approved or accepted by the commission for processing prior to September 1, 2012, a permit from the commission is not required for development requiring a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to:

(1) The site location of development law, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6;

(2) The Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 9; and

(3) The Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act, Title 38, chapter 13.

A person who qualifies for an exception under this paragraph by being required to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a proposed development located wholly or in part within the unorganized or deorganized areas of the State shall file a notice of the intent to develop and a map indicating the location of the proposed development with the commission prior to or concurrently with the submission of an application to the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Department of Environmental Protection must receive certification from the commission that the proposed development is an allowed use within the subdistrict or subdistricts for which it is proposed and that the proposed development meets any land use standard established by the commission that is not considered in the department's review before issuing a permit.

The commission may not certify that a proposed expedited wind energy development, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 4, within the expedited permitting area, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 3, is an allowed use if a relevant petition is pending under Title 35-A, section 3453-A, subsection 1.

This subsection may not be construed as prohibiting the commission from enforcing the land use standards certified to the Department of Environmental Protection under this paragraph; and

**Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. A permit from the commission is not required for the repair or maintenance of county-owned roads, bridges or culverts as long as the repair or maintenance is conducted in accordance with commission standards that pertain to these activities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 12**

**S.P. 106 - L.D. 240**

**An Act to Create Consistency in Retirement Service Benefits Deferral Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§17**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

**17. Member eligible to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages.** A member who meets eligibility requirements to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages may retire and, at the election of the member, defer initiation of service retirement benefits from any plan in which the benefits would be reduced because the member has not reached normal retirement age. The deferral ends when the member reaches normal retirement age for the plan. The election to defer is irrevocable and must be made before payment of a service retirement benefit begins. Service retirement benefits deferred under this subsection must be paid by the retirement system without an early retirement reduction and without any retroactive payment for the deferral period. If the member dies before the end of the deferral period, the deferral of benefits applies to any continuing beneficiary payments for the same deferral period that would have been applicable to the member. This subsection applies to a member with service credit from a participating local district who retires under a plan in this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 13**

**S.P. 115 - L.D. 248**

**An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3022, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. FF, §1, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Appointment of ~~office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations.** The Chief Medical Examiner may appoint ~~one office administrator~~ a Director of Medical Examiner Operations, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner. The ~~office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Chief Medical Examiner. Notwithstanding any ~~other provisions~~ provision of law to the contrary, the compensation of the ~~Chief Medical Examiner's office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations must be fixed by the Chief Medical Examiner subject to approval by the Attorney General.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 14**

**S.P. 117 - L.D. 250**

**An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3028-A, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 335, §1, is amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may assume responsibility for the disposal of identified human remains of a deceased resident of this State that are the subject of a medical examiner case if no one takes custody and control of the human remains for a period of ~~30~~ 15 days after the Chief Medical Examiner has both completed an autopsy or necessary examination of the human remains and made reasonable inquiry under section 3028-D, subsection 1. Such abandoned remains may be interred or cremated. The Chief Medical Examiner shall file or cause to be filed a certificate of abandonment in the municipality where the human remains were recovered that indicates the means of disposal.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 15  
H.P. 208 - L.D. 308**

**An Act to Update the Laws  
Governing the Administration  
of the Animal Welfare  
Advisory Council**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 399, §3, is amended to read:

**6. Administration; meetings.** The council shall elect one of its members as chair. The chair serves for a 2-year period and may not serve as chair for consecutive 2-year periods.

The council shall hold regular public meetings at least every other month but may waive by majority vote a succeeding meeting. The chair shall call special meetings of the council whenever requested in writing by 2 or more members. The council shall send notice and minutes of the meetings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over animal welfare matters.

The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members of the council, either individually or through the formation of subcommittees, to carry out the functions of the council.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 16  
H.P. 413 - L.D. 645**

**An Act to Change the Size and  
Composition of the Board of  
Directors of the Maine Health  
Data Organization**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 71, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Board of directors.** The organization operates under the supervision of a board of directors, which consists of ~~20~~ 12 voting members and one nonvoting member.

A. The Governor shall appoint ~~18~~ 11 board members in accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

(1) ~~Four~~ Two members must represent consumers chosen from a list provided by a

statewide organization representing consumers. For the purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party payor, a provider or an association representing those providers or those 3rd-party payors.

(2) ~~Three~~ Two members must represent employers. One member must be chosen from a list provided by a ~~health management statewide purchasing coalition in this State.~~ One member must be chosen from a list provided by a statewide chamber of commerce.

(3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors chosen from a list provided by a statewide organization representing 3rd-party payors.

(4) ~~Nine~~ Four members must represent health care providers. ~~Two~~ One health care provider ~~members~~ member must represent hospitals and health systems that include hospitals chosen from a list provided by the ~~Maine Hospital Association~~ a statewide association representing hospitals and health systems that include hospitals. Two health care provider members ~~must be physicians or representatives of physicians, one may not be affiliated with a hospital or a health system that includes a hospital and must be chosen from a list provided by the Maine Medical Association and one chosen from a list provided by the Maine Osteopathic Association~~ a statewide association that represents health care providers. One health care provider member must be a pharmacist chosen from a list provided by a statewide association of pharmacists. One provider member must be a doctor of chiropractic chosen from a list provided by a statewide chiropractic association. One provider member must be a representative, chosen from a list provided by the Maine Primary Care Association, of a federally qualified health center. One provider member must be a pharmacist chosen from a list provided by the Maine Pharmacy Association. One provider member must be a mental health provider chosen from a list provided by the Maine Association of Mental Health Services. One provider member must represent a home health care company.

(5) One member must represent the pharmaceutical industry, including pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesale distributors and pharmacy benefits managers, chosen from a list provided by a statewide association representing life sciences companies.

B. ~~The commissioner shall appoint one member who is an employee of the department to represent the State's interest in maintaining health data and to~~

~~ensure that information collected is available for determining public health policy. Director of the Office of MaineCare Services or the director's designee shall serve as a member of the board.~~

~~D. The Executive Director of Dirigo Health, or a designee of the executive director who is an employee of Dirigo Health, shall serve as a voting member.~~

~~E. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation, or the commissioner's designee who is an employee of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, shall serve in a nonvoting, consultative capacity.~~

~~F. The executive director of the organization shall serve as a nonvoting member of the board.~~

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 253, §4, is further amended to read:

A. The terms of board members appointed by the Governor are determined as follows.

~~(1) Initial terms are staggered. One consumer, one employer, one 3rd party payor and 3 providers shall serve one year terms. Two consumers, one employer, one 3rd party payor and 3 providers shall serve 2-year terms.~~

~~(2) After the initial terms, members~~ Members appointed by the Governor shall serve full 3-year terms and shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.

~~(3) Board members may serve 3 full terms consecutively.~~

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 17**

**H.P. 459 - L.D. 720**

**An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4353, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

**22. Federal home loan bank.** "Federal home loan bank" means an institution established under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, 12 United States Code, Sections 1421 to 1449.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4353, sub-§23** is enacted to read:

**23. Insurer member.** "Insurer member" means an insurer that is a member of a federal home loan bank.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4.** Notwithstanding subsections 1, 2 or 3 or any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a person may not for more than 10 days be restrained, enjoined or prohibited from exercising or enforcing any right or cause of action under any pledge, security, credit, collateral, loan, advance, reimbursement, guarantee agreement or arrangement or any similar agreement, arrangement or other credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5.** A federal home loan bank exercising its rights regarding collateral pledged by an insurer member of the federal home loan bank shall, within 7 days of receiving a redemption request made by the insurer member, repurchase the insurer member's outstanding capital stock in excess of the amount the insurer member must hold as a minimum investment. The federal home loan bank shall repurchase the excess outstanding capital stock only to the extent that the federal home loan bank determines in good faith that the repurchase is:

A. Permissible under federal law, federal regulation and the federal home loan bank's capital plan; and

B. Consistent with the capital stock practices currently applicable to the federal home loan bank's entire membership.

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6.** No later than 10 days after the date of appointment of a receiver in a proceeding under this chapter involving an insurer member of a federal home loan bank, the federal home loan bank shall provide to the superintendent a process and a timeline for the following:

A. The release of any collateral held by the federal home loan bank that exceeds the amount that is required to support the secured obligations of the insurer member and is remaining after any repayment of loans as determined under any applicable agreement between the federal home loan bank and the insurer member;

B. The release of any collateral of the insurer member remaining in the federal home loan bank's possession following repayment in full of all outstanding secured obligations of the insurer member;

C. The payment of fees owed by the insurer member and the operation, maintenance, closure or dis-

position of deposits and other accounts of the insurer member, as mutually agreed upon by the superintendent and the federal home loan bank; and

D. Any redemption or repurchase of federal home loan bank stock or excess stock of any class that the insurer member is required to own under any agreement between the federal home loan bank and the insurer member.

**Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

7. Upon the request of the superintendent in a proceeding under this chapter involving an insurer member of a federal home loan bank, the federal home loan bank shall provide to the superintendent any available option for the insurer member to renew or restructure a loan. In determining any available option, the federal home loan bank may consider market conditions, the terms of any loans outstanding to the insurer member, the applicable policies of the federal home loan bank and the federal laws and regulations applicable to the federal home loan bank.

**Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4375-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Avoidance of transfers.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, 2, 3 or 4 or any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a receiver, rehabilitator, liquidator or any other person may not:

A. Avoid any transfer of or any obligation to transfer money or other property arising under or in connection with any pledge, security, credit, collateral, loan, advance, reimbursement or guarantee agreement or arrangement or any similar agreement, arrangement or other credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party that is made, incurred or assumed prior to or after the filing of a successful petition for rehabilitation or liquidation under this chapter, or otherwise would be subject to avoidance under this section, except the avoidance of a transfer under this section if the transfer was made with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud the insurer, a receiver appointed for the insurer or an existing or future creditor; and

B. Avoid any preference arising under or in connection with any pledge, security, credit, collateral, loan, advance, reimbursement or guarantee agreement or arrangement or any similar agreement, arrangement or other credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.

See title page for effective date.

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**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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(There were none.)



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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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**CHAPTER 1  
H.P. 210 - L.D. 310**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative  
Review of Portions of Chapter  
100: Enforcement Procedures,  
a Major Substantive Rule of  
the Maine Health Data  
Organization**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 25, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 2  
H.P. 468 - L.D. 729**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative  
Review of Chapter 800:  
Uniform Reporting of  
Wholesale Acquisition Costs  
for Insulin, a Major  
Substantive Rule of the Maine  
Health Data Organization**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 800: Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 25, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 3  
H.P. 334 - L.D. 516**

**Resolve, to Name the Bridge  
Between Milford and Old  
Town the Alton L. Drinkwater  
Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Old Town and Milford named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2630 on Center Street, which crosses the East Channel of the Penobscot River between the City of Old Town and the Town of Milford, the Alton L. Drinkwater Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 4  
S.P. 198 - L.D. 464**

**Resolve, to Rename the  
Brackett Mill Bridge in  
Denmark the Brackett Mill  
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Denmark renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5410 on West Main Street, which crosses Moose Pond Outlet in the Town of Denmark and is currently known as the Brackett Mill Bridge, the Brackett Mill Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 5  
S.P. 197 - L.D. 463**

**Resolve, to Rename the New  
Ten Mile River Bridge on  
Pequawket Trail in Brownfield  
the Brownfield Veterans  
Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Brownfield renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5860 on Pequawket Trail, which crosses Ten Mile Brook in the Town of Brownfield and is currently known as the New Ten Mile Brook Bridge, the Brownfield Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 6  
S.P. 193 - L.D. 460**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in  
Newfield the Dam's Mills  
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Newfield renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5313 on Bridge Street, which crosses the Little Ossipee River in the Town of Newfield and is currently known as the Dam's Mills Bridge, the Dam's Mills Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 7  
H.P. 245 - L.D. 345**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in  
the Town of Roque Bluffs the  
Hope Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Roque Bluffs renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3964 on Johnson Cove Road in the Town of Roque Bluffs, which crosses the Englishman River and is currently known as the Englishman River Bridge, the Hope Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 8  
S.P. 87 - L.D. 200**

**Resolve, to Rename the Sebago  
Lake Road Crossing Bridge in  
the Town of Standish**

**Sec. 1. Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in Standish renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3907 on Chadbourne Road in the Town of Standish, currently known as the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge, the Town of Standish Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 9  
H.P. 95 - L.D. 162**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in  
the Town of Carmel the Kevin  
M. Howell Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Carmel renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2976 on Main Road, which crosses the

former Maine Central Railroad line in the Town of Carmel and is currently known as the Maine Central Railroad Crossing Bridge, the Kevin M. Howell Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 10**

**H.P. 43 - L.D. 79**

**Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Main Street Bridge between Biddeford and Saco renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3423, which crosses the Saco River West Channel on Main Street between the City of Biddeford and the City of Saco and is currently called the Main Street Bridge, the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 11**

**S.P. 59 - L.D. 37**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Old Orchard Beach renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3643 on Seaside Avenue in the Town of Old Orchard Beach, which crosses Goose Fare Creek and is currently known as the Goose Fare Bridge, the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.



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**CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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(There were none.)



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PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025

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CHAPTER 18  
H.P. 626 - L.D. 966

**An Act Allowing Access by  
State Agencies and Hospitals to  
Certain Confidential Probate  
Court Records**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** individuals in probate court proceedings involving adult guardianship, conservatorship and special arrangements have acute issues that need addressing; and

**Whereas,** state agencies and hospitals have limited ability to address these issues due to the inability to access confidential information and records involved in the proceedings; and

**Whereas,** the public interest requires prompt attention to these issues or the individuals and public interest may suffer harm or other adverse consequences; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-205, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Access for public interest purposes; confidentiality extended.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an authorized employee or legal counsel of the following may access and review a probate court record related to a minor guardianship proceeding under this Article to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest:

A. The Department of Health and Human Services;

B. The Office of the Attorney General;

C. An agency designated by the Governor to provide protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities pursuant to Title 5, section 19502; and

D. A hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 404 or 405.

A person that receives information or a record under this subsection may use the information or record only for the purpose for which accessing the information or record is intended and shall comply with any confidentiality law, rule or regulation limiting further disclosure of the information or record.

**Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**2. Access to court records.** An adult subject of a proceeding for a guardianship, whether or not a guardian is appointed, any attorney designated by the adult ~~and~~ or appointed by the court to represent the adult, a person entitled to notice under section 5-310, subsection 5 and a person listed under subsection 3-A are entitled to access court records of the proceeding and resulting guardianship, including a guardian's report or plan. In addition, a person for good cause may petition the court for access to court records of the guardianship, including an annual report or guardian's plan. The court shall grant access if access is in the best interest of the respondent or adult subject to guardianship or furthers the public interest and does not endanger the welfare or financial interest of the adult.

**Sec. 3. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§3, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

D. An agent appointed under a power of attorney for health care or advance health care directive, or power of attorney for finances in which the respondent is identified as the principal, unless the court orders otherwise; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§3, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. A person listed under subsection 3-A; and

**Sec. 5. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Access for public interest purposes; confidentiality extended.** An authorized employee or legal counsel of the following may access and review a probate court record related to an adult guardianship proceeding under this Article to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest:

A. The Department of Health and Human Services;

B. The Office of the Attorney General;

C. An agency designated by the Governor to provide protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities pursuant to Title 5, section 19502;

D. A hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 404 or 405; and

E. A nonprofit organization that provides civil legal services to elderly residents of the State and that receives funding from the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund established in Title 4, section 18-A.

A person that receives information or a record under this subsection may use the information or record only for the purpose for which accessing the information or record is intended and shall comply with any confidentiality law, rule or regulation limiting further disclosure of the information or record.

**Sec. 6. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 4, §12, is further amended to read:

**4. Effective date.** This section takes effect ~~April 1, 2025~~ January 15, 2026 or on the effective date of amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section, whichever is earlier. The State Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section have taken effect.

**Sec. 7. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**2. Access to records.** An individual subject to a proceeding for a conservatorship, whether or not a conservator is appointed, an attorney designated by the individual ~~and~~ or appointed by the court to represent the individual, a person entitled to notice under section 5-411 or a subsequent order ~~and~~ a person listed under subsection 3-A are entitled to access court records of the proceeding and resulting conservatorship, including the conservator's plan and report. In addition, a person for good cause may petition the court for access to court records of the conservatorship, including the conservator's plan and report. The court shall grant access if access is in the best interest of the respondent or individual subject to conservatorship or furthers the public interest and does not endanger the welfare or financial interests of the respondent or individual.

**Sec. 8. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

D. An agent appointed under a power of attorney for finances in which the respondent is identified as the principal, unless the court orders otherwise; ~~and~~

**Sec. 9. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§3, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. A person listed under subsection 3-A; and

**Sec. 10. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Access for public interest purposes; confidentiality extended.** An authorized employee or legal counsel of the following may access and review a probate court record related to a conservatorship proceeding under this Article to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest:

A. The Department of Health and Human Services;

B. The Office of the Attorney General;

C. An agency designated by the Governor to provide protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities pursuant to Title 5, section 19502;

D. A hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 404 or 405; and

E. A nonprofit organization that provides civil legal services to elderly residents of the State and that receives funding from the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund established in Title 4, section 18-A.

A person that receives information or a record under this subsection may use the information or record only for the purpose for which accessing the information or record is intended and shall comply with any confidentiality law, rule or regulation limiting further disclosure of the information or record.

**Sec. 11. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 4, §13, is further amended to read:

**4. Effective date.** This section takes effect ~~April 1, 2025~~ January 15, 2026 or on the effective date of amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section, whichever is earlier. The State Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section have taken effect.

**Sec. 12. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**2. Access to records.** A respondent, an individual subject to a proceeding for one or more protective arrangements instead of guardianship or conservatorship, an attorney designated by the respondent or individual,

an attorney appointed by the court to represent the respondent or individual, a parent of a minor subject to one or more protective arrangements, a person listed under subsection 3-A and any other person the court determines are entitled to access court records of the proceeding and resulting protective arrangement. A person not otherwise entitled to access to court records under this subsection may petition the court for access. The court shall grant access if access is in the best interest of the respondent or individual subject to the protective arrangements or furthers the public interest and does not endanger the welfare or financial interests of the respondent or individual.

**Sec. 13. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

E. If the order is for one or more protective arrangements instead of guardianship and unless the court directs otherwise, an agent appointed under a power of attorney for health care in which the respondent is identified as the principal; ~~and~~

**Sec. 14. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§3, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

E-1. A person listed under subsection 3-A; and

**Sec. 15. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Access for public interest purposes; confidentiality extended.** An authorized employee or legal counsel of the following may access and review a probate court record related to a protective arrangement under this Article to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest:

A. The Department of Health and Human Services;

B. The Office of the Attorney General;

C. An agency designated by the Governor to provide protection and advocacy for persons with disabilities pursuant to Title 5, section 19502;

D. A hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 404 or 405; and

E. A nonprofit organization that provides civil legal services to elderly residents of the State and that receives funding from the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund established in Title 4, section 18-A.

A person that receives information or a record under this subsection may use the information or record only for the purpose for which accessing the information or record is intended and shall comply with any confidentiality law, rule or regulation limiting further disclosure of the information or record.

**Sec. 16. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 4, §14, is further amended to read:

**4. Effective date.** This section takes effect ~~April 1, 2025~~ January 15, 2026 or on the effective date of amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section, whichever is earlier. The State Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure incorporating the substantive requirements of this section have taken effect.

**Sec. 17. Rules.** The Supreme Judicial Court shall adopt amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure to carry out the provisions of this Act. The amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure must include provisions specifying, with respect to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 5-205, subsection 11; section 5-308, subsection 3-A; section 5-409, subsection 3-A; and section 5-511, subsection 3-A, referred to in this section as "the specified sections of the Maine Uniform Probate Code":

1. How an entity or agency described in the specified sections of the Maine Uniform Probate Code shall designate an employee as authorized to access and to review probate court records to carry out an official function, duty or responsibility in the public interest;

2. The process by which an entity or agency must communicate to the register of probate and any electronic filing system its designation of an employee who must have the ability to access and to review probate court records pursuant to the specified sections of the Maine Uniform Probate Code; and

3. The process by which a register of probate shall provide access to individuals authorized to access probate court records pursuant to the specified sections of the Maine Uniform Probate Code.

**Sec. 18. Reports required.** The Supreme Judicial Court shall submit an initial report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than May 1, 2025 and a 2nd report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than June 1, 2025, each of which must:

1. Summarize the Supreme Judicial Court's progress toward adopting amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure as required by this Act; and

2. Identify the estimated date by which those amendments to the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure required by this Act will take effect.

The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out legislation in response to either report to any regular or special session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect April 1, 2025 except for that section of this Act that requires

rulemaking by the Supreme Judicial Court, which takes effect when approved.

Effective April 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 19**

**S.P. 201 - L.D. 466**

**An Act to Extend the Law  
Governing Electric Power and  
Service Residential Rates for  
Military Veterans'  
Organizations**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to ensure the law governing electric power and service residential rates for military veterans' organizations remains effective; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3109, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 244, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Repeal.** This section is repealed ~~September 1, 2025~~ October 1, 2027.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 2025.

**CHAPTER 20**

**H.P. 587 - L.D. 922**

**An Act to Amend the  
Procedure for Filing a Petition  
to Terminate Parental Rights  
and Responsibilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1658, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

**1-A. Filing and contents of petition.** A petition to terminate parental rights and responsibilities must be filed in the District Court ~~and in the same case as a prior~~

~~adjudication of parental rights and responsibilities, if any.~~ The petition must be sworn and must include at least the following:

- A. The name and date and place of birth of the child;
- B. The name and address of the petitioner and the nature of the petitioner's relationship to the child;
- C. The name of each of the child's parents;
- D. A summary statement of the alleged facts that the petitioner believes constitute grounds for termination under subsection 2;
- E. A statement of the effects of a termination order; and
- F. A statement that the parent whose rights and responsibilities are the subject of the petition to terminate parental rights and responsibilities is entitled to legal counsel in the termination proceedings and that, if the parent wants an attorney and is unable to afford one, the parent should contact the court as soon as possible to request appointed counsel.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 21**

**S.P. 299 - L.D. 683**

**An Act to Clarify the Law  
Governing the Minimum  
Indirect Financial Interest  
Disclosure Requirement for  
Liquor Licenses**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §651, sub-§2, ¶A-1,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 633, §2, is amended to read:

A-1. An applicant shall disclose any person that holds an indirect financial interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought. For the purposes of this paragraph, "indirect financial interest" means:

- (1) An option, warrant or other right to acquire an equity interest in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought; or
- (2) A right to payment of, or a right to payment based upon, all or any portion of revenues, profits or losses derived from the operations under a license or certificate of approval issued under this Title of the person for which

a license or certificate of approval is sought, including, but not limited to, profit sharing, revenue sharing or royalty payments.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 22**

**S.P. 269 - L.D. 586**

**An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4110, sub-§3, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified distance of the plaintiff or prohibiting the defendant from being present at a specific location;

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

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**CHAPTER 23**

**H.P. 310 - L.D. 481**

**An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6103, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Issuance of warrant prior to default; commission review.** A district that makes a determination regarding the district's anticipated revenues under this section may borrow money and issue a warrant in accordance with this subsection.

A. Notwithstanding subsection 1, if, prior to a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the water district, the district makes a reasonable determination that the district's anticipated revenues from the normal payment of water charges for services rendered for the period beginning on the date of the determination and ending on the last day of the then-current fiscal year will not

be sufficient to pay the district's anticipated operating expenses for the same period, the district may borrow money in an amount sufficient to make the payment of principal and interest and other transaction costs related to the borrowing, and the trustees, directors or managing board of the district may issue the district's warrant immediately to those portions of the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest.

When making the determination under this paragraph, the district shall include:

(1) In its anticipated revenues, all other cash or funds held by or on behalf of the district that are available to pay its anticipated operating expenses and other expected or obligated expenditures; and

(2) In its anticipated operating expenses, all other expected or obligated expenditures, including any obligation to replenish a reserve fund established with respect to the note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness.

B. Within 30 days of the date the trustees, directors or managing board of the district issues the district's warrant pursuant to paragraph A, the district shall prepare and submit a financial management plan to the commission and each municipality that constitutes the district. The commission shall provide an opportunity for affected municipalities to provide input on the financial management plan, and the commission may in its discretion commence a proceeding to examine the financial management plan.

C. This subsection applies to a district when the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district have previously approved this section or former Title 35, section 3211. For any other district, this subsection applies when approval pursuant to subsection 6 is obtained.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 24**

**S.P. 120 - L.D. 254**

**An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-V** is enacted to read:

**§150-V. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

The month of November of each year is designated as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 25**

**H.P. 65 - L.D. 100**

**An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§6**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 1, §10, is amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding this subsection, the bureau may select a person or persons to perform professional, architectural or engineering services from the list described in this subsection ~~without advertising or competitive selection~~ if the cost of the services does not exceed ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000. The bureau shall solicit names for placement on a list by placing a general advertisement for professional, architectural or engineering services in newspapers that taken together have general circulation throughout the State. The bureau may substitute advertisement in professional journals or other publications that it finds equally effective in reaching the intended audience. The bureau may require persons responding to the advertisement to complete a qualifying questionnaire designed to address experience and expertise in performing the type of work advertised. The bureau shall prepare a list of respondents that it determines qualified and update the list at least every 2 years.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 26**

**H.P. 38 - L.D. 74**

**An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6209, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 196, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Review cycle.** The commissioner shall conduct a review of the content standards and performance indicators by content area on a ~~5-year cycle beginning in the 2015-2016~~ 7-year cycle beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The review of the content standards and performance indicators for the content area of social studies, including student achievement of proficiency in personal finance, must be included in the commissioner's review ~~during the 2015-2016 school year~~. Any changes that are recommended must be approved through the same process used for establishment of the system of learning results. ~~Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the~~ The commissioner shall review and make recommendations for objective measures that may be used to substantiate school certifications of postsecondary readiness. The review of the content standards and performance indicators for the content area of health, physical education and wellness, including instruction on affirmative consent, communication and decision making regarding sexual activity and the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the ability to give affirmative consent, communicate and make appropriate decisions, must be included in the commissioner's review ~~beginning in the 2019-2020 school year~~.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 27**

**H.P. 493 - L.D. 751**

**An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Related to the Training of Dogs and Open Training Seasons**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, a provision of law allowing for the training of dogs to hunt bear in portions of Washington County and Hancock County is due to be repealed on May 1, 2025; and

**Whereas**, allowing this provision to lapse could have implications for unwanted bear-landowner interactions; and

**Whereas**, enactment of this legislation would continue to authorize the training of dogs for bear hunting in portions of Washington County and Hancock County; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 172, §1, is amended to read:

D. Notwithstanding paragraph C, ~~until May 1, 2025~~, in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9, a resident may train up to 6 dogs at any one time on bear from July 1st to the 4th day preceding the open season on hunting bear except that permission is required to train dogs on land used for wild blueberry production.

~~This paragraph is repealed May 1, 2025.~~

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 2025.

**CHAPTER 28**

**H.P. 523 - L.D. 816**

**An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, this legislation amends the law governing the emptying of elver fyke nets; and

**Whereas**, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately in order for these changes to be in place before the beginning of the next elver fishing season in March 2025; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 81, §1, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Licensed activity.** The holder of an elver fishing license or elver fishing license with crew may fish for, take or possess elvers. The holder of an elver fishing license or elver fishing license with crew may transport and sell within state limits elvers that the license holder has taken. The holder of an elver fishing license with crew is liable for the licensed activities under this subsection of an unlicensed crew member assisting that license holder pursuant to subsection 1-B.

The license holder to whom a tag is issued or the unlicensed crew member may empty an elver fyke net. The license holder to whom a tag is issued may allow an individual who also holds an elver fishing license to empty the elver fyke net of the license holder whose tag is on the net while under that license holder's direct supervision.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 2025.

**CHAPTER 29**

**H.P. 4 - L.D. 40**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Transfer of license.** A person may not transfer a commercial large game shooting area license without obtaining approval of the commissioner for the transfer. Department approval must be obtained prior to the transfer of the license. The department, at its discretion, may require that the proposed new licensee apply for a new license or may approve the transfer of the existing license upon a satisfactory showing that the proposed new licensee can abide by the license terms and conditions and comply with subsection 2.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1342-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 249, §6, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

A license issued under this section is for a specific parcel of land and only for the genus and species of large game specified in the license. The requirements and restrictions under section 1342, subsections 3, 4, ~~§ 5-A~~, 6 and 7 and rules adopted under subsection 8 apply to licenses issued under this section. A person issued a license under this section shall establish and maintain the licensed commercial large game shooting area in accordance with section 1342, subsection 2, paragraphs A to E.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 30  
H.P. 448 - L.D. 709**

**An Act to Establish the Respite  
for ME Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7308**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 487, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§7308. Respite for ME Program**

The Respite for ME Program is established in the department. The department shall administer the Respite for ME Program for the purpose of providing respite care, as described in the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, 42 United States Code, Section 3030s-1(b)(4), and supplemental services, as described in 42 United States Code, Section 3030s-1(b)(5), for family caregivers as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 3022(3) and older relative caregivers as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 3030s(a)(4).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 31  
H.P. 36 - L.D. 72**

**An Act to Designate the Spring  
Peeper as the Official State  
Amphibian**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §232** is enacted to read:

**§232. State amphibian**

The spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*) is the official state amphibian.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 32  
H.P. 37 - L.D. 73**

**An Act to Designate the Wood  
Turtle as the Official State  
Reptile**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §232** is enacted to read:

**§232. State reptile**

The wood turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) is the official state reptile.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 33  
S.P. 29 - L.D. 1**

**An Act to Increase Storm  
Preparedness for Maine's  
Communities, Homes and  
Infrastructure**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the winter storms of December 18, 2023, January 9, 2024 and January 13, 2024 caused an estimated \$90,000,000 of damage to public infrastructure and significant additional damage to private property, including homes, wharves and businesses; and

**Whereas**, the damage demonstrates an urgent need for increased preparedness for improved resiliency from future extreme weather events; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency has obligated the existing balance of the Disaster Recovery Fund to fund the state match for funding for previously declared disasters and requires additional funding to fully fund the state cost share for funding for current open disasters; and

**Whereas**, the Maine Emergency Management Agency currently lacks the capacity to apply for competitive hazard mitigation grant funds, improve much-needed statewide emergency systems and provide matching funds needed for United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster and hazard mitigation loan funds; and

**Whereas**, in its November report to the Governor, the State of Maine Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission recommended a set of immediate actions to improve emergency communication, increase community resilience, prepare for future extreme weather events and increase public safety; and

**Whereas**, county, municipal and tribal leaders, regional planners, state agencies and emergency managers at the state, county and local level lack up-to-date hydrological and sea level rise modeling data and are operating with outdated Federal Emergency Management Agency maps; and

**Whereas**, only 1.3% of all homes and buildings in the State are covered under the National Flood Insurance Program, a number that has declined while people

in the State who do have flood insurance are filing more claims; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 24-A MRSA c. 101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 101**

**HOME RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

**§7701. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Administrator.** "Administrator" means the bureau or an entity with which the bureau contracts for the administration of the program.

**2. Fund.** "Fund" means the Home Resiliency Fund established in section 7702.

**3. Grant.** "Grant" means the award of funds for an approved project.

**4. Home resiliency project; project.** "Home resiliency project" or "project" means a project designed to make a home more resistant to damage from extreme weather events.

**5. Program.** "Program" means the Home Resiliency Program established in section 7702.

**§7702. Home Resiliency Program**

**1. Program established.** The Home Resiliency Program is established within and under the direction of the bureau to provide grants to homeowners for the purpose of performing home resiliency projects.

**2. Home Resiliency Fund.** The Home Resiliency Fund is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account administered by the bureau for the purposes of funding the program. The bureau may transfer available balances from other bureau accounts to the fund, and the fund may receive money from any gift, grant, contribution, legislative appropriation, allocation or transfer or bond proceeds. The money in the fund may be used only for the purpose of awarding grants under the program and paying the costs of the administration of the program.

**3. Program administration.** The bureau may contract with other entities for the administration of the program and other services, including, but not limited to:

A. Promotion of the program, including the creation and maintenance of a publicly accessible website containing information about the program;

B. Development of an application form;

C. Verification of applicant eligibility;

D. Determination and distribution of grants;

E. Establishment of standards for project completion, including contractor approval;

F. Verification of project completion;

G. Development of a mechanism for the return of unused grant money;

H. Development of a list of home resiliency projects that would be eligible for a grant; and

I. Development of standards to be used to determine whether a home resiliency project has been completed satisfactorily.

**4. Program eligibility.** An individual is eligible for a grant if the individual:

A. Has not previously received a grant under the program;

B. Submits an application on a form approved by the administrator;

C. In the application submitted under paragraph B, designates a home resiliency project from the list approved pursuant to subsection 5 to be performed on a home:

(1) Owned by the applicant;

(2) In which the applicant resides as the applicant's permanent residence; and

(3) That was not the subject of a previous home resiliency project; and

D. Submits all information regarding the individual, the individual's home and the proposed home resiliency project as required by the bureau and the administrator.

**5. Home resiliency projects; list.** The bureau and the administrator of the project shall approve a list of prospective projects eligible for grants under the program. The administrator shall publish the list of approved prospective home resiliency projects in the promotional materials for the program and on the publicly accessible website maintained to promote the program.

**6. Grant determination.** The bureau may establish 2 or more tiers of eligibility based on factors that reflect the income or financial means of the applicant. The bureau shall set maximum grant amounts and, if income or financial means tiers are established, shall set the maximum grant amounts for each tier. The administrator shall make grants under the program to eligible persons. The administrator shall review applications in

the order in which they are received. An application is considered received when all required information has been submitted. The administrator shall award grants under the program until funds in the fund are exhausted.

7. Post-grant verification. The recipient of a grant under the program shall provide to the administrator information that is required by the administrator and that is sufficient to allow the administrator to verify that the home resiliency project has been completed within the standards developed under subsection 3 for home resiliency project completion within 2 years of the grant. The recipient of a grant shall return to the administrator any funds provided to the recipient but not used for the approved project.

8. No private right of action. This chapter does not provide an express or implied private right of action.

9. Rulemaking. The superintendent may adopt rules necessary to implement the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**§7703. Date of grants**

The bureau and the administrator are not required to award a grant before May 1, 2026.

**Sec. A-2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Home Resiliency Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Home Resiliency Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Home Resiliency Fund N964**

Initiative: Provides an allocation for the Home Resiliency Fund to provide grants to homeowners to reduce their risks and losses in future storm events, including roof damage prevention, basement flooding risk reduction and targeted interventions that have been proven to reduce risks from extreme weather events.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 37-B MRSA §747** is enacted to read:

**§747. Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund**

1. Fund established. The Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund administered by the agency for the purpose of providing a state match for United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster and hazard mitigation revolving low-interest loan funds to support county, municipal and tribal government infrastructure projects that reduce risks from extreme weather events and other natural hazards such as flooding and damaging winds to the extent allowed by federal laws and regulations.

2. Sources of funding. The fund consists of any money received from the following sources:

- A. Contributions from private sources;
- B. Federal funds and grant awards;
- C. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes for which the fund is established; and
- D. Any other funds received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

3. Disbursements from fund. The agency shall apply the money in the fund to provide for grants and loans to support municipal and tribal government infrastructure projects that reduce risks from extreme weather events and other natural hazards such as flooding and damaging winds to the extent allowed by federal laws and regulations.

4. Rulemaking. The agency may adopt rules as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the fund and to meet state and federal requirements for the proper administration of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. B-2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Recovery Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$10,000,000 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account

within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Recovery Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. B-3. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$477,313 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. B-4. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$800,000 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. B-5. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$750,000 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. B-6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Contract/Grant Specialist position through June 18, 2027 and provides allocation for related All Other costs to function as the State's first Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund administrator and to support county, municipal and tribal governments in applying for and receiving other United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency funding sources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$96,275	\$103,555
All Other	\$7,605	\$7,711
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$103,880	\$111,266

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Communications System Manager position through June 18, 2027 and provides allocation for related All Other costs necessary to serve as the State's integrated public alert and warning coordinator.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$118,165	\$127,560
All Other	\$8,132	\$8,310
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,297	\$135,870

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides allocation to support a 2-year initiative to update the Maine Emergency Management Agency's communications technology and warning systems statewide and provide for technology purchases, universal language systems, training and education in all counties to improve communications before, during and after emergency and disaster events.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$800,000	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$800,000	\$500

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Disaster Recovery Fund to meet state funding requirements for emergency declarations.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund N500**

Initiative: Provides allocation to provide for the state match for a federal grant from the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund, which provides capital to states to establish revolving loan funds that provide hazard mitigation assistance to county, municipal and tribal governments to reduce risks from extreme weather events and other natural hazards such as flooding and damaging winds, as allowed by federal laws and regulations. The loans are meant to complement grant assistance and help advance county, municipal and tribal projects through low-interest loans.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>

<b>DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,780,177</b>	<b>\$248,636</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$11,780,677</b></u>	<u><b>\$249,136</b></u>

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §3109, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOO, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Program established; administration.** The Community Resilience Partnership Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the office to provide direction, assistance and grants to communities in the State to help the communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and

become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The office State Resilience Office established in section 3211 shall administer the program to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the State's emissions reduction targets under Title 38, section 576-A and the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577.

**Sec. C-2. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 1** is enacted by adding before section 3201 the following to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 1**

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Sec. C-3. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 2** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 2**

**STATE RESILIENCE OFFICE**

**§3211. State Resilience Office**

**1. Establishment; duties; administration.** The State Resilience Office is established within the office. The State Resilience Office shall coordinate and assist implementation of the State's resilience policies and activities designed to improve resistance to extreme weather events; collaborate with state agencies, county, municipal and tribal governments, regional councils and county, local and tribal emergency management agencies and other stakeholders to harmonize policy objectives and implementation of resilience policies and activities designed to improve resistance to extreme weather events across all levels of government; promote natural hazard risk management across all levels of government; assist county, municipal and tribal governments in this State to manage risks from extreme weather events and natural hazards, such as flooding and damaging winds, through planning, technical assistance and financial support; and prioritize and coordinate projects for federal funding.

**2. Administration of certain programs.** The State Resilience Office shall administer the Community Resilience Partnership Program established in section 3109, the floodplain management program established in Title 12, section 408 and the State Floodplain Mapping Fund established in Title 12, section 409.

**3. Report.** Annually, beginning October 1, 2026, the State Resilience Office shall report to the Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters on the uses, activities and outcomes supported by funds from the transfer made pursuant to Title 24-A, section 606.

**4. Rulemaking.** The State Resilience Office may adopt rules as necessary for the proper administration of

this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### **§3212. State Resilience Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The State Resilience Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund administered by the office for the purpose of providing funds for the mitigation of risk to communities, buildings and infrastructure from extreme weather events and other natural hazards such as flooding and damaging winds.

**2. Sources of funding.** The fund consists of any money received from the following sources:

- A. Contributions from private sources;
- B. Federal funds and grant awards;
- C. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes for which the fund is established; and
- D. Any state or other funds received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

**3. Disbursements from fund.** The office shall apply funds in the fund to support data, planning tools, technical assistance and project funding designed to increase the resilience of county, municipal and tribal governments, state and local infrastructure, businesses and other state entities to risks from extreme weather events and natural hazards such as flooding and damaging winds.

**Sec. C-4. 12 MRSA §408**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. HH, §1 and affected by §7 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

#### **§408. Floodplain management**

The floodplain management program is established within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and is administered by the State Resilience Office established in Title 5, section 3211. The ~~department~~ State Resilience Office shall serve as the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60 and in that capacity shall oversee delivery of technical assistance and resources to municipalities for the purpose of floodplain management activities and shall administer the State Floodplain Mapping Fund under section 409.

**Sec. C-5. 12 MRSA §409**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. HH, §2 and affected by §7 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

#### **§409. State Floodplain Mapping Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The State Floodplain Mapping Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is

established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund administered by in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the purpose of providing funds for the mapping of floodplains in the State using light detection and ranging technology.

**2. Sources of funding.** The fund consists of any money received from the following sources:

- A. Contributions from private sources;
- B. Federal funds and awards;
- C. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes for which the fund is established; and
- D. Any other funds received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

**3. Disbursements from the fund.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall apply the money in the fund toward the support of floodplain mapping in the State, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of light detection and ranging elevation data and the processing and production of floodplain maps.

**4. Administration of the fund.** The State Resilience Office established in Title 5, section 3211 shall administer the fund.

**Sec. C-6. 24-A MRSA §606** is enacted to read:

#### **§606. Annual transfer**

Annually, beginning with the 2027-28 fiscal year, within 90 days following the end of the immediately prior fiscal year, and upon verification by the superintendent that sufficient surplus funds exist, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,755,000 from available balances in the bureau's Other Special Revenue Funds account to the State Resilience Fund established in Title 5, section 3212.

**Sec. C-7. Transfers from available fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before 90 days following the effective date of this Act, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,633,040 from available balances in the Insurance - Bureau of, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. C-8. Transition provisions; Community Resilience Partnership Program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the administration of the Community Resilience Partnership Program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title

5, section 3109, from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Office.

1. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted for the Community Resilience Partnership Program in the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Office.

2. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Community Resilience Partnership Program continue in effect.

3. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Community Resilience Partnership Program in the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future become, on the effective date of this Act, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Office.

4. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Community Resilience Partnership Program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Office until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances remaining in the Community Resilience Partnership Program Other Special Revenue Funds account and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs, State Resilience Office no later than October 1, 2025.

**Sec. C-9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**State Resilience Fund N965**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position in the State Resilience Office to be the geospatial data science manager and provides allocation for related All Other costs, including data storage costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,255	\$151,265
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$190,255	\$201,265

**State Resilience Fund N965**

Initiative: Provides one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the State Resilience Office to develop, as part of a so-called Flood-Ready Maine project, an inland, coastal and riverine hydrologic model, a new online community risk data hub of flood risk and other hazard information for public use and to update flood maps.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,750,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,750,000	\$0

**State Resilience Fund N965**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position in the State Resilience Office to be the coordinator of the certified floodplain regional program and provides allocation for related All Other costs and for the State Resilience Office, in partnership with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, to expand state and regional capacity to assist county, municipal and tribal governments through grants to regional service providers to employ regional certified floodplain managers and to provide technical assistance, public engagement and county, municipal and tribal government training to support flood risk reduction, reduced insurance rates and increased participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,255	\$151,265
All Other	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,740,255	\$1,751,265

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$7,680,510	\$1,952,530

**Sec. C-10. Contingent effective date; continuation of obligations.** Those sections of this Part that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3109, subsection 2 and Title 12, sections 408 and 409 and that portion of this Part that enacts Title 5, section 3211, subsection 2 are contingent on the State Resilience Office established in Title 5, section 3211 receiving funds sufficient to administer the floodplain management program established in Title 12, section 408,

the State Floodplain Mapping Fund established in Title 12, section 409 and the Community Resilience Partnership Program established in Title 5, section 3109. Until that contingency is met, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall continue to administer the floodplain management program and the State Floodplain Mapping Fund and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall continue to administer the Community Resilience Partnership Program. The Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when the State Resilience Office receives funds sufficient to administer the programs under this section.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 22, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

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**CHAPTER 34  
S.P. 14 - L.D. 5**

**An Act to Clarify the Law  
Regarding Prior Authorization  
for Air Ambulances**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Public Law 2023, chapter 591 prohibits a health insurance carrier from requiring an air ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature intended to limit the application of that provision to air ambulance service providers that are nonprofit organizations; and

**Whereas,** the language clarifying that the provision applied to air ambulance service providers that are nonprofit organizations was inadvertently omitted from Public Law 2023, chapter 591; and

**Whereas,** this legislation corrects that omission and must take effect as soon as possible in order to effectuate the Legislature's intent; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303-F, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 591, §3, is further amended to read:

E. A carrier may not require a ground ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital, between hospitals or from a hospital to a nursing home, hospice care facility or other health care facility, as defined in Title 22, section 328, subsection 8. A carrier may not require an air ambulance service provider that is a nonprofit organization to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care.

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to August 9, 2024.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 22, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 35  
S.P. 261 - L.D. 580**

**An Act to Protect Maine  
Consumers by Prohibiting Fees  
Charged for Receiving Paper  
Statements from Financial  
Institutions and Credit Card  
Issuers**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9420, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 226, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 36  
H.P. 401 - L.D. 633**

**An Act Concerning the  
Restoration of Electricity  
During Emergencies for  
Certain Medically Vulnerable  
Individuals Who Rely on  
Electronic Medical  
Apparatuses**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 120, §1, is amended to read:

E. Procedures for deployment of internal and external resources during an emergency, including

field employees, supplies and equipment needed; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 120, §1, is amended to read:

F. Provisions to ensure the safety of the employees and external contractors engaged in emergency response efforts; and

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3144, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Procedures for the identification of and outreach plans regarding customers who have a documented need of electricity for essential medical equipment, including an apnea monitor for an infant, a cuirass respirator, a hemodialysis machine, an intravenous feeding machine, an intravenous infusion machine, an oxygen concentrator, a positive-pressure respirator, a respirator or ventilator, a rocking bed respirator, an aspirator, a tank-type respirator or any other medical equipment necessary for an individual whose medical condition is likely to be significantly triggered or exacerbated by a continued loss of electricity in a way that will adversely impact that individual's health.

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**CHAPTER 37**

**H.P. 495 - L.D. 765**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing the Controlled  
Substances Prescription  
Monitoring Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7246, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 360, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Prescriber.** "Prescriber" means a licensed health care professional or veterinarian with prescriptive authority, including a licensed health care professional or veterinarian who uses telehealth in providing health care to prescribe controlled substances to patients located in this State.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7246, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

**8. Telehealth.** "Telehealth" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 4316, subsection 1, paragraph C.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7249, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 360, §3, is further amended to read:

**1. Information required.** Except as provided in subsection 1-A or 1-B, each dispenser shall submit to the department, by electronic means or other format

specified in a waiver granted by the department, specific items of information regarding dispensed controlled substances as determined by the department from the following list: through rules adopted to implement this subsection.

~~A. The dispenser identification number;~~

~~B. The date the prescription was filled;~~

~~C. The prescription number;~~

~~D. Whether the prescription is new or is a refill;~~

~~E. The National Drug Code (NDC) for the drug dispensed;~~

~~F. The quantity dispensed;~~

~~G. The dosage;~~

~~H. The patient identification number;~~

~~I. The patient name;~~

~~J. The patient address;~~

~~K. The patient date of birth;~~

~~L. The prescriber identification number;~~

~~M. The date the prescription was issued by the prescriber; and~~

~~N. The department issued serial number if the department chooses to establish a serial prescription system.~~

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7250, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 460, Pt. F, §6, is amended to read:

**8. Report regarding program.** The department shall provide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on or before ~~January~~ April 15th of each year, and at such other times as the committee requests, data pertaining to the aggregate number of prescriptions of each drug required to be included in the program, the number of prescribers participating in the program categorized by specialty, any historical trends or patterns in prescribing practices within the State, any progress in the implementation of information sharing agreements authorized by subsection 4-A and any other information pertaining to the work of the program as requested by the committee that is reasonably available to the department, as long as all information reasonably likely to reveal the patient or the prescriber or other person who is the subject of the information has been removed.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §7254**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 213, §11, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §13, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Other circumstances determined in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services

~~pursuant to Title 22, section 7254, subsection 2; and~~

**Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Other circumstances determined in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services ~~pursuant to Title 22, section 7254, subsection 2; and~~

**Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §20, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Other circumstances determined in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services ~~pursuant to Title 22, section 7254, subsection 2; and~~

**Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §23, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Other circumstances determined in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services ~~pursuant to Title 22, section 7254, subsection 2; and~~

**Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §32, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Other circumstances determined in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services ~~pursuant to Title 22, section 7254, subsection 2; and~~

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 38**

**H.P. 559 - L.D. 873**

**An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2517, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 753, §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Revocation of pole location by municipal officers.** When the municipal officers of a municipality having a population of more than ~~40,000~~ 30,000 inhabitants determine, after notice and hearing, that public safety and the public welfare require the revocation of a location for poles for conveying electricity or for the transmission of telephone messages already erected in a public street or way other than a state or a state-aid high-

way outside the compact area of an urban compact municipality as defined in Title 23, section 754, they may revoke the location and order the poles removed. The person that owns the poles shall remove them within a reasonable time. Other suitable locations or the right to use other poles jointly must be granted by the municipal officers to the person.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 39**

**S.P. 395 - L.D. 906**

**An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3473, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 307, §4, is amended to read:

**1-A. Reporting.** By ~~January 1st~~ February 10th of each year, the commission shall provide a summary report of its findings under subsection 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 40**

**S.P. 462 - L.D. 1101**

**An Act to Address the Limited Availability of Counsel in Courts to Represent Indigent Parties in Matters Affecting Their Fundamental Rights**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation is designed to address an existing crisis in the courts arising from the limited availability of counsel qualified by the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to represent indigent parties in criminal and child protection proceedings affecting their fundamental rights; and

Whereas, when a court appoints counsel to represent an indigent party, compensation must be made available to counsel, whether the commission or the court determined that counsel is qualified to provide the representation; and

Whereas, a Maine Superior Court order issued in *Robbins v. Billings, et al.*, No. CV-22-054 (Me. Super. Ct., Ken. Cty., March 7, 2025) (Order After Phase One

Trial) establishes a conditional remedy to address claims for habeas corpus relief for violations of the United States Constitution, Amendment VI and the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 6 right to continuous representation; and

**Whereas**, the resources necessary to implement the conditional remedy are currently under consideration by the Legislature and requested by the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services; and

**Whereas**, the conditional remedy poses a concern about the public's interest in the administration of criminal justice and the potential to jeopardize public safety if a criminal defendant commits a dangerous act after dismissal and release granted in response to a claim for habeas corpus relief; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1805-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. UUUU, §14, is amended to read:

**1. Duties.** The executive director shall administer and improve reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel ~~and~~, contract counsel ~~and~~, until February 1, 2026, a private attorney appointed under section 1807 by:

- A. Establishing procedures to ensure that the eligibility of defendants and civil parties is verified and reviewed randomly and when circumstances have changed, information has changed, additional information is provided or as otherwise needed;
- B. Petitioning the court to reassess the indigency of a defendant or civil party if the executive director determines that indigency should be reassessed;
- C. Providing to the commission recommendations to improve reimbursement of expenses;
- D. Requiring that the amount of time spent on each case by assigned counsel or contract counsel is recorded separately for each case; and
- E. Receiving from the courts collections for the costs of representation from defendants or civil parties who are found to be partially indigent or who have otherwise been determined to be able to reimburse the commission for expenses incurred by assigned counsel ~~or~~, contract counsel ~~or~~, until February 1, 2026, a private attorney appointed under section 1807.

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1805-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. UUUU, §14, is amended to read:

**3. Partial indigency and reimbursement.** This subsection applies to partial indigency and reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel ~~or~~, contract counsel ~~or~~, until February 1, 2026, a private attorney appointed under section 1807.

- A. If the court determines that a defendant or civil party is unable to pay to obtain private counsel but is able to contribute to payment of assigned counsel ~~or~~, contract counsel ~~or~~, until February 1, 2026, a private attorney appointed under section 1807, the court shall order the defendant or civil party to make installment payments up to the full cost of representation or to pay a fixed contribution. The court shall remit payments received to the commission.
- B. A defendant or civil party may not be required to pay for legal services in an amount greater than the expenses actually incurred.
- C. Upon petition of a defendant or civil party who is incarcerated, the court may suspend an order for reimbursement issued pursuant to this subsection until the time of the defendant's or civil party's release.
- D. The executive director may enter into contracts to secure the reimbursement of fees and expenses paid by the commission as provided for in this section.

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §1807** is enacted to read:

**§1807. Court appointment of private attorney**

**1. Appointment of private attorneys by District Court and Superior Court.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a court may appoint a private attorney to represent a person who is eligible to receive indigent legal services in a matter pending before the District Court or Superior Court if the court finds the following:

- A. A public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is not available to represent the person;
- B. The private attorney is qualified to represent the person in the matter pending before the court, has not been disqualified by the commission and has at least 3 years of legal experience relevant to the pending matter; and
- C. The private attorney is willing to undertake the representation, which may be limited representation defined by the court in its appointment order.

**2. Private attorney appointment; Supreme Judicial Court.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a court may appoint a private attorney to represent a person who is eligible to receive indigent legal services in a matter before the Supreme Judicial Court if the court finds the following:

A. A public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is not available to represent the person;

B. The private attorney is qualified to represent the person in the matter pending before the court, has not been disqualified by the commission and either has at least 3 years of legal experience relevant to the pending matter or has previously served as a law clerk analyzing cases relevant to the pending matter; and

C. The private attorney is willing to undertake the representation, which may be limited representation defined by the court in its appointment order.

**3. Compensation.** The commission shall provide compensation and reimbursement to a private attorney appointed by the court under subsection 1 or 2. The compensation and reimbursement must be equivalent to the reimbursement provided to assigned counsel under the rulemaking directed by section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph F. The process for compensation of private attorneys appointed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must be in accordance with the requirements established by the commission under section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph B for voucher review and payment authorization.

**4. Supervision.** The commission's supervision of a private attorney appointed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 is limited to addressing complaints made by the client whom the private attorney was appointed to represent under subsection 1 or 2.

**5. Confidentiality.** The provisions of section 1806, subsections 2 and 3 apply, to the same extent that those provisions apply to commission-rostered attorneys who serve as assigned counsel, to private attorneys appointed by the court to provide indigent legal services pursuant to subsections 1 and 2.

**6. Repeal.** This section is repealed February 1, 2026.

**Sec. 4. Report; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.** By January 1, 2026, the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary that includes, at a minimum, the following information:

1. An update on the status of the *Robbins v. Billings, et al.*, No. CV-22-054 (Me. Superior Court) litigation, including information on the number of defendants granted habeas corpus relief by the court, the type of habeas corpus relief granted to these defendants and the efforts the commission made to provide counsel to those defendants before habeas corpus relief was granted;

2. Statistics on the number of clients for whom the new Assistant Defender I positions established by this Act have provided indigent legal services, with detail on the number of clients who were criminal defendants, including the number who were incarcerated and who

were not incarcerated when the representation began; the number of clients who were parents in child protection proceedings; and the number of clients who were entitled to other indigent legal services and the type of cases in which representation was provided to these clients. The report must also include a description of the commission's plans for using the services of these Assistant Defender I positions in the future; and

3. Information on implementation of the commission's duty to compensate private attorneys appointed by a court pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1807, subsections 1 and 2, including detail on the amount of compensation paid to these private attorneys; information on the number of commission-rostered attorneys who have left the roster and are currently accepting appointments under Title 4, section 1807; information on the number of private attorneys appointed by a court pursuant to Title 4, section 1807 who subsequently applied to be on a commission roster; and any related recommendations for improving or repealing Title 4, section 1807.

The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 5. Report; Judicial Department.** By January 1, 2026, the Judicial Department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary that includes, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Statistics on the number of cases in which courts have appointed private attorneys to provide indigent legal services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1807, subsections 1 and 2, with detail on the number of cases involving criminal defendants, including the number of those defendants who were incarcerated and the number who were not incarcerated when the appointments were made; the number of child protection proceedings in which private attorneys were appointed; and the number of cases involving other indigent legal services in which appointments were made; and

2. Information on implementation of the commission's duty to compensate private attorneys appointed by a court pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1807, subsections 1 and 2, including any recommendations for improving or repealing Title 4, section 1807.

The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to establish 5 Assistant Defender I positions, 2 Paralegal positions and one Legal Administrator position. These positions are primarily responsible for providing indigent legal services to criminal defendants and parties in child protective proceedings for whom another public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is not available to represent the defendant or party and, to the extent there is additional capacity, these positions may also represent other individuals who are eligible for indigent legal services but for whom another public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is not available to represent the person.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8,000	8,000	8,000
Personal Services	\$200,522	\$1,203,134	\$1,216,315
All Other	\$6,000	\$40,660	\$40,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$206,522	\$1,243,794	\$1,256,975

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to compensate assigned counsel that the Legislature authorized the courts to appoint at the current billing rate for assigned legal counsel of \$150 per hour.

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$62,500	\$375,000	\$375,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$62,500	\$375,000	\$375,000

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$269,022	\$1,618,794	\$1,631,975
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$269,022	\$1,618,794	\$1,631,975

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 23, 2025.

**CHAPTER 41  
H.P. 11 - L.D. 47**

**An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** residents of the Town of Danforth in Washington County have long enjoyed fishing in the area around Crooked Brook Dam; and

**Whereas,** since the completion of a fishway at the site of the dam, residents' ability to fish has been limited; and

**Whereas,** this legislation creates an exception to allow fishing near, but not in or from, the fishway; and

**Whereas,** it is important that this legislation take effect immediately so that residents of the Town of Danforth can enjoy fishing in the spring and summer months; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12457, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 499, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) There is no fishing in or from the fishway at the Sheepscot Lake Dam in the Town of Palermo in Waldo County, Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds Township in Franklin County, Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Beaver Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Little Island Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Pushaw Lake Dam in the Town of Hudson in Penobscot County, Davis Pond Dam in the Town of Eddington in Penobscot County, Leonard's Mills Dam on Blackman Stream in the Town of Bradley in Penobscot County, Souadabscook Stream Dam at Grist Mill Road in the Town of Carmel in Penobscot County and Webber Pond Dam in the Town of Vassalboro in Kennebec County and Crooked Brook Dam in the Town of Danforth in Washington County;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 25, 2025.

**CHAPTER 42  
H.P. 59 - L.D. 94**

**An Act to Eliminate  
Miscarriage Reporting  
Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1596**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 416, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1596. Abortion and miscarriage data**

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1596, sub-§1, ¶B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 274, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1596, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 262, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 43  
H.P. 237 - L.D. 337**

**An Act to Repeal the Sunday  
Amateur Sports Law, the Law  
Allowing Municipalities to  
Permit the Operation of Movie  
Theaters on Sundays and the  
Law Imposing a Fine or  
Imprisonment for Playing  
Games and Sports with  
Admission Charges on  
Memorial Day**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3204, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §55 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §3205**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 275, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §3207**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 172, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §3241** is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 44  
H.P. 255 - L.D. 401**

**An Act to Support Removal of  
Overboard Discharge Systems**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §411, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 232, §9, is further amended to read:

The commissioner may pay an amount not to exceed 80% of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners. The commissioner may make payments to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to supply the State's share of the revolving loan fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-A. The commissioner may pay up to 90% of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners in which the construction cost of the project does not exceed \$100,000 as long as not 250% of the median household income in the State. Median household income must be based on the most recent data from the State Economist or the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, whichever is lower. Not more than one grant is may be made to any applicant each in a calendar year, except that the. The commissioner may pay a percentage of the cost of individual projects serving single-family dwellings, or seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments according to the following schedule:

ANNUAL INCOME	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	SEASONAL DWELLING
\$0 to \$5,000	100%	50%
\$5,001 to \$20,000	90%	50%
\$20,001 to \$30,000	50%	25%
\$30,001 to \$40,000	25%	25%
\$40,001 or more	0%	0%

  

GROSS PROFIT	COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT
\$0 to \$50,000	50%
\$50,001 to \$100,000	25%
\$100,001 or more	0%

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §411, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

**1. Single family dwellings.** The grant percentage for single-family dwellings is as follows:

A. When the annual income of an applicant is 0% to 50% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 100%;

B. When the annual income of an applicant is 51% to 75% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 90%;

C. When the annual income of an applicant is 76% to 100% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 50%;

D. When the annual income of an applicant is 101% to 110% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 25%; and

E. When the annual income of an applicant is greater than 110% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 0%;

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §411, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Seasonal dwellings.** The grant percentage for seasonal dwellings is as follows:

A. When the annual income of an applicant is 0% to 75% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 50%;

B. When the annual income of an applicant is 76% to 110% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 25%; and

C. When the annual income of an applicant is greater than 110% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 0%; and

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §411, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Commercial establishments.** The grant percentage for commercial establishments is as follows:

A. When the annual income of an applicant is 150% or less of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 50%;

B. When the annual income of an applicant is 151% to 250% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 25%; and

C. When the annual income of an applicant is greater than 251% of the state median household income, the grant percentage is 0%.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §411, 2nd ¶,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 375, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

For purposes of this section, annual income is determined separately for residential property owners and commercial establishments. For a residential property owner, including a trust, "annual income" means the sum of the taxable incomes of each owner of the property if it is jointly owned, or of each beneficiary and grantor if the property owner is a trust, for the previous year as listed on the relevant federal income tax returns for the previous year. For a commercial establishment, "annual income" means taxable income or ordinary business income for the previous year as listed on the relevant federal income tax return plus any depreciation or other noncash expense that was deducted to compute taxable or ordinary business income on that return. A

rental property must be considered a commercial establishment or as contributing to annual income depending on how it is reported on the owner's federal income tax return from the previous year.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §411,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 137, Pt. A, §8, is further amended by enacting after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

For a pollution abatement system that is used by multiple single-family or seasonal dwellings, such as resident-owned mobile home parks or home owners' associations, and the property is not owned by a commercial establishment, the average annual income of all single-family or seasonal dwellings attached to the pollution abatement system must be used to calculate the allowable grant percentage.

**Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §411-A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 654, §§1 and 2, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§411-A. State contribution to residential overboard discharge replacement projects**

**Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §411-A, sub-§2-A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 654, §2, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Cost-share.** The commissioner shall determine the portion of project expenses eligible for grants under this section as follows:

A. For an owner of ~~an~~ a residential or commercial overboard discharge with an annual income ~~less than \$25,000~~ of 0% to 100% of state median household income, 100%;

B. For an owner of ~~an~~ a residential or commercial overboard discharge with an annual income ~~from \$25,000 to \$50,000~~ of 101% to 150% of state median household income, 90%;

C. For an owner of ~~an~~ a residential or commercial overboard discharge with an annual income ~~from \$50,001 to \$75,000~~ of 151% to 200% of state median household income, 50%;

~~D. For an owner of an overboard discharge with an annual income from \$75,001 to \$100,000, 35%;~~

E. For an owner of ~~an~~ a residential or commercial overboard discharge with an annual income ~~from \$100,001 to \$125,000~~ of 201% to 250% of state median household income, 25%;

E-1. For an owner of ~~an~~ a residential or commercial overboard discharge with an annual income over \$125,000 250% of state median household income, \$0 0%; and

F. For a publicly owned overboard discharge facility, 50% to a maximum of ~~\$150,000~~ 500% of state median household income.

For purposes of this subsection, annual income is determined separately for residential property owners and commercial establishments. For a residential property owner, including a trust, "annual income" means the sum of the taxable incomes of each owner of the property if it is jointly owned or of each beneficiary and grantor if the property owner is a trust for the previous year as listed on the relevant federal income tax returns for the previous year. For a commercial establishment, "annual income" means taxable income or ordinary business income for the previous year as listed on the relevant federal income tax return plus any depreciation or other noncash expense that was deducted to compute taxable or ordinary business income on that return. A rental property must be considered a commercial establishment or as contributing to annual income depending on how it is reported on the overboard discharge owner's federal income tax return from the previous year. Median household income must be based on the most recent data from the State Economist or the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, whichever is lower.

**Sec. 9. 38 MRSA §411-A, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 246, §5, is amended to read:

**4. Reimbursement of actual or incurred costs.**

The commissioner shall utilize grants under this section to reimburse individuals for the actual or incurred cost of removing any overboard discharge, subject to the provisions of subsection 2-A, when:

A. The removal occurred after September 30, 1989 but was carried out according to plans and specifications approved by the commissioner in advance of construction and prior to the offering of a grant under this section;

B. The removal resulted in the elimination of sources of contamination to shellfish areas or public nuisance conditions; ~~and~~

C. The removal is required under section 413, subsection 3 or section 414-A, subsection 1-B; and

D. The owner of the overboard discharge system and the overboard discharge removal contractor have certified that the overboard discharge removal project has been completed, including proper abandonment of the overboard discharge system in accordance with the rules adopted by the department governing the licensing and abandonment of overboard discharge systems and the local plumbing inspector has certified that an alternative disposal system has been installed in conformance with the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal.

**Sec. 10. 38 MRSA §413, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 121, §2, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Transfer of ownership, significant expansion, division and public sewer connection.** Beginning September 1, 2010, if property containing an overboard discharge is transferred or a significant action is proposed, the following procedures apply. For purposes of this subsection, "significant action" means a single construction project performed on a primary residence with an overboard discharge when the total material and labor cost of the construction project exceeds ~~\$50,000~~ 100% of the median household income as specified in section 411. "Significant action" does not include construction that makes the residence accessible to a person with a disability who resides in or regularly uses the residence or reconstruction performed in response to an event beyond the control of the owner, such as a hurricane, flood, fire or the unanticipated physical destruction of the residence.

A. Application for transfer of an overboard discharge license must be made no later than 2 weeks after the transfer of ownership or interest in the source of the discharge is completed. If a person possessing a license issued by the department transfers the ownership of the property, facility or structure that is the source of a licensed discharge without transfer of the license being approved by the department, the license granted by the department continues to authorize a discharge within the limits and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the license as long as the parties to the transfer are jointly and severally liable for any violation thereof until such time as the department approves transfer or issuance of a waste discharge license to the new owner. The department may in its discretion require the new owner to apply for a new license or may approve transfer of the existing license upon a satisfactory showing that the new owner can abide by its terms and conditions.

B. If there is a transfer, or if a significant action is proposed, the owner of an overboard discharge must conduct an alternatives analysis, pursuant to section 414-A, subsection 1-B, and may be required to remove the overboard discharge system as provided in this paragraph. For the purposes of this paragraph, a property transfer is limited to a monetary sale of the property containing the overboard discharge.

(1) Except when it has been demonstrated within 5 years prior to a transfer, or some other time period acceptable to the department, that there is no technologically proven alternative to an overboard discharge, prior to transfer of ownership of property containing an overboard discharge, the parties to the transfer shall determine the feasibility of technologically proven alternatives to the overboard discharge that are consistent with the plumbing standards adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 42.

(2) Except when it has been demonstrated within 5 years prior to the significant action, or some other time period acceptable to the department, that there is no technologically proven alternative to an overboard discharge, prior to the significant action the owner of the overboard discharge shall determine the feasibility of a technologically proven alternative to the overboard discharge that is consistent with the plumbing standards adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 42.

(3) The determination concerning whether there is a technologically proven alternative to an overboard discharge must be based on documentation from a licensed site evaluator provided by the applicant and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection that the system constitutes a best practicable treatment under section 414-A, subsection 1-B. If an alternative to the overboard discharge is identified, the alternative system must be installed within 180 days of property transfer or significant action, except that, if soil conditions are poor due to seasonal weather, the alternative may be installed as soon as soil conditions permit. ~~The installation of an alternative to the overboard discharge may be eligible for funding under section 411-A.~~ On a property transfer, a commercial establishment may request an extension of the 180-day period based on information that an extension is necessary due to technical, economic or environmental considerations. The department may authorize an extension for a commercial establishment for as short an additional period as the department considers reasonable but in no case may an extension be authorized to continue beyond the expiration of the current waste discharge license or 2 years from the property transfer, whichever is later. Within 10 business days of receipt of a complete extension request, the department shall issue a written decision approving or denying the extension.

(4) When the ownership of a property containing an overboard discharge has been transferred, the transferee may request from the department a waiver from the requirement in subparagraph (3) to install an alternative system. The department shall grant the waiver upon demonstration by the transferee that the transferee's annual income as defined in section 411-A, subsection 2-A is less than ~~\$25,000~~ 100% of the median household income as specified in section 411. A request for a waiver must be submitted with an application for transfer of the overboard discharge license in accordance with paragraph A.

Nothing in this paragraph requires a municipality to withhold a local permit or approval associated with a significant action until the provisions of this paragraph have been met.

C. An overboard discharge must be removed without regard to available funding from the department where connection to a public sewer is practicable.

**Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §414, sub-§3-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 246, §8, is amended to read:

**3-A. Inspection of overboard discharge systems.**

The department shall inspect all licensed overboard discharge systems. The cost of the inspections must be assessed as part of the annual license fee. For residential overboard discharges owned by individuals, the department shall provide a fee reduction based on the adjusted gross income of the license holder on the most recent tax return under the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the license holder's adjusted gross income is less than ~~\$15,000~~ 50% of the median household income as specified in section 411, the license holder may reduce the total fee by ~~\$125~~ 50%. Any overboard discharge license owner with a mechanical treatment system must provide annual proof of a private maintenance contract for maintenance of that system.

**Sec. 12. 38 MRSA §414-A, sub-§1-B, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 654, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (1) and enacting the following in its place:

(1) The department's finding must be based on documentation from a licensed site evaluator provided by the overboard discharge owner and approved by the department. The licensed site evaluator shall provide the overboard discharge owner with written certification, on a form provided by the department, that all potential alternatives for replacement of the overboard discharge on land owned or controlled by the overboard discharge owner, with or without a variance, have been evaluated by the licensed site evaluator. In performing the evaluation under this subparagraph:

(a) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether practices to reduce the quantity of raw wastewater can be applied that may allow a reduction in the subsurface disposal system sizing requirements;

(b) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether pretreatment techniques or devices authorized for use by the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal can be installed to reduce the subsurface disposal system sizing requirements;

(c) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether proprietary systems and devices authorized for use by the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal can be installed to reduce the subsurface disposal system sizing requirements;

(d) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether the subsurface disposal system area can be configured to fit within the property dimensions by separating the waste streams, such as laundry wastewater and sanitary wastewater, between 2 or more leach fields, drip irrigation sites or other disposal areas;

(e) The licensed site evaluator shall evaluate the feasibility of siting a disposal system using reduced setback distances as authorized for use by the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal;

(f) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether adjoining or nearby land may be used for wastewater disposal with the permission of the property owner and shall document efforts to obtain an easement from the owner of adjoining or nearby land when, in the licensed site evaluator's judgment, an easement would allow for the installation of a replacement system; and

(g) The licensed site evaluator shall determine if connection to a public sewer is feasible, including the use of an easement across another property or right-of-way.

The department may require the overboard discharge owner to submit an additional site evaluation by a different licensed site evaluator if the conditions of this subparagraph have not been met.

**Sec. 13. 38 MRSA §414-A, sub-§1-B, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 654, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) If a technologically proven alternative system eligible for grant funding according to the cost-share schedule is identified and funding is not available, then the owner of the overboard discharge is not required to install the system until grant funds are available or as provided in section 413, subsection 3 or 3-A. The department may determine that grant funds are not available when there are insufficient funds available for all alternative systems and the al-

ternative system is not one of the systems identified as a priority for funding from available grant funds by the department.

**Sec. 14. 38 MRSA §414-A, sub-§1-B, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Notwithstanding paragraph A, the department may request that a person seeking to renew or transfer an overboard discharge license evaluate the feasibility of a spray irrigation system licensed in accordance with section 413 as an alternative to the overboard discharge system.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 45**

**S.P. 268 - L.D. 585**

**An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Program funding.** The board may apply for and receive grants from municipal, state, federal and private sources for deposit into appropriate program funds, including funds for both residential and business programs. The board may deposit in appropriate program funds the proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes of programs administered by the trust. The board may receive and shall deposit in appropriate program funds revenue resulting from any forward capacity market or other capacity payments from ~~the~~ a regional transmission organization ~~that may be attributable to those projects funded by those funds, except that, from fiscal year 2019-20 to fiscal year 2024-25, such payments must be used to promote or to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification measures that are cost-effective and reliably reduce electricity rates over the life of the measures, including high-performance air source heat pump technology and deposited in the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund established in section 10119~~ electric vehicles. The board shall deposit into appropriate program funds revenue transferred to the trust from the energy infrastructure benefits fund pursuant to Title 5, section 282, subsection 9 for use in accordance with subsection 4-A. The board may also deposit any grants or other funds received by or from any entity with which the trust has an agreement or contract pursuant to this chapter if the board determines that receipt of those funds is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 46**

**H.P. 371 - L.D. 603**

**An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) That building materials from local sawmills, including but not limited to non-graded lumber, are permissible under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) That buildings used to house livestock, store harvested crops or cultivate crops are not subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The exemption in this subparagraph does not include the cultivation of cannabis regulated under Title 22 or 28-B; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) That buildings used primarily to process or store maple sap or syrup are not subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 47**

**H.P. 790 - L.D. 1185**

**An Act to Prohibit Persons Under 18 Years of Age from Marrying**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 116, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 116, §2, is further amended to read:

**8. Parties under ~~17~~ 18 years of age.** The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~17~~ 18 years of age.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 48**

**H.P. 446 - L.D. 707**

**An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §285-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §3 and c. 548, §45, is further amended to read:

**2. Membership.** The State Employee Health Commission consists of ~~24~~ labor and management members as follows:

A. One labor member from each bargaining unit recognized under Title 26, chapter 9-B, appointed by the employee organization certified to represent the unit;

B. One labor member from the largest bargaining unit recognized under Title 26, chapter 14, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the unit;

C. One labor member appointed by the retiree chapters of the Maine State Employees Association;

C-1. One labor member from Maine Turnpike Authority employees appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

C-2. One labor member from Maine Public Employees Retirement System employees, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

C-3. One labor member from Maine Maritime Academy employees, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

D. Four management members appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services;

E. One management member appointed by the Court Administrators;

F. The Executive Director of Employee Health ~~and~~, Wellness and Workers' Compensation, ex officio;

F-1. The State Human Resources Officer, ex officio;

G. One member representing retirees appointed by the Maine Association of Retirees;

H. One labor member from the Maine Community College System faculty or administrative unit, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the units;

I. One management member from the Maine Community College System appointed by the President of the Maine Community College System;

J. One management member appointed by the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority;

K. One management member appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System; and

L. One management member appointed by the President of the Maine Maritime Academy.

All appointed or elected members serve at the pleasure of their appointing or electing authorities.

**Sec. A-2. 5 MRSA §285-A, sub-§3**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 1, §1 and affected by c. 1, §50, is amended to read:

**3. Voting.** All votes of the commission must be one vote cast by labor and one vote cast by management. The votes must be cast by the labor cochair, who must be chosen by the labor members, and the vote must represent the majority opinion of the labor members of the commission, and by the management cochair, who is ~~the State Human Resources Officer or the officer's designee~~ designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services from among the management members appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the State Human Resources Officer.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §1, is further amended to read:

D. If terminating employment but not retiring at that time, have 25 years of creditable service under chapter 423, subchapter 4 and remain a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, make a one-time election to continue coverage from the date of termination until retirement and pay the cost of the coverage plus the cost incurred by the Office of Employee Health ~~and~~, Wellness and Workers' Compensation in administering coverage under the plan. If a terminated employee who elects coverage under this paragraph fails to

pay the cost of coverage and any administrative costs in the amount and manner determined by the office, the coverage may be cancelled in accordance with the requirements of Title 24 and Title 24-A. Regardless of election of coverage or cancellation of coverage under this paragraph, an employee terminating employment as provided in this paragraph may elect coverage upon retirement under paragraph E; or

**Sec. B-2. 5 MRSA §285-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §2 and PL 2023, c. 412, §3, is further amended to read:

**1. Establishment.** The State Employee Health Commission is established to serve as trustee of the group health plan in this subchapter and to provide counsel to the Executive Director of Employee Health ~~and~~, Wellness and Workers' Compensation and the State Human Resources Officer on health and dental insurance issues, the state living resources program and other issues concerning employee health ~~and~~, wellness and workers' compensation.

**Sec. B-3. 5 MRSA §286**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §4 and 5 and PL 2023, c. 412, §3, is further amended to read:

**§286. Administration**

The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services has responsibility for the state employee health insurance program through the Office of Employee Health ~~and~~, Wellness and Workers' Compensation that is established as part of the organization of the Bureau of Human Resources. The office is headed by the Executive Director of Employee Health ~~and~~, Wellness and Workers' Compensation. The executive director has responsibility for the daily operation of this program and for the development and maintenance of programs that promote the health and safety of the state employees. Program services must be administered through offices, systems, consultants and staff necessary to provide cost-effective, accessible and responsive services to eligible employees and retirees. Administration of the program must be consistent with rules adopted by the State Employee Health Commission. The executive director and the staff of the state employee health insurance program are appointed in accordance with the Civil Service Law.

Appeals by eligible employees or retirees ~~shall~~ must be to hearing officers designated by the commission.

The cost of administration of the state employee health insurance program ~~shall~~ must be funded from an administrative allowance to be negotiated by the commission with the health benefit carrier or carriers. Indirect costs may not be allocated to the program.

The commissioner shall establish the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund

through the State Controller in which health insurance and dental insurance premiums collected from state departments and agencies and other plan participants, premium dividends, return of premiums resulting from risk reduction programs and any other receipts must be deposited to be used for the purposes of the state employee health insurance program. The fund is a continuing fund and may not lapse. Interest earned from investment of the fund ~~shall~~ must be credited to the fund.

An annual report ~~shall~~ must be prepared for the Governor concerning the number of participants, premiums charged, utilization of benefits and operating costs. The report ~~shall~~ must also include recommendations regarding future operation of the program.

A reserve fund, administered by the Executive Director of Employee Health ~~and~~ Wellness and Workers' Compensation and the State Human Resources Officer with approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, is created to protect the program from unexpected losses and self-insured losses and related expenses incurred in the provision of health and dental benefits for the eligible participants. The fund is a continuing fund and may not lapse. The Treasurer of State shall invest the fund. All proceeds of these investments accrue to the fund.

The reserve fund is capitalized by money from premium payments and by legislative appropriation, payments from state departments and agencies and by such other means as the Legislature may approve. All money in the fund is deemed to be the commingled assets of all the covered employees and must be used only for the purposes of this section.

**Sec. B-4. 5 MRSA §286-M, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §6, is further amended to read:

C. "Division" means the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Employee Health ~~and~~ Wellness and Workers' Compensation.

**Sec. B-5. 5 MRSA §286-N, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 446, §5, is amended to read:

B. Two ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

(1) The ~~executive director of the office of employee health and benefits~~ Executive Director of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources or the executive director's designee; and

(2) The employee of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources, ~~office of employee health and benefits~~ Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation assigned to the program.

**Sec. B-6. 5 MRSA §286-N, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 446, §5, is amended to read:

**3. Chair.** The ~~executive director of the office of employee health and benefits~~ Executive Director of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as chair.

**Sec. B-7. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOOO, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

A provider of a health insurance benefit plan for retired teachers must make available data related to the provider's premium costs and any related data as requested by the Executive Director of Employee Health ~~and~~ Wellness and Workers' Compensation within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 49**

**H.P. 447 - L.D. 708**

**An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §489-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 493, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Development other than a subdivision.** For a development other than a subdivision as defined at the time of permit issuance:

A. The permittee has not constructed or caused to be constructed, or operated or caused to be operated, the development; or

B. The development has been fully decommissioned to the department's satisfaction;

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §489-C**, as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2, §99, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this section, "fully decommissioned" means all aboveground and belowground components of a development have been physically removed, the site has been restored to preconstruction grade, any previously vegetated areas have been revegetated with native vegetation similar to nearby native vegetation and all waste has been recycled or disposed

of at a facility authorized to accept the materials for recycling or disposal.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 50**

**S.P. 394 - L.D. 905**

**An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 230, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Unused kilowatt-hour credits; rules.** To the extent rules adopted under this section provide for the periodic expiration of unused kilowatt-hour credits accumulated by a customer participating in a net energy billing arrangement, the commission shall require by rule that each transmission and distribution utility with a net energy billing arrangement shall account for and, on or before ~~January~~ April 1st of each year, remit the value of all unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and that expired during the prior calendar year to the ~~commission administrators of the statewide low-income assistance plan and the individual low-income assistance programs as designated by the commission by rules adopted pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2~~ for the benefit of individuals receiving low-income assistance in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2 those rules. The rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection must:

A. Establish the manner by which a transmission and distribution utility must account for unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated by all customers of the utility with net energy billing arrangements during the prior calendar year and that expired during the prior calendar year; ~~and~~

B. Establish the manner by which a transmission and distribution utility must remit the value of the unused and expired kilowatt-hour credits; ~~and~~

C. Identify the manner by which the transmission and distribution utility must report to the commission information regarding the number of unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated by all customers of the utility with net energy billing arrangements during the prior calendar year and that expired during the prior calendar year and the monetary value of those credits.

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 51**

**H.P. 597 - L.D. 932**

**An Act to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses Every 4 Years**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, agricultural fairs will begin soon, and this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the change in the term of an agricultural fair license to take effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §83, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Issuance of license.** If satisfied that an applicant will comply or, if an applicant has previously held a license, that the applicant has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the commissioner may issue a license to the applicant for an agricultural fair. A license is issued for ~~3~~ 4 consecutive years and only for the dates assigned by the commissioner in accordance with section 84.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §84, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Assigned fair dates.** The commissioner shall set the dates for which an agricultural fair license is effective in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 82, subsection 5. No later than May 15th of the calendar year preceding the first year of each ~~3-year~~ 4-year license period, the commissioner shall announce the assignment of fair dates and issuance of licenses.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

A. Upon receiving an initial license, spend a minimum of \$750 per year on premiums for ~~3~~ 4 years

for displays of agricultural products, excluding premiums for equine and ox pulling contests and farm tractor and pickup truck pulling contests; and

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 25, 2025.

**CHAPTER 52  
S.P. 58 - L.D. 36**

**An Act to Clarify Processes of  
the Board of Environmental  
Protection**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §344, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 509, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Acceptance and notification.** The commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing of the official date on which the application was accepted as complete for processing or the reasons the application was not accepted. If a written notice of acceptance or nonacceptance is not mailed to the applicant within 15 working days of receipt of the application, the application is deemed to be accepted as complete for processing on the 15th working day after receipt by the department. If the application is not accepted, the commissioner shall return the application to the applicant with the reasons for nonacceptance specified in writing. A reason for nonacceptance of an application may include, but is not limited to, submission of the application after the activity requiring a permit or license pursuant to this Title has begun if the applicant knowingly violated a requirement to obtain the permit or license for the activity or the applicant, within the 5 years immediately preceding the submission of the application, violated a requirement to obtain a permit or license pursuant to this Title. Any applicant whose application has not been accepted by the commissioner shall attend a presubmission meeting with the department before resubmitting that application. The commissioner shall notify the board of all applications accepted as complete, except for permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses.

An application is acceptable as complete for processing if the application is properly filled out and information is provided for each of the items included on the form. Acceptance of an application as complete for review does not constitute a determination by the department on the sufficiency of that information and does not preclude the department from requesting additional information during processing.

The commissioner shall require the applicant to provide notice to the public for each application for a permit or license accepted, except for permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses. The commissioner shall solicit comments from the public for each application in a manner prescribed by the board in the rules.

All correspondence notifying an applicant of denial of an application by the board or commissioner must be by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1365, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 330, §36, is further amended to read:

**4. Compliance; appeal.** The person to whom the order is directed shall comply immediately and may apply to the board for a hearing on the order if the application is made within 10 working days after ~~receipt of the order by a responsible party.~~ Within 15 working days service of the order pursuant to subsection 3. As expeditiously as possible, but in no case later than 90 days after receipt of the application, the board shall hold a hearing, make findings of fact and vote on a decision that continues, revokes or modifies the order. That decision must be in writing and signed by the board chair using any means for signature authorized in the department's rules and published within 2 working days after the hearing and vote board decision. The nature of the hearing before the board is an appeal. At the hearing, all witnesses must be sworn and the commissioner shall first establish the basis for the order and for naming the person to whom the order is directed. The burden of going forward then shifts to the person appealing to demonstrate, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the order should be modified or rescinded. The decision of the board may be appealed to the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 53  
S.P. 484 - L.D. 1195**

**An Act to Amend the  
Provisions of the Maine  
Workers' Compensation Act of  
1992 Governing Requirements  
for Self-insurers**

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Except as provided in subsection 5, paragraph A-1, a self-insurer may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Insurance, use the following types of security to

satisfy the self-insurer's responsibility to post security required by the superintendent: a surety bond; an irrevocable standby letter of credit; cash deposits and acceptable securities; and an actuarially determined fully funded trust. For purposes of this section, "tangible net worth" means equity less assets that have no physical existence and depend on expected future benefits for their ascribed value. ~~Unless disapproved by the superintendent pursuant to paragraph C, subparagraphs (5) and (6), a group self-insurer that maintains a trust actuarially funded to the confidence level required by the superintendent may use an irrevocable standby letter of credit as follows: only in an amount not greater than the difference between the funding to the required confidence level and funding to the confidence level reduced by 10 percentage points; only as long as the trust assets are not used as collateral for the letter of credit; and only as long as the value of trust assets, excluding the value of the letter of credit, is at least equal to the present value, evaluated to the 65% confidence level, of ultimate incurred claims, claims settlement costs and, if determined necessary by the superintendent, administrative costs.~~

**Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

The irrevocable standby letter of credit must be the individual obligation of the issuing financial institution, may not be subject to any agreement, condition, qualification or defense between the financial institution and the employer or group and may not in any way be contingent on reimbursement by the employer or group. If the rating of an issuing financial institution that has issued an irrevocable standby letter of credit pursuant to this section falls below the required standard, the employer or group shall obtain a new irrevocable standby letter of credit from a qualified financial institution or shall provide other eligible security of equal value approved by the Superintendent of Insurance. The irrevocable standby letter of credit is automatically extended for one year from the date of expiration unless, at least 90 days prior to any expiration date, the issuing financial institution notifies the Superintendent of Insurance that the financial institution elects not to renew the irrevocable standby letter of credit.

**Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by amending the 4th blocked paragraph to read:

An irrevocable standby letter of credit that has been issued by a qualified financial institution and accepted by the Superintendent of Insurance binds the issuing financial institution to pay one or more drafts drawn by the Treasurer of State, as directed by the superintendent, as long as the draft does not exceed the total amount of the irrevocable standby

~~letter of credit. Any draft presented by the Treasurer of State, as directed by the superintendent, must be promptly honored if accompanied by the certification of the superintendent that any obligation under this chapter has not been paid when due or that a proceeding in bankruptcy has been initiated by or with respect to the employer or group in a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

**Sec. 4. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by repealing the 5th blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 5. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by repealing the 6th blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 6. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended by repealing the 7th blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 7. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. The Superintendent of Insurance may instruct the Treasurer of State to draw on an irrevocable standby letter of credit if:

(1) Any obligation under this chapter has not been paid by the employer or group when due;

(2) A proceeding in bankruptcy has been initiated by or with respect to the employer or group in a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(3) The following conditions have been met:

(a) The superintendent has received notice that that the financial institution elects not to renew the irrevocable standby letter of credit;

(b) The self-insurer has had at least 15 days' notice to replace the security with other eligible security of equal value approved by the superintendent; and

(c) The self-insurer has not replaced the irrevocable standby letter of credit with a new letter of credit or other approved security.

The issuing financial institution shall promptly honor a draft on an irrevocable standby letter presented by the Treasurer of State. Any proceeds from a draw on such an irrevocable standby letter of credit by the treasurer must be held by the treasurer on behalf of workers' compensation claimants to secure payment of claims until either the superintendent authorizes the treasurer to release those proceeds to the employer or group upon provision by the employer or group of replacement security adequate to meet the requirements for security set by the superintendent, or the superintendent directs

distribution of the proceeds in accordance with this Title.

To the extent not inconsistent with state law, the letter of credit is subject to and governed by the International Standby Practices 1998 or successor practices governing standby letters of credit duly adopted by the International Chamber of Commerce. If any legal proceedings are initiated with respect to payment of the letter of credit, those proceedings are subject to the State's courts and law.

**Sec. 8. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 401, §1, is further amended to read:

C. A self-insurer may establish an actuarially determined fully funded trust, funded at a level sufficient to discharge those obligations incurred by the employer pursuant to this Act as they become due and payable from time to time, as long as the Superintendent of Insurance requires that the value of unencumbered trust assets be at least equal to the present value of ultimate expected incurred claims and claims settlement costs, plus required safety margins and, if determined necessary by the superintendent, administrative costs for the operation of the plan of self-insurance. For the purpose of determining whether a group self-insurer's ~~actuarially determined fully funded trust has a surplus of funds in excess of that~~ is fully funded as required by this subsection, the superintendent shall consider, based upon the group's audit for all completed plan years, only the following assets held outside the trust account: cash up to \$10,000; accounts receivable, limited to amounts collected and deposited in the trust account by the date of the surplus distribution; accrued interest on trust account assets that will be collected and deposited in the trust account within 6 months from the date of the surplus determination; tangible assets that will be converted to cash and deposited in the trust account prior to the distribution date of any surplus; and a letter of credit to be used to partially fund the trust to the extent allowed under this section and rules adopted by the superintendent, as supported in the actuarial review. The superintendent shall consider cash held outside the trust account in excess of \$10,000 if the self-insurer provides, to the superintendent's satisfaction, documentation regarding why the money is being held outside the trust account. An actuarially determined fully funded trust must be funded as follows, as determined by the superintendent.

(1) For individual and group self-insurers, the amount of security must be determined based upon an actuarial review. The actuarial review must take into consideration the use by a group self-insurer of any irrevocable standby letter of credit. Except as provided in subparagraph

(3), initial funding for each plan year must be maintained at the 90% or higher confidence level. Funding after the completion of the initial plan year may be established no lower than the 75% confidence level if the following has occurred:

- (a) A year considered for reduction is completed;
- (b) The supporting actuarial review includes an evaluation of the completed year experience with claims evaluated not less than 6 months from the end of the plan year, or in the case of a group self-insurer in existence for at least 36 months, not less than 4 months from the end of the plan year; and
- (c) For individual self-insurers, prior approval from the superintendent is obtained.

For the purposes of determining the confidence level, all completed years at the same confidence level may be aggregated. For individual self-insurers, funds may not be released from the trust or transferred between years except as approved by the superintendent. The governing body of a group self-insurer may at any time declare a surplus of funds above the required confidence level, but may only release funds after the completion of any plan year. The superintendent may request information regarding any such declaration. Any distribution of surplus must be based upon an actuarial review of all outstanding obligations for all completed plan years, an audited financial statement of the group for all completed plan years and a surplus distribution worksheet for all completed plan years on a form approved by the superintendent. The group self-insurer must provide the required information within 10 days after the distribution. Any surplus declared or distributed pursuant to this paragraph is subject to adjustment after review by the superintendent within 60 days of the receipt of the required information. Any deficit below the required confidence level, as determined by the superintendent, that results from a distribution under this paragraph must be funded within 45 days from the date of the notice by the superintendent.

(1-A) A group self-insurer may secure its obligations to the confidence level required by the superintendent in the following manner:

- (a) The obligations must be secured by an actuarially determined fully funded trust with unencumbered assets at least equal to

the present value of ultimate expected incurred claims and claims settlement costs, or such higher amount as the superintendent may require in accordance with subparagraphs (5) and (6); and

(b) The balance may be secured by a letter of credit complying with paragraph A.

(2) A group self-insurer may elect to fund at a higher confidence level through the use of cash, marketable securities or reinsurance. If a member of a group self-insurer terminates membership in the group for any reason, that member shall fund the member's proportionate share of the liabilities and obligations of the trust to the 95% confidence level. If for any reason the departing member fails to fund the member's proportionate share of the trust's exposure to the 95% level of confidence, the trust is responsible for that member's liabilities and obligations to the trust. If the superintendent finds that a material risk to the trust's ability to satisfy its liabilities and obligations in full exists due to the failure of one or more departing members to fund the departing members' proportionate share of those liabilities and obligations to the 95% confidence level or due to the failure of the group trust to enforce the funding requirement, the superintendent shall consider the unfunded share of the trust's exposure when approving a determination of a surplus or deficit in the trust.

(3) Subject to prior approval by the superintendent in accordance with subparagraph (5), a self-insurer that has successfully maintained an actuarially determined fully funded trust for a period of 5 or more consecutive years may fund all years, including the prospective fund year, at the 75% or higher confidence level in the aggregate and a group self-insurer that has successfully maintained an actuarially determined fully funded trust for a period of 10 or more consecutive years may fund all years, including the prospective fund year, at the 65% or higher confidence level in the aggregate.

(4) Trust assets must consist of cash or marketable securities of a type and risk character as specified in subsection 9. The trustee shall submit a report to the superintendent not less frequently than quarterly that lists the assets comprising the corpus of the trust, including a statement of their market value and the investment activity during the period covered by the report. The trust must be established and maintained subject to the condition that trust assets may not be transferred or revert in any manner to the employer except to the extent that the superintendent finds that the value of

the trust assets exceeds the present value of incurred claims and claims settlement costs with an actuarially indicated margin for future loss development. In all other respects, the trust instrument, including terms for certification, funding, designation of trustee and payout, must be as approved by the superintendent, except that the value of the trust account must be actuarially calculated at least annually by a casualty actuary who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and adjusted to the required level of funding.

(5) In determining whether a self-insurer that maintains an actuarially determined fully funded trust qualifies for a reduction in the required confidence level pursuant to subparagraph (1) or (3) or is subject to an enhanced confidence level pursuant to subparagraph (6), the superintendent shall consider the financial condition of the self-insurer in relation to the potential workers' compensation liabilities. The factors the superintendent may consider include the self-insurer's liquidity, leverage, tangible net worth, size and net income. For group self-insurers, the superintendent's review must be based on the aggregate financial condition of the group members. At the request of the superintendent, a group self-insurer shall report relevant financial information, on a form prescribed by the superintendent, at such intervals as the superintendent directs. The superintendent may establish additional review criteria or procedures by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subparagraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

(6) If the superintendent determines, based on an evaluation of a self-insurer's financial condition pursuant to subparagraph (5), that the confidence level at which the self-insurer has been authorized to fund its trust is not sufficient to provide adequate security for the self-insurer's reasonably anticipated potential workers' compensation liabilities, the superintendent shall make a determination of the appropriate confidence level and order the self-insurer to take prompt action to increase funding to that level within 60 days.

**Sec. 9. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§4-A, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 232, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Any out-of-state self-insurer that participates in the account may do so only through participation in a protected cell. An employer or group authorized by the Superintendent of Insurance to self-insure its Maine liabilities pursuant to this section is considered an out-

of-state insurer self-insurer to the extent that it is reinsuring out-of-state liabilities beyond the scope of its Maine self-insurance plan.

**Sec. 10. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§5, ¶A-1,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 401, §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) If the principal member does not have employees in the State, the principal member must meet the same qualifications as a ~~subsidiary employer applying to become qualified parent corporation of~~ an individual self-insurer under subsection 3, paragraph G, except that direct majority ownership is not required and the group's indemnity agreement is deemed to meet the requirement for an irrevocable contract of assignment.

**Sec. 11. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§11,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

**11. Qualifications for reinsurance carriers.** A workers' compensation contract or policy issued after ~~the effective date of this section~~ January 1, 1993 may not be recognized by the Superintendent of Insurance in considering the ability of an individual or group self-insurer to fulfill its financial obligations under this Act, unless the contract or policy is issued by an admitted insurance company or a reinsurance company that meets on a continuous basis the requirements of Title 24-A, chapter 9, subchapter ~~III~~ 3 and the reinsurance company has been approved by the superintendent to issue in this State contracts of primary workers' compensation reinsurance, or by Lloyd's of London, a ~~syndicate of unincorporated alien insurers that has established and maintains United States trust funds consistent with the requirements of Title 24-A, chapter 9, subchapter III~~ formally organized association of incorporated underwriters and individual unincorporated underwriters, any one or more of which underwrite and assume as insurer a portion of the risk insured by them as set forth in the contract of insurance. Each contract of primary workers' compensation reinsurance that is proposed for use in this State must be filed for approval in the manner set out in Title 24-A, section 2412. ~~Insofar as is~~ To the extent practicable, a contract so approved may be modified with less than 30 days advance filing notice if the superintendent determines the modifications suggested are not contrary to provisions of Title 24-A, section 2412, this Title or Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 250 and are necessary to effect required reinsurance coverage to authorize the self-insurer to operate a plan of workers' compensation self-insurance.

**Sec. 12. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§14, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

F-1. After terminating or suspending an authorization for self-insurance in accordance with this subsection, the Superintendent of Insurance shall

promptly notify the board and forward to it a copy of the order terminating or suspending the authorization.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 54**

**H.P. 815 - L.D. 1240**

**An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3146,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 702, §7, is amended to read:

**§3146. Climate change protection plan**

No later than ~~December 31, 2023~~ May 1, 2027, and every ~~3~~ 5 years thereafter, a transmission and distribution utility shall submit to the commission a 10-year plan that includes specific actions for addressing the expected effects of climate change on the utility's assets needed to transmit and distribute electricity to its customers. The commission shall provide a process to allow for the input from interested parties on the transmission and distribution utility's plan. The commission may use the plan and the input received from interested parties in rate cases or other proceedings involving the transmission and distribution utility.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3148, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 553, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Periodic review.** Beginning January 15, ~~2025~~ 2027, and every 5 years thereafter, the commission shall conduct a review or update a previous review or contract with a consultant to conduct a review or update a previous review of available grid-enhancing technology that could be implemented by a large investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to reduce or defer the need for investment in grid infrastructure in the State. The commission may produce a report or contract with a consultant to produce a report describing the grid-enhancing technology identified in the review. The commission may file information or the report for use in rate cases or other proceedings involving a large investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, including the integrated grid planning proceeding required pursuant to section 3147, subsection 2.

**Sec. 3. 2027 review of available grid-enhancing technology.** The review conducted in 2027 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3148, subsection 2 must update the re-

view conducted in 2025 by the Public Utilities Commission or a consultant of the commission of available grid-enhancing technology that could be implemented by a large investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to reduce or defer the need for investment in grid infrastructure in the State.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 55**

**H.P. 582 - L.D. 917**

**An Act Regarding Charges to Uninsured Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-G**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 28, Pt. A, §2, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1718-G. Requirements for notice to patients of costs for COVID-19 screening and testing and prohibited charges for COVID-19 vaccination for uninsured patients**

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1718-G, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 28, Pt. A, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 56**

**H.P. 44 - L.D. 80**

**An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §232** is enacted to read:

**§232. State dog**

The Seppala Siberian Sleddog is the official state dog.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 57**

**S.P. 54 - L.D. 126**

**An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §513-A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 504, §2, is amended to read:

**§513-A. Veterans' homelessness prevention coordination**

**1. Veterans' homelessness prevention partnership.** The director ~~shall~~ may, through one or more collaborative agreements, establish a program of partnerships with human services-based volunteer organizations to provide transitional housing to homeless veterans and coordinate efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness among veterans in this State. The volunteer organizations must have as their core programs addressing homelessness and veterans' services and have been active in the State for at least 2 years. Priority must be given to an organization founded, chartered or organized in the State. The director may accept donations from outside sources and state and federal funding to accomplish the priorities of the partnerships. To the extent state, federal or outside funding is available, the priorities of these partnerships, listed in order of priority, include, but are not limited to:

- A. Identifying homeless veterans in the State;
- B. Identifying and securing temporary or permanent living space for veterans within the veterans' communities;
- C. Providing ~~reimbursement~~ disbursements to human services-based volunteer organizations that provide transitional housing to homeless veterans pursuant to collaborative agreements entered into pursuant to this subsection; and
- D. Conducting annual outreach events, targeted to reach the maximum number of veterans in need, to disseminate information on resources and services available to assist homeless veterans.

**2. Rules.** The bureau may adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including to define "veterans" for purposes of this section, to govern collaborative agreements with human services-based volunteer organizations and to govern ~~the reimbursement of organizations that provide transitional housing to homeless veterans through~~ disbursements from the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund.

Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**3. Fund established.** The Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund, a nonlapsing fund, is established under the bureau for the purpose of receiving funds from state, federal and other sources, including donations from private citizens, corporations and entities for the purpose of this section. The bureau shall use the fund to provide ~~reimbursement to human services-based volunteer organizations that provide transitional housing to homeless veterans~~ disbursements to organizations, businesses, landlords or other entities to

prevent homelessness among veterans in this State and to otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

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**CHAPTER 58**  
**H.P. 63 - L.D. 98**

**An Act to Include School  
Counselors in the Educators  
for Maine Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 303, §2, is further amended to read:

**12. Return service.** "Return service" means service in a public elementary or secondary school, publicly supported secondary school, special education facility as defined in section 7001, subsection 6 or private school in this State approved for tuition purposes for a full school year as a certified teacher or school counselor or a licensed speech pathologist, service as a Jobs for Maine's Graduates specialist with similar teacher certification or service for a 12-month period in a child care facility by an individual who has attained child care provider qualifications.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**12-A. School counselor.** "School counselor" means a person who is employed as a school counselor in a school setting and who:

A. Is certified as a school counselor by the department; or

B. Possesses a minimum of a master's degree in an approved program in guidance and counseling.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 427, §2, is amended to read:

**13. Student pursuing postbaccalaureate certification.** "Student pursuing postbaccalaureate certification" means a student who has earned a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent and is pursuing a program of study leading to certification as a teacher or school counselor or licensure as a speech pathologist or to the attainment of child care provider qualifications.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §12501-A, sub-§14-A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 303, §3, is amended to read:

**14-A. Underserved geographic areas.** "Underserved geographic areas" means those geographic areas of the State where there is an insufficient supply of teachers, school counselors or speech pathologists as determined by the chief executive officer in consultation with the commissioner.

**Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §12502**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 303, §4, is further amended to read:

**§12502. Educators for Maine Program**

There is established the Educators for Maine Program to provide financial assistance for postsecondary education to undergraduate students and students pursuing postbaccalaureate certification who demonstrate academic achievement and an interest in pursuing a career in teaching, school counseling, speech pathology or child care in this State. The chief executive officer shall administer the program and shall establish pursuant to rules of the authority the rates of interest or fees to be charged.

Under the program, the authority may annually award a certain number of loan repayments to selected educators and other school personnel under this section in underserved geographic areas as funds permit. A selected loan repayment recipient must enter into a loan repayment agreement with the authority and may receive payment from the authority on the recipient's outstanding student debt for each year of service as long as the recipient teaches is employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school in an underserved geographic area.

**Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §12505, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 427, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Eligibility for postbaccalaureate certification.** A loan to a student pursuing postbaccalaureate certification may be given only to a resident of the State who has shown academic achievement, who has a baccalaureate degree, who is pursuing a course of study that will lead to certification as a teacher or school counselor, to licensure as a speech pathologist or to attainment of child care provider qualifications and who has met other eligibility criteria established by rule of the authority.

**Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §12507, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 427, §10, is further amended to read:

**3. Deferment.** A recipient of a loan may seek a deferment of the annual payments for a period or periods as established by rule of the authority. A request for deferment must be made to the chief executive officer who shall make a determination on a case-by-case basis. The chief executive officer may grant a deferment in the event that a recipient of a loan evidences intent to ~~teach~~ work as a teacher, school counselor or speech pathologist and inability to secure employment necessary to obtain forgiveness of the loan at the time the deferment is sought. The chief executive officer shall require certification of the intent annually and grant a deferment for each successful request for deferment for a period not to exceed one year. The chief ex-

ecutive officer may establish limits to the number of deferments that may be granted to any recipient by rule of the authority.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 59**

**H.P. 746 - L.D. 1127**

**An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6410-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Liability.** A receiver appointed by the commission pursuant to subsection 1 that is acting in good faith while exercising the authorities granted pursuant to subsection 1 must be treated in the same manner as an employee acting on behalf of a governmental entity under Title 14, chapter 741.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 60**

**H.P. 318 - L.D. 489**

**An Act to Provide for a Vessel Breakdown License Exception for Commercial Halibut Fishing License Holders**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before May 18, 2025, the beginning of the 2025 commercial halibut fishing season; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 627, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Licensed activity; commercial license.** The holder of a commercial halibut fishing license issued under subsection 1 may fish for, take, possess, ship,

transport or sell halibut that the holder has taken using the vessel named on the license. Crew members aboard a license holder’s vessel may fish for, take, possess, ship or transport halibut only if the license provides for crew members.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Exception to using vessel named on license holder's license for commercial license holders.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, the commissioner may temporarily authorize a holder of a commercial halibut fishing license to use a vessel other than the vessel named on that license holder's license to fish for, take, possess, ship or transport halibut if the license holder documents to the commissioner that the vessel named on that license holder's license has become temporarily inoperable because of an accident or a mechanical failure and requests in writing to the commissioner that the commissioner authorize the use of another vessel to fish for or take halibut. The commissioner's authorization may require the license holder to fish for, take, possess and land halibut separately from any halibut taken under another license listing the same vessel to ensure that harvest limits are not exceeded. An authorization granted by the commissioner to a license holder due to an accident or a mechanical failure may not exceed 2 weeks. The commissioner may authorize one 2-week extension per license holder during the commercial halibut fishing season. An authorization under this subsection may not be granted by the commissioner in 2 consecutive years.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 61**

**H.P. 252 - L.D. 398**

**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Transient Occupancy" in the Laws Governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature finds that it is desirable to extend principles of sound planning, zoning and development to the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature desires to encourage appropriate use of these lands by the residents of Maine

and visitors in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, camping; and

**Whereas**, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period since recreational camping season begins Memorial Day weekend in the month of May; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§18**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 16, §1, is further amended to read:

**18. Transient occupancy.** "Transient occupancy" means occupancy that does not exceed ~~±20~~ 150 days in a calendar year.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 62**

**S.P. 200 - L.D. 465**

**An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §353-B, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 631, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The fees for waste discharge license groups are the 2019 bill amounts increased by a factor of 1.4, unless otherwise indicated, as follows.

Discharge group	Basis for annual fee	Median fee for discharge group	Water quality improvement surcharge
Publicly owned treatment facilities, 10,000 gallons per day or less	annual fee 2019 bill amount	\$543	

Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 10,000 gallons per day to 0.1 million gallons per day

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$689

Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 0.1 million gallons per day to 1.0 million gallons per day

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$1,063

Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 1.0 million gallons per day to 5.0 million gallons per day

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$2,241

Publicly owned treatment facilities, greater than 5 million gallons per day or with significant industrial waste

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$7,850

Major industrial facility, process wastewater (based on EPA list of major source discharges)

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$33,919

Other industrial facility, process wastewater

annual fee    2019 bill amount    \$2,093

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Food handling or packaging wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,135		Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources 600 gallons per day or less	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$231	\$75
<del>Fish-rearing</del> Terrestrial fish-rearing facility 0.1 million gallons per day or less	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$538		Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources more than 600 gallons per day	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$313	\$75
<del>Fish-rearing</del> Terrestrial fish-rearing facility over 0.1 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,368		Sanitary overboard discharge, public sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$315	\$75
Marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$529		Aquatic pesticide application	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,110	
<del>Marine finfish aquaculture facility</del>	annual fee	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>		Snow dumps	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$550	
Noncontact cooling water	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$330		Salt and sand storage pile	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$738	
Industrial or commercial sources, miscellaneous or incidental nonprocess wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$626		Log storage permit	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$727	
Municipal combined sewer overflow	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$711		General permit coverage for industrial storm water discharges (except construction)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$588	
Sanitary wastewater, excluding overboard discharge	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,268		General permit coverage for marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	<del>2019 bill amount</del> <u>\$1,682</u>	<del>\$230</del> <u>\$1,682</u>	
Sanitary overboard discharge, commercial sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$446	\$75	<del>General permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer system</del>	annual fee	<u>\$1,306</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	
					General permit coverage (other)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$283	

Experimental discharge license	license fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,550
New or amended mixing zone, in addition to other applicable fees	flat fee	\$9,254	---
Formation of sanitary district	flat fee	\$693	---
Transfer of license for residential or commercial sanitary wastewater	flat fee	\$140	---

On an annual basis, municipalities and publicly owned treatment works whose combined sewer overflows have the potential to affect shellfish harvesting areas as determined by the department by virtue of their locations within estuarine or marine waters of the State must be assessed a surcharge on their wastewater discharge licenses in a total amount of \$12,000. This amount must be allocated among the municipalities and publicly owned treatment works according to their prior 3-year average annual flows as reported to the department.

On an annual basis, publicly owned treatment works whose outfalls licensed for the discharge of treated effluent cause adjacent shellfish growing areas to be closed for the purposes of harvesting shellfish must be assessed a license surcharge in a total amount of \$25,000. This amount must be allocated among the publicly owned treatment works according to the acreage that each licensed outfall closes. This acreage must be determined by the Department of Marine Resources in consultation with the department.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures that support activities for water quality control operations, including licensing, compliance evaluation, monitoring, data acquisition, data management and administration.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$55,791	\$57,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,791</b>	<b>\$57,409</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 63**

**H.P. 755 - L.D. 1150**

**An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2157** is enacted to read:

**§2157. Sheltering or aiding missing child**

**1. Duty to inform law enforcement officer.** If a person knowingly shelters or aids in obtaining shelter for a missing child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, the person shall inform a law enforcement officer as to the missing child's location and condition if the law enforcement officer contacts that person as part of the investigation of the missing child.

**2. Violation.** A person who violates subsection 1 is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

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**CHAPTER 64**

**S.P. 18 - L.D. 6**

**An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12254, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §216 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not set a trap for any wild animal without having the trap plainly labeled with that person's full name and address or that person's trapping online licensing system identification number issued by the department.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 65**  
**S.P. 66 - L.D. 130**

**An Act to Establish the PFAS  
Response Program and to  
Modify the Fund To Address  
PFAS Contamination**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §320-K, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

Health care information obtained by the department in the course of providing services related to paragraphs A and B, including billing information, must be treated as confidential pursuant to Title 22, section 1711-C. For purposes of this section, "health care information" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph E.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §320-K, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**5. Administration and authority.** The administration of the fund and the authority to administer the fund is as follows.

A. The department shall administer the fund allocations in accordance with a plan that establishes funding priorities, administration and oversight and with the review and advice of the advisory committee. The department may use funds for personnel services and to contract for professional services to carry out the purposes of this section.

B. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee is authorized to sell, grant, lease, transfer or otherwise convey any real or personal property acquired under subsection 4, paragraph D. Proceeds from the sale or lease of property and the disposal of all other interests in real property including timber sales and revenue generated from solar development must be deposited into the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner program, Fund To Address PFAS Contamination, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Chairs.** The advisory committee shall select 2 chairs from among its members, each to serve a term of 2 years. Chairs may serve consecutive terms.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 212, §4, is further amended to read:

**3. Proceedings of the advisory committee.** The advisory committee shall hold at least 2 one public hearings meeting annually to seek input from the public on efforts to meet the purposes of the fund. All proceedings of the advisory committee are public proceedings within the meaning of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1. Notwithstanding Title 1, section 403, subsection 6, all records of proceedings of the advisory committee are public and subject to the requirements of Title 1, section 403, subsection 2.

**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA c. 10-E** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 10-E**

**PFAS RESPONSE PROGRAM**

**§341. PFAS Response Program**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Agricultural land" has the same meaning as in section 32, subsection 2.

B. "Commercial farm" means a farm that produces any farm product with the intent that the farm product be sold or otherwise disposed of to generate income.

C. "Farm product" means those plants and animals useful to humans and includes, but is not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and food crops, dairy products, poultry and poultry products, bees, livestock and livestock products and fruits, berries, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, Christmas trees and other similar products.

D. "On-farm mitigation efforts" means activities intended to reduce the impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination on a commercial farm's production of farm products.

E. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 1732, subsection 5-A.

F. "Program" means the PFAS Response Program.

**2. Program established; purpose.** The PFAS Response Program is established to effectively respond to and address PFAS contamination affecting agricultural producers in the State, to assist commercial farms affected by PFAS contamination and to safeguard public health. The commissioner shall develop, implement and administer the program for the purpose of abating, cleaning up and mitigating threats and hazards posed by PFAS that affect agricultural producers in the State and that affect the food supply; providing support to affected commercial farms; supporting critical PFAS research; and allowing for the department to strategically and effectively respond to PFAS concerns and issues as they arise. The program may include but is not limited to:

A. Establishing maximum levels for PFAS in farm products in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. When a maximum level is exceeded, the department may prohibit the commercial sale of the product affected and require the PFAS-impacted agricultural producer to incorporate on-farm mitigation efforts as a prerequisite for any future authorization from the department to resume commercial sale of the product affected;

B. Providing testing support, including conducting initial sampling and ongoing monitoring, to assist agricultural producers in understanding the extent of PFAS contamination on their commercial farms. Testing may include but is not limited to testing of groundwater, surface water, soil, animal tissue, animal blood and serum, plant tissue, animal feed, eggs, milk, manure and compost;

C. Providing technical assistance to interpret test results, craft recommendations for on-farm mitigation efforts to reduce the risk of PFAS contamination and implement modifications to ensure the safety of farm products and ongoing farm viability;

D. Providing financial assistance to PFAS-impacted agricultural producers, including but not limited to self-testing reimbursement, agricultural water filtration equipment and maintenance costs, livestock depopulation, compensation for unmarketable processed livestock, equipment and input cost coverage, clean feed support and infrastructure support;

E. Establishing baseline criteria that agricultural producers must adhere to in order to receive technical and financial assistance, which includes granting property access sufficient to conduct appropriate and required PFAS investigations, cooperating with program staff by providing timely and complete information regarding product types, feed sources and other relevant management practices and adhering to animal welfare and nutrient management recommendations.

An agricultural producer must have an opportunity to request a hearing before the department pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 regarding the program's decision to deny, cease or modify financial support based on the criteria established according to this subsection. The department shall inform the agricultural producer of the opportunity to request a hearing in the written communication notifying the agricultural producer of the program's decision to deny, cease or modify financial support; and

F. Undertaking or supporting research efforts necessary to advance scientific understanding of PFAS and their movement and effect in agricultural systems

that inform on-farm management recommendations or regulatory decisions. These efforts may be accomplished by department staff or state agency partners or contracted to qualified 3rd parties.

**3. Administration.** The Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources within the department shall administer the program. The department may also partner with state agencies or contract with 3rd parties to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. The program is distinct from the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination established in section 320-K. The program enforces maximum levels of PFAS in farm products, provides direct on-farm assistance, including but not limited to testing, analysis and on-farm mitigation strategy recommendations, in addition to providing specific financial support that is integral to commercial farms making changes necessary to adapt to and mitigate on-farm PFAS risk.

**4. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 66**

**H.P. 87 - L.D. 154**

**An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1654-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 652, §4 and affected by §14, is amended to read:

**§1654-A. Transfers from the unallocated balance in Highway Fund ~~unallocated surplus~~**

At the close of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer to the Department of Transportation, Secondary Road Program Fund, established in section 1803-C and referred to in this section as "the fund," the uncommitted balance in the Highway Fund unallocated surplus account. The amount transferred to the fund, when added to previous transfers to the fund for the fiscal year in which the uncommitted balance is transferred, may not exceed the program funding cap provided in section 1803-C, subsection 4. Any remaining uncommitted balance in the Highway Fund after the transfer to the fund must be transferred to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital; Highway Light Capital; Maintenance and Operations; and

Multimodal Transportation Fund programs, for capital and all other needs. The Commissioner of Transportation may allot these funds by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor. The transferred amounts are considered adjustments to allocations. Within 30 days after approval of the financial order, the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters a report detailing the financial status of the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program.

For the purposes of this section, "~~uncommitted balance in the Highway Fund unallocated surplus account~~" or "~~uncommitted balance~~" "unallocated balance in the Highway Fund" means the amount remaining in the account at the close of the fiscal year after the deduction of all allocations, budgeted financial commitments and ~~adjustments considered necessary by the State Controller for any other transfers authorized by statute.~~

The State Controller shall include in the State Controller's official annual financial report at the close of each fiscal year a statement showing all transfers made from the ~~Highway Fund unallocated surplus account~~ unallocated balance in the Highway Fund for the fiscal period.

**Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1801, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 473, Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

Municipal transportation assistance funds must be targeted to the ~~capital~~ needs of rural local roads and highways, bridges and minor spans and must also reflect urban compact maintenance responsibilities on state and state aid roadways.

**Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1801, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 652, §5 and affected by c. 652, §14, is further amended to read:

Responsibility for decisions regarding maintenance and improvement of roads must follow the principle that roads that primarily serve regional or statewide needs must be the State's responsibility, roads that primarily serve local needs must be a local responsibility and roads that primarily serve as minor collector routes and major collector routes may be improved through a partnership between municipalities or counties and the State.

**Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §1801, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 652, §5 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:

The purpose of the Local Road Assistance Program established in this subchapter is to provide equitable financial assistance to communities for their use in improving local roads and maintaining state roads in urban compact areas. ~~The purpose of the Secondary Road~~

~~Program Fund established in this subchapter is to establish a partnership between communities and the State in making capital improvements to state aid minor collector highways and state aid major collector highways.~~

**Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §1803-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 354, Pt. I, §§1 and 2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

**1. Distribution and use of funds.** Funds from the Local Road Assistance Program must be distributed to each eligible municipality, county or Indian reservation through rural road assistance and urban compact assistance funding as follows.

A. Rural road assistance funds must be distributed as follows.

(1) Funds are distributed at a rate of \$600 per year per lane mile for all rural state aid ~~minor collector~~ roads and all public roads maintained by a municipality located outside urban compact areas as defined in section 754, except that funds are distributed at a rate of \$300 per year per lane mile for all seasonal public roads.

(2) Funds must be used for maintenance or for capital improvements ~~as defined by this chapter, or for capital improvements to state aid minor collector highways and state aid major collector highways as described in section 1803-C. In municipalities, counties and Indian reservations in which there are no rural state aid minor collector or major collector roads,~~ funds may also be used for winter highway maintenance, acquisition of highway maintenance equipment or the construction of highway maintenance buildings if the governing legislative body affirmatively votes that its town ways and local bridges are in sufficiently good condition so as to not require significant repair or improvement for at least 10 years of roadway infrastructure, bridges and drainage structures.

B. Urban compact assistance funds must be distributed as follows.

(1) Funds are distributed at a rate of \$2,500 per year per lane mile for summer maintenance performed by municipalities on state and state aid highways in compact areas as defined in section 754. For each lane mile beyond the 2nd lane on a highway with more than 2 lanes, funds are reimbursed at a rate of \$1,250 per lane mile for summer maintenance in compact areas. Funds are distributed at a rate of \$1,700 per year per lane mile for winter maintenance performed by municipalities on state highways in compact areas as defined in sections 754 and 1001 regardless of the number of lanes. Funds are distributed at a rate of \$600 per year per lane mile for all other public roads maintained

by a municipality and located inside a compact area, except that funds are distributed at a rate of \$300 per year per lane mile for all seasonal public roads.

(2) Funds must be used only for the maintenance or for capital improvement of public roads infrastructure, bridges and drainage structures.

D. Beginning July 1, 2014, the annual funding dedicated for the Local Road Assistance Program must be 9% of the Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation. On July 1, 2014 and every July 1st thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall administratively adjust the base funding and the reimbursement rates per lane mile proportionately according to revenue available.

Sec. 6. 23 MRSA §1803-C, as amended by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §§30 and 31, is repealed.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Eliminates the Secondary Road Program Fund and removes the base allocation.

Table with 3 columns: OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, 2025-26, 2026-27. Rows include All Other, OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE, and FUNDS TOTAL.

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CHAPTER 67 S.P. 419 - L.D. 987

An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4, ¶1, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 630, §1, is amended to read:

I. A motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment regulated under a federal motor vehicle safety standard, as defined in 49 United States Code, Section 30102(a)(10), and any other motor vehicle, including an off-highway vehicle or specialty motor vehicle, such as an all-terrain vehicle, a side-by-side vehicle, construction, forestry or farm equipment or a personal assistive mobility device, except that the exemption under this paragraph does not apply

to any textile article or refrigerant that is included in or as a component part of such products;

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CHAPTER 68 H.P. 758 - L.D. 1153

An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §747, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 195, §2, is amended to read:

2. Board of trustees established. The Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena is established to develop, review and make recommendations to the county commissioners on financial, contractual and policy issues regarding the Cross Insurance Arena. The board of trustees consists of 9 7 members appointed by the county commissioners as follows:

- A. Two members from the City of Portland;
B. One member from each of the following sets of municipalities county commissioner districts in Cumberland County:
(1) South Portland and Cape Elizabeth County Commissioner District 1;
(2) Scarborough, Westbrook and Falmouth County Commissioner District 2;
(3) Gorham, Windham, Standish, Baldwin and Sebago County Commissioner District 3;
(4) Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, Pownal and New Gloucester County Commissioner District 4; and
(5) Yarmouth, Cumberland, North Yarmouth, Gray, Casco, Raymond, Naples, Harrison and Bridgton County Commissioner District 5; and

C. Two members at large.

Trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years and may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

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**CHAPTER 69  
H.P. 267 - L.D. 413**

**An Act Regarding Disclosure  
by Sellers of Residential Real  
Property of Notices of  
Shoreland Zoning Ordinance  
Violations**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 602, §5 and reallocated by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §52, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Shoreland zoning ordinance.** Detailed information on any of the following related to a shoreland zoning ordinance adopted pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 2-B:

- A. A notice of violation issued by a municipal official or state agency;
- B. A pending enforcement action;
- C. Litigation;
- D. A court judgment; and
- E. A settlement or consent agreement.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 70  
S.P. 104 - L.D. 238**

**An Act to Protect Emergency  
Medical Services Persons'  
Right to Work in Multiple  
Health Care Settings**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 132, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**7. Delegation.** A person acting under delegated authority pursuant to chapter 36 or 48 may not use or be governed by a license issued pursuant to this chapter while acting under that delegated authority, and a person acting under a license issued pursuant to this chapter may not be governed by delegated authority or engage in any activities delegated pursuant to chapter 36 or 48 while acting under a license issued pursuant to this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 71  
H.P. 302 - L.D. 448**

**An Act Regarding the  
Establishment of Fees and Fee  
Caps for Dental Provider  
Licensing and Permits**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, Public Law 2023, chapter 17 transferred the Board of Dental Practice from an affiliated board to a licensure program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation; and

**Whereas**, Public Law 2023, chapter 17 inadvertently repealed fee caps for dental provider licensing and permit fees and the authorizing authority to establish those fees by rule; and

**Whereas**, the Legislature intended that the provisions setting fee caps for dental provider licensing and permit fees and the authorizing authority to establish those fees by rule be transferred to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation; and

**Whereas**, this legislation corrects that omission and must take effect as soon as possible in order to effectuate the Legislature's intent; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18309** is enacted to read:

**§18309. Fees**

**1. Fee establishment.** The director may establish by rule fees for purposes authorized under this chapter in amounts that are reasonable and necessary for their respective purposes, except that:

A. The fee for any one purpose may not exceed \$550 unless another fee is authorized by paragraph B or C;

B. The fee for an initial license or a license renewal under section 18342 or a permit under section 18379 may not exceed \$1,000; and

C. The fee for an initial license or a license renewal under section 18345 may not exceed \$200.

**2. Rules.** Rules adopted pursuant to subsection 1 are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to June 29, 2023.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 16, 2025.

**CHAPTER 72**

**S.P. 138 - L.D. 379**

**An Act Regarding Confidential Information Gathered for Forest Fire Emergency Response and Planning**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8904, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

**1. Confidentiality.** Emergency plans of action that contain any of the following information are confidential and exempt from public records requirements pursuant to Title 1, chapter 13:

- A. Personal contact information;
- B. Information related to gaining access to gates, locks or roads;
- C. Proprietary information of a landowner; or
- D. Emergency response information acquired by the director through forest fire preparedness and planning activities.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8904, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Disclosure of confidential information.** The director may disclose information that is considered confidential under subsection 1 to another state agency for the purposes of emergency incident response and planning.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 73**

**S.P. 167 - L.D. 386**

**An Act Regarding Information That May Be Shared by Law Enforcement Entities with a School Superintendent or a Principal**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3301-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 190, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Sharing information.** ~~Nothing in this Part precludes~~ does not preclude a law enforcement officer or criminal justice agency from sharing information with a school superintendent or principal, whether or not the information is contained in records, pertaining to a juvenile when the information is credible and indicates a substantial danger with the use of a firearm as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A or dangerous weapon as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 9 or an imminent danger to the safety of students or school personnel on school grounds or at a school function. The superintendent or principal may disseminate this information only to the extent necessary to protect students and school personnel and as governed by subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 525, §35, is further amended to read:

**11. Notification teams.** Within 10 days after receiving notice from a district attorney of an alleged juvenile offense or juvenile offense, pursuant to Title 15, section 3308-B, subsection 1 or after receiving notice from a law enforcement officer of credible information ~~that indicates an imminent danger to~~ regarding the safety of students or school personnel pursuant to Title 15, section 3301-A, the superintendent shall convene a notification team. The notification team must consist of the administrator of the school building or the administrator's designee, at least one classroom teacher to whom the student is assigned, a parent or guardian of the student and a guidance counselor. The notification team is entitled to receive the information described in Title 15, section 3308-B, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and in Title 15, section 3301-A. The notification team shall also determine on the basis of need which school employees are entitled to receive that information.

Confidentiality of this criminal justice information regarding juveniles must be ensured at all times, and the information may be released only under the conditions of this subsection. The superintendent shall ensure that confidentiality training is provided to all school employees who have access to the information.

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**CHAPTER 74**

**H.P. 258 - L.D. 404**

**An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities**

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §378-B is enacted to read:

**§378-B. Lottery winner identity; confidentiality**

The identity of a person awarded a prize of \$100,000 or more and the identity of a person who is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program under Title 5, section 90-B awarded a prize of any amount are confidential unless the person awarded such a prize provides written authorization to the bureau allowing the disclosure of that person's identity. The bureau may disclose the identity of the person to another state agency solely for purposes authorized under state and federal law, and that state agency is prohibited from further disclosing the person's identity.

Information designated as confidential under this section is not a public record as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

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**CHAPTER 75**

**H.P. 418 - L.D. 650**

**An Act to Support Municipal Public Health**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §453 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§453. Local board of health**

1. Membership; administration. A municipality may appoint a local board of health consisting of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 members besides the local health officer appointed pursuant to section 451, one of whom must be a physician, an advanced practice nurse or a physician assistant, if available in the community. Appointees must have knowledge, education and experience in medicine or public health, including but not limited to community mental health, public health nursing, public and community health, social work and communications. To the extent possible, the board must be representative of the population served. When first appointed, members of the board must be appointed one for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years. Subsequent appointments must be for 3-year terms. The local health officer is secretary ex officio of the local board of health and shall keep a record of all proceedings. The local board of health constitutes an advisory body to the local health officer.

2. Authorities of board. A local board of health shall prioritize activities overseen by the local health officer and may:

A. In consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, educate the public

about health issues as long as those educational activities do not conflict with law, ordinance, bylaw or any fire, health or safety rule and are based in scientific approaches;

B. Propose ordinances to the local legislative body for the promotion of general health as long as those ordinances do not conflict with other law, ordinance, bylaw or any fire, health or safety rule;

C. Advise local select boards, council and staff on public health issues outside of the expertise of the local health officer, but shall prioritize activities overseen by the local health officer;

D. Advise other municipal departments, volunteer boards and commissions; and

E. Collaborate with nonprofit organizations, businesses and other entities to support local public health work.

A local board of health may not direct the work of the local health officer or any other employee or appointed official of the municipality.

3. Funding. A local board of health may request permission from the municipality to apply for outside funding. All outside funding received by a local board of health is subject to municipal financial processes and procedures.

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**CHAPTER 76**

**S.P. 629 - L.D. 1545**

**An Act to Clarify the Maximum Value That a Small Estate May Be Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code to Permit Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit**

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §3-1201, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

A. The value of the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$40,000, adjusted for inflation pursuant to section 1-108;

Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §3-1201, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Publication. A county probate court shall annually publish on the court's publicly accessible website

the value described in subsection 1, paragraph A, including the adjustment for inflation.

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**CHAPTER 77**

**H.P. 147 - L.D. 224**

**An Act to Expand the Definition of "Terrorism" in the Laws Governing the Maine Emergency Management Agency**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 614, §1, is further amended to read:

L. Records describing security plans, security procedures or risk assessments prepared specifically for the purpose of preventing or preparing for acts of terrorism, but only to the extent that release of information contained in the record could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the physical safety of government personnel or the public. Information contained in records covered by this paragraph may be disclosed to the Legislature or, in the case of a political or administrative subdivision, to municipal officials or board members under conditions that protect the information from further disclosure. For purposes of this paragraph, "terrorism" ~~means conduct that is designed to cause serious bodily injury or substantial risk of bodily injury to multiple persons, substantial damage to multiple structures whether occupied or unoccupied or substantial physical damage sufficient to disrupt the normal functioning of a critical infrastructure~~ has the same meaning as in Title 37-B, section 703, subsection 8;

**Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §703, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Cyberattack.** "Cyberattack" means activity targeting information and communications technology infrastructure, systems or services affecting the State or the State's critical infrastructure, whether physical or non-physical, for the purpose of disrupting, disabling, destroying or maliciously controlling such infrastructure, systems or services or destroying the integrity of the data or stealing the information residing thereon.

**Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §703, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 146, §6, is amended to read:

**8. Terrorism.** "Terrorism" means the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government or civilian population. "Terrorism" includes conduct that is designed to cause serious bodily injury or substantial risk of bodily

injury to multiple persons, substantial damage to multiple structures whether occupied or unoccupied or substantial physical damage sufficient to disrupt the normal functioning of a critical infrastructure; or conduct that constitutes a cyberattack on information and communications technology infrastructure, systems or services affecting the State or the State's critical infrastructure, whether physical or non-physical.

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**CHAPTER 78**

**S.P. 48 - L.D. 31**

**An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§12, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. If the parent of a military-connected student is transferred or pending transfer within the State, a school administrative unit shall:

- (1) Allow the student to continue attending the student's current school;
- (2) Allow the student to enroll in the student's prospective school prior to establishing residence; or
- (3) Allow the student to enroll at a school located where the student will reside with a non-custodial guardian.

Student transfers under this paragraph that take place during a student's final year of high school must conform with section 20107.

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**CHAPTER 79**

**H.P. 75 - L.D. 110**

**An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §203-D** is enacted to read:

**§203-D. Reporting on funds received by direct share subdivisions pursuant to court settlement of opioid crisis litigation**

A direct share subdivision that receives funds pursuant to settlements described in section II.A of the Memoranda of Understanding shall submit a report to the Attorney General by January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, detailing the amount of such funds received pursuant to section II.C.2 of each Memoranda of Understanding and expended in the prior calendar year, including a description of each such expenditure. The Attorney General shall compile these reports and submit them by February 15, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

As used in this section, "Memoranda of Understanding" has the same meaning as in section 203-C, subsection 1, paragraph C and "direct share subdivision" means a municipality or county that is a subdivision identified in Exhibit 3 of the Memoranda of Understanding.

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**CHAPTER 80**

**S.P. 77 - L.D. 141**

**An Act to Provide Limited Immunity to Maine Human Rights Commission Mediators**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. The commission shall contract with impartial mediators for the 3rd-party neutral mediation program under paragraph A. For the purposes of this section, while carrying out their official duties, mediators are considered state employees and are entitled to the immunity provided to state employees under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

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**CHAPTER 81**

**H.P. 221 - L.D. 321**

**An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-V** is enacted to read:  
**§150-V. Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month**

The month of May of each year is designated as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

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**CHAPTER 82**

**S.P. 80 - L.D. 144**

**An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the limited retail seafood harvester certificate, established in this legislation and attached to an already existing retail seafood license, would make it easier for shellfish harvesters, especially oyster growers, to sell their harvest directly to consumers without having the additional expense related to the operation of a fixed facility or selling their product through registered dealers; and

**Whereas,** it is important that this certificate be made available to seafood harvesters as soon as possible, so they may sell their harvest from a vehicle during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, including at farmers' markets; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Marine Resources has indicated that the department has the resources necessary to implement this certificate immediately; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6852,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 207, §§17 to 19, is further amended to read:

**§6852. Retail seafood license**

**1. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under subsection 2 without a retail seafood license or other license issued under this Part authorizing the activities.

**2. License activity.** Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections 2-A, 2-B and 2-C, the holder of a retail seafood license may, in the retail trade, buy, sell, transport, ship or serve:

- A. Shellstock, which must be purchased from a wholesale seafood license holder certified under section 6856;
- D. Crayfish;
- F. Lobsters; and
- G. Any marine organism that is purchased directly from a harvester licensed under this Part.

A holder of a retail seafood license when buying directly from a harvester may buy only from a harvester who possesses the license or permit for that species as required under this Part. The harvester shall make the applicable marine resources license or permit available for inspection upon the retail seafood license holder's request.

**2-A. Enhanced retail certificate authorized.**

The holder of a retail seafood license may obtain an enhanced retail certificate from the department. The holder of an enhanced retail certificate may, in the retail trade within the state limits, buy, sell, transport, ship or serve:

- A. Shellstock bought from a commercial shellfish license holder licensed under section 6601;
- B. Shellstock bought from a surf clam boat license holder licensed under section 6602;
- C. Shellstock bought from a mahogany quahog license holder licensed under section 6731;
- D. Shellstock bought from a hand-raking mussel license holder licensed under section 6745 or a mussel boat license holder licensed under section 6746; and
- E. Shellstock bought from an aquaculture license holder licensed under section 6810-B.

For the purposes of inspection or collection of samples, the commissioner or the commissioner's agent may access an establishment or part thereof in which activities authorized under this certificate are conducted by a person holding a retail seafood license. Denial of access is grounds for suspension or revocation of a retail seafood license under the provisions of section 6372. The holder of an enhanced retail certificate may not designate a vehicle as that person's establishment.

**2-B. Endorsements.** The holder of a retail seafood license buying directly from a harvester must obtain an endorsement from the department for the species being bought if the license to harvest that species requires the harvester to comply with an electronic reporting requirement. The department shall provide endorsements to license holders at no cost in accordance with rules adopted under subsection 6.

**2-C. Limited retail seafood harvester certificate authorized.** The holder of a retail seafood license may obtain a limited retail seafood harvester certificate from the department. The holder of a limited retail seafood

harvester certificate may, in the retail trade within state limits, sell, transport and serve shellstock taken by the primary owner listed on the retail seafood license as long as the primary owner is also a:

- A. Commercial shellfish license holder licensed under section 6601;
- B. Surf clam boat license holder licensed under section 6602;
- C. Mahogany quahog license holder licensed under section 6731;
- D. Hand-raking mussel license holder licensed under section 6745 or a mussel boat license holder licensed under section 6746; or
- E. Aquaculture license holder under section 6810-B.

For the purposes of inspection or collection of samples, the commissioner or the commissioner's agent may access the vehicle in which activities authorized under this certificate are conducted by a person holding a retail seafood license. Denial of access is grounds for suspension or revocation of a retail seafood license under the provisions of section 6372.

**3. License limited.** A license authorizes activities pursuant to subsection 2 at only one establishment or with only one vehicle.

**3-B. Certificate limited.** An enhanced retail certificate authorizes activities pursuant to subsection 2-A at only one establishment. A limited retail seafood harvester certificate authorizes activities pursuant to subsection 2-C with only one vehicle.

**4. Fee.** The fee for a retail seafood license under subsection 1 is \$100. The fee for an enhanced retail certificate under subsection 2-A is \$100 and must be deposited in the Shellfish Fund under section 6651. The fee for a limited retail seafood harvester certificate under subsection 2-C is \$50 and must be deposited in the Shellfish Fund under section 6651.

**5. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

**6. Rules.** The commissioner may adopt or amend rules that establish requirements for retail seafood license holders ~~and~~ enhanced retail certificate holders and limited retail seafood harvester certificate holders concerning:

- A. The minimum sanitation standards for establishments and vehicles;
- B. The sanitation and quality control standards for shellfish and whole scallops and their products;
- C. The methods for handling, shipping and transporting of shellfish and whole scallops;

- D. The records and reports of purchases, shipping and transporting of shellfish and whole scallops;
- E. The labeling or marking of shipments of shellfish and wholesale scallops;
- F. The protection of public health; and
- G. Endorsements under subsection 2-B.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection must be based on the particular operational requirements of each activity, the most recently adopted federal sanitation standards and the most recent generally accepted research data and must be designed to protect the public health and safety while allowing reasonable use of shellfish and whole scallops. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

**CHAPTER 83**

**H.P. 513 - L.D. 806**

**An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the current licensing requirements for an expanded function dental assistant require passage of a separate dental radiologic technique and safety examination, which is the same examination required for licensure of dental radiographers; and

**Whereas,** this legislation eliminates the requirement that an expanded function dental assistant must be separately licensed as a dental radiographer and instead provides for exposing and processing radiographs under the assistant's scope of practice; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must be enacted immediately so that expanded function dental assistants are not required to pay an additional license fee; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9854, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §19, is further amended to read:

A. A dentist, dental hygienist, expanded function dental assistant or dental radiographer licensed under chapter 143;

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶L,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 223, §10, is further amended to read:

L. Supragingival polishing using a slow-speed rotary instrument and rubber cup; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶HH,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 223, §10, is amended to read:

HH. Contour or finish restorative materials using a high-speed, power-driven handpiece or instrument; and

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶II** is enacted to read:

II. Expose and process radiographs.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

**CHAPTER 84**

**S.P. 384 - L.D. 895**

**An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes an immersive outdoor education program that provides interdisciplinary and experiential education in an outdoor setting, and this legislation creates equitable opportunities for students across this State to have outdoor experiences; and

**Whereas,** many children in this State lack opportunities to enjoy and learn about the outdoors because of home circumstances, lack of access or transportation or a deficiency of suitable school or community-based programs; and

**Whereas,** the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program will prepare children in this State for future success, will build self-awareness and confidence and will be an opportunity to instill the importance of

the State's natural resources industries by encouraging future generations of farmers, foresters, persons who fish commercially and others working outdoors or as stewards of the State's natural resources; and

**Whereas**, the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program will begin in school year 2025-2026; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 433** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 433**

**IMMERSIVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

**§5301. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Fund.** "Fund" means the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund established within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service in section 5304.

**2. Immersive outdoor education.** "Immersive outdoor education" means experiential, holistic and interdisciplinary education that uses the outdoor setting to engage students in educational opportunities about the outdoors and natural resources industries and supports the health and wellness of students.

**3. Outdoor education program provider.** "Outdoor education program provider" means an organization that offers immersive outdoor education.

**4. Program.** "Program" means the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program established by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service pursuant to section 5302.

**§5302. Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program**

**1. Program established.** The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall establish and administer the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program to support immersive outdoor education and to assist school administrative units in partnering with outdoor education programs.

**2. Grant requirements.** Beginning in school year 2025-2026, except as otherwise provided in section 5304, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall provide grants to implement the program in order to assist school administrative units in partnering with outdoor education program providers. Grants under the program must be:

A. Distributed to an outdoor education program provider that meets the requirements of section 5303;

B. Used to serve publicly funded students enrolled in grade 4 to grade 8 in schools operated by tribal school committees or students enrolled in grade 4 to grade 8 in publicly funded schools in the State, as determined by the sending school administrative unit and the outdoor education program provider based on community needs and the curriculum. A student receiving home-school instruction is eligible to participate in the program as provided by Title 20-A, section 5021. For purposes of this paragraph, "publicly funded school" means a school required to participate in the system of learning results established in Title 20-A, section 6209;

C. Provided to the same school grade each year to ensure that students in subsequent years have an opportunity to participate in the program; and

D. If program funds are limited, prioritized for schools and communities that are historically underserved by outdoor education, including, but not limited to, Indian tribes and nations, migrant students, schools with high numbers of students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunches, rural and remote schools, students in alternative education programs, students of color, English language learner students and students receiving special education services.

**§5303. Outdoor education program provider requirements**

This section governs the requirements for outdoor education program providers.

**1. Program curricula.** The program must:

A. Use the outdoors and local ecosystems as the primary context to support hands-on learning, including lessons, meals and on-site living;

B. Engage students in safe and age-appropriate activities;

C. Focus on the State's outdoor heritage, science, engineering, technology, mathematics, health, environment and natural resources and sustainability by including a strong academic component that supports overall academic achievement and career trajectories and connects science with other subjects to support students' understanding of:

(1) Conserving and developing marine and estuarine resources;

(2) Conducting scientific research;

(3) Promoting the State's coastal fishing industries;

(4) Protecting and managing fish, game and other wildlife and their habitats, including restoring endangered species;

(5) Promoting agriculture, conservation, forestry, land management and the well-being of domestic animals;

(6) Safely enjoying the outdoors; and

(7) Promoting public health;

D. Develop students' social and emotional skills, including teamwork, citizenship, self-awareness and community responsibility;

E. Support students' health and wellness by developing an appreciation for education and recreation in the outdoors;

F. Encourage hands-on engagement, observation, discovery, intellectual curiosity and problem-solving; and

G. Support students and teachers to combat the learning loss associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. Program structure.** An outdoor education program provider shall:

A. Comply with the requirements of chapter 927 regarding licensed guides, youth camp trip leaders or educational trip leaders, as appropriate.

B. Provide outdoor programs for a 2-night, 3-day experience or day programs when overnight programs are impractical due to health or cultural considerations;

C. Pursue a sustainable funding model;

D. Collaborate with schools and teachers to provide access to the program;

E. Pledge to provide equitable access to the program to all students;

F. Train educators in educational strategies and field work;

G. Develop and participate in an evaluation program in accordance with section 5305; and

H. Promote high levels of accessibility for students with disabilities.

**§5304. Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund is established within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall administer grant funds for the program in accordance with subsection 2. The fund is nonlapsing and may be invested in the same manner as permitted for the investment of other state funds.

**2. Use of fund.** For school year 2025-2026 and each school year thereafter, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall determine the funding needed for the program. The funding must be sufficient for students in all geographic regions of the State to participate in the program for a 2-night, 3-day experience.

**3. Sources of fund.** The State Controller shall credit to the fund:

A. All money appropriated or allocated by the Legislature for inclusion in the fund;

B. Money from any other source, whether public or private, designated for deposit into or credited to the fund; and

C. Interest earned or other investment income on balances in the fund.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service may use funds for staff and for administrative costs associated with administering grant funds for the program. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service is not required to provide grants under section 5302, develop an evaluation and longitudinal study under section 5305, convene an advisory committee under section 5306 or undertake any other work or provide any other services for which it does not have sufficient funding.

**§5305. Report; evaluation**

Except as otherwise provided in section 5304, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, in consultation with the advisory committee under section 5306, shall develop an evaluation and longitudinal study on current and future demographics of students participating in the program for the purpose of ensuring equitable access and to understand the effects of outdoor education on emotional, educational and career trajectories of students who have participated in the program. Beginning March 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall submit a report regarding the study to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, inland fisheries and wildlife matters and agriculture, conservation and forestry matters. The report must include an emphasis on information regarding the accessibility of the program from a geographic, economic, ethnic and disability perspective and the program's effect on state workforce goals.

**§5306. Advisory committee**

Except as otherwise provided in section 5304, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service shall convene an advisory committee for the purpose of advising and making recommendations regarding the program and seeking new opportunities to ensure that the State is a nationwide leader in outdoor education, including high school education career training programs. In inviting members onto the advisory committee, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Service shall take into consideration geographic and demographic diversity in membership and ensure that membership of the committee includes a youth advocate and representatives of all applicable state agencies, the outdoor education program provider community, the natural resources community and upper elementary and middle school education.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund N427**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service's administration of the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program in the event that funds from public or private sources are received.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 85**

**S.P. 402 - L.D. 912**

**An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** economic development in certain areas of the State requires ensuring that energy resources are available to a variety of employers and industries; and

**Whereas,** this legislation is immediately necessary to ensure that local sources of electricity generation are not monopolized by data centers; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 205, §2, is amended to read:

B. The entity's tenants; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 205, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. Commercial or industrial consumers located on the property where the entity is located or on abutting property; or

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. Commercial or industrial consumers located on a commercial or industrial site within the control area of the New England independent system operator and located in a municipality north of the Town of Chester that was served by the entity or its predecessor without using the transmission and distribution plant of a public utility prior to December 31, 2018. The exception under this paragraph does not apply if more than 25% of the nameplate capacity of the entity is used to serve data centers located on the commercial or industrial site. For the purposes of this paragraph, "data center" means any facility in the State, which may be a freestanding structure or a facility within a larger structure, that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store and transmit digital information that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 86**

**S.P. 410 - L.D. 954**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation amends the laws governing the membership of the Government Oversight Committee; and

**Whereas**, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible during the current legislative session in order to clarify the membership requirements of the committee; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §993, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 417, §1, is further amended to read:

The membership of the committee and the selection of chairs are established by joint rule of the Legislature. Beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the committee must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters ~~and at least one member must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. No 2 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party.~~

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to December 4, 2024.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 87**

**S.P. 597 - L.D. 1456**

**An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, this legislation is a way to support Maine's hospitality sector and businesses that cater to tourists, and the tourism season is crucial for the State's economy and public well-being; and

**Whereas**, the tourism season, which brings millions of visitors and significant revenue to the State, relies on a regulated and enjoyable environment, including accessible and responsible alcohol sales; and

**Whereas**, this legislation needs to take effect before the tourism season begins; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

**1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section to breweries, small breweries, tenant breweries, wineries, small wineries, tenant wineries, distilleries, small distilleries, bottlers and rectifiers in the State that operate under federal law and federal supervision.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is amended to read:

**1-A. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "manufacturing facility" means the premises of a brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery or small distillery licensed under this section where liquor products are produced.

**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

**2. Manufacturers other than bottlers and rectifiers.** The following provisions apply to brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery and small distillery licensees.

A. A licensee governed by this subsection may permit sampling of a liquor product produced by that licensee on the premises where the liquor product is produced:

- (1) By employees for the purpose of quality control of the product; and
- (2) By wholesalers for the purpose of determining whether to carry the product as a wholesale product if the licensee pays the excise tax on the product sampled according to section 1652.

B. A licensee governed by this subsection may serve to the public samples of liquor produced by the licensee at the manufacturing facility where that liquor is produced by the licensee under the conditions specified in this paragraph.

- (1) The licensee may sell samples to the public or offer samples to the public at no cost.
- (2) The licensee shall pay the excise tax, if any, according to section 1652 on all samples

served to the public under this paragraph. If a sample is sold by the licensee, it is also subject to the sales tax on liquor under Title 36, section 1811.

(3) The licensee shall maintain a record of all samples the licensee sells under this paragraph and shall maintain those records for a period of 2 years.

(4) The licensee may serve samples to the public under this paragraph only during the hours of legal sale set forth in section 4.

(5) The area of the licensed premises where the licensee serves samples to the public under this paragraph is not required to be separate from and may be accessed by the same entrance as the area licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor under chapter 43 in accordance with paragraph I.

(6) Spirits samples served to the public under this paragraph by a distillery must first be sold to the State, subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits samples served to the public under this paragraph by a small distillery are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph H.

(7) The licensee may not serve samples to minors or visibly intoxicated persons.

D. A licensee governed by this subsection may sell for off-premises consumption liquor produced by the licensee from the manufacturing facility where liquor is produced by the licensee under the conditions specified in this paragraph.

(1) Sales made in accordance with this paragraph do not require the licensee to obtain an additional retail license under chapter 45.

(2) Liquor sold in accordance with this paragraph may not be consumed anywhere on the licensed premises.

(3) The area of the licensed premises where the licensee opts to transact sales for off-premises consumption is not required to be separate from and may be accessed by the same entrance as the area licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor under chapter 43 in accordance with paragraph I.

(4) Sales under this paragraph may be made only during the hours of legal sale as provided in section 4.

(5) Spirits sold by a distillery must first be sold to the State, subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits sold by a small distillery are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph G.

(6) Except as provided in subsection 3, paragraphs C and C-1, sales may be made only by the bottle, by the case or in bulk.

I. A licensee governed by this subsection may be issued one or more on-premises retail ~~license~~ licenses under chapter 43 per licensed manufacturing facility under the conditions specified in this paragraph. An on-premises retail license issued under chapter 43 may be for retail activities located at the manufacturing facility or for retail activities at another location if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both the manufacturing licensee and the on-premises retail licensee licensed under chapter 43.

(1-A) ~~The on-premises retail license issued under chapter 43 may be for retail activities located at the manufacturing facility or for retail activities at another location if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both the manufacturing facility and the premises. If a person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in one manufacturing licensee, the person or persons may hold no less than a majority ownership interest in up to 3 retail licensees licensed under chapter 43. If a person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in at least 2 manufacturing licensees that, collectively, manufacture at least 1,000 barrels of liquor per year, the person or persons may hold no less than a majority ownership interest in up to 6 on-premises retail licensees licensed under chapter 43. A person or persons with a majority ownership interest in one or more manufacturing licensees may not hold an ownership interest in more than 6 on-premises retail licensees licensed under chapter 43.~~

(2) ~~The~~ A retail license issued under chapter 43 authorizes the sale for on-premises consumption of products produced at the manufacturing facility as well as other liquor permitted to be sold under the applicable class of the retail license.

(2-A) Liquor sold under a retail license issued under chapter 43 on the premises of the manufacturing facility may not be consumed on any part of the premises where patrons are not generally permitted.

(3) All records related to activities under the authority of the manufacturing facility's license issued under this section must be kept separate from records related to activities under the authority of ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43. Income from the sale of liquor under subparagraph (4-A) or under paragraph B or D by a manufacturing facility that is located on the same premises as ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43 is not included

in calculating whether that retail licensee satisfies any applicable income from the sale of food requirement set forth in chapter 43.

(4) Spirits sold under the authority of ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43 to the holder of a distillery license must first be sold to the State, subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits sold under the authority of ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43 to the holder of a small distillery license are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph H.

(4-A) A person issued a retail license under chapter 43 for premises other than the licensed manufacturing facility may sell liquor for off-premises consumption under the conditions stated in paragraph D.

(5) The licensee shall ensure that products purchased for off-premises consumption under paragraph D are not consumed on the premises of the manufacturing facility or ~~the~~ a retail license issued under chapter 43, if that retail license authorizes retail activities at another location.

J. A licensee governed by this subsection may display up to 25 bottles of liquor produced by the licensee in a window of a location where the licensee is authorized by this section to sell its products for on-premises consumption or for off-premises consumption.

K. A licensee governed by this subsection may transport liquor produced at the licensed manufacturing facility in bulk or packaged in kegs, bottles or cans, including by the case, to:

(1) Another manufacturing facility licensed under this section if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both of the licensed manufacturing facilities; and

(2) An establishment licensed for retail sales operated by the licensee under paragraph I; subsection 4, paragraph B, subparagraph (2); or subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (3) as long as the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both the licensed manufacturing facility and the licensed retail establishment.

**Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§6, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§6, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

D. A tenant brewery is governed by the provisions of subsection 3 ~~except for the privileges granted under paragraph C.~~

**Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§7, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 185, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §1811, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §23 and affected by §29 and amended by c. 673, §22 and affected by §28, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Eight percent on the value of liquor sold in licensed establishments as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, in accordance with Title 28-A, chapter 43 and liquor sold for on-premises consumption by a licensed brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery or small distillery pursuant to Title 28-A, section 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph B;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

**CHAPTER 88**

**H.P. 364 - L.D. 545**

**An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1102-C, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Exceptions to the permitting requirement.** In addition to the exception for a newly constructed single-family dwelling set forth in section 1102-D, a permit from the board is not required for:

A. An electrical installation in a single-family dwelling performed by a licensed electrician qualified under this chapter;

A-1. An electrical installation performed by a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person;

B. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with the construction, installation, operation, repair or maintenance of any utility by a public utility, or by a contractor working on behalf of a public utility as set forth in section 1102, subsection 1-C, in rendering its authorized service or in any way incidental thereto;

C. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with an aboveground electric transmission line described in section 1102, subsection 1-B;

D. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, fuses, lighting fixtures, switches and sockets, the installation and repair of outlets, radio and other low-voltage equipment and the repair of service entrance equipment;

E. Electrical installations for which a permit and inspection are required by municipal resolution or ordinance under Title 30-A, section 4173;

F. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in or about industrial or manufacturing facilities;

G. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in, on or about other properties, equipment or buildings, residential or of any other kind, owned or operated by a person engaged in industrial or manufacturing operations provided that the work is done under the supervision of an electrical engineer or master electrician in the employ of that person;

H. Work performed by any person licensed under chapter 139 as an oil burner technician, subject to the restrictions of the license as issued;

I. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 139 as a propane and natural gas installer, when installing propane and natural gas utilization equipment, subject to the restrictions of that person's license;

J. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 49 as a plumber, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps and water heaters of the same or smaller size in residential properties; or

K. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 69-C as a pump installer, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

**11. Wastewater treatment plants.** Wastewater treatment plants, as defined in section 4171, and regular employees of wastewater treatment plants making electrical installations in or about wastewater treatment plants; ~~or~~

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §35, is amended to read:

**12. Incidental work.** Regular employees of an owner or a lessee of real property doing incidental electrical work on that property or incidental electrical work by a person whose occupation involves miscellaneous jobs of manual labor. For purposes of this subsection, "incidental electrical work" means minor electrical work, limited to light fixtures and switches, that occurs by chance and that does not require electrical installation calculations; ~~or~~

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1201-A, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

**13. Personal abode.** Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section 1102-D for electrical installations in newly constructed single-family dwellings, a person making electrical installations in an existing single-family dwelling occupied and owned by that person, as long as the installation conforms with the standards of the National Electrical Code or other standards approved by the board.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 89**

**S.P. 257 - L.D. 576**

**An Act Regarding Reciprocal  
Licensure for Professional  
Engineers**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1352-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 375, §11, is further amended to read:

~~B. A person~~ An applicant for licensure holding an active national council record whose qualifications meet the requirements of this chapter upon application may be licensed without further examination.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1352-A, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. An applicant for licensure who meets the requirements of a mutual recognition agreement between this State and another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or any foreign country, whose licensure qualifications are, in the opinion of the board and by the language of the agreement, substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter, may be licensed without further examination.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 90  
H.P. 433 - L.D. 665**

**An Act Regarding the Use of  
Military Protective Orders in  
Protection from Abuse and  
Protection from Harassment  
Proceedings**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4651, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Military protective order.** "Military protective order" means a protection order issued pursuant to 10 United States Code, Section 1567 by a commanding officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state, against a person under the officer's command.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4654, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 559, Pt. C, §§4 and 5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

In making the determination required under paragraph A, the court may consider the existence of an active military protective order.

**Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

**7-A. Military protective order.** "Military protective order" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 4651, subsection 3-A.

**Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

C. An order of a tribal court of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation; ~~or~~

**Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

D. A similar order issued by a court of the United States or of another state, territory, commonwealth or federally recognized Indian tribe; ~~or~~

**Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. A military protective order.

**Sec. 7. 19-A MRSA §4108, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

**1. Temporary orders.** The court may enter temporary orders authorized under subsection 2 that it considers necessary to protect a plaintiff or minor child

from abuse, on good cause shown in an ex parte proceeding, which the court shall hear and determine as expeditiously as practicable after the filing of a complaint. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor child constitutes good cause. In determining whether good cause exists, the court may consider the existence of an active military protective order. A temporary order remains in effect pending a hearing pursuant to section 4109.

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**CHAPTER 91  
H.P. 443 - L.D. 704**

**An Act to Clarify Performance  
Standards for Quarries**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-X,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 297, §8 and PL 2011, c. 682, §38, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, a person exempt from the requirements of this article that is operating a quarry one acre in size or less; that is operating a quarry that has a total excavated area, including adjacent parcels under a common owner or operator, that is one acre in size or less; or that is operating a quarry and conducting an excavation or grading preliminary to a construction project shall comply with the blasting notification requirements under section 490-Z, subsection 14, paragraph O if the person intends to conduct blasting at that quarry or as part of that excavation or grading.

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**CHAPTER 92  
H.P. 788 - L.D. 1183**

**An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own  
Protections Apply to Mobile  
Home Park Tenants**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

"Option contract for the purchase of real property or rent-to-own real property" includes an agreement under this paragraph for which the residential real property subject to the agreement is a mobile

home as defined in Title 10, section 9091, subsection 1.

**Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended to read:

B. Include a statement that the vendor has inspected the property to be conveyed and certifies that the property is in compliance with sections 6021 and 6021-A, subject to the provisions of section 6021, subsection 5 authorizing a waiver for a stated reduction in payment or other specified fair consideration, and, if applicable, that the property is in compliance with Title 10, section 9099, subject to the provisions of Title 10, section 9099, subsection 4 authorizing a waiver for a stated reduction in payment or other specified fair consideration;

**Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§2, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended to read:

C. Identify the party required to maintain the premises in compliance with sections 6021 and 6021-A and, if applicable, Title 10, section 9099;

**Sec. 4. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The option contract for the purchase of real property or rent-to-own real property requires the vendor to maintain the real property pursuant to the provisions of section 6021, unless a waiver pursuant to the provisions of section 6021, subsection 5 has been entered into, and the provisions of section 6021-A and, if applicable, the provisions of Title 10, section 9099, unless a waiver pursuant to Title 10, section 9099, subsection 4 has been entered into; and

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**CHAPTER 93**

**S.P. 360 - L.D. 795**

**An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2473-A** is enacted to read:

**§2473-A. Waiver of permit requirements for recreational or hobby mining**

Notwithstanding section 2473, a person intending to conduct recreational or hobby mining activities may request and the commissioner may approve a waiver from the permit requirements of section 2473 for the

possession, use, storage and transportation of explosives for use in the recreational or hobby mining activities.

**1. Criteria for approval.** The commissioner may approve a waiver under this section if the commissioner determines that:

A. The person requesting the waiver has not committed any violations of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or any other violations of law or rules relating to public safety;

B. The person requesting the waiver has demonstrated to the commissioner's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of this chapter is impractical with respect to the recreational or hobby mining activities the person intends to conduct;

C. Approving the waiver will not compromise public safety or pose a risk to public or private property;

D. The person requesting the waiver has agreed to implement alternative safety measures for the possession, use, storage and transportation of explosives as directed by the commissioner; and

E. The person requesting the waiver had previously been issued a waiver from the requirements of section 2473 by the commissioner prior to March 4, 2025.

**2. Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

As used in this section, "recreational or hobby mining activities" means mining activities for which a person is not required to obtain a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and that are conducted for a noncommercial purpose.

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**CHAPTER 94**

**S.P. 41 - L.D. 26**

**An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §551, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 319, §16, is further amended to read:

A. Administrative expenses, personal services and equipment costs of the department related to the administration and enforcement of this subchapter and subchapter 2-B, except that total disbursements for personal services may not exceed \$7,000,000 per fiscal year adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

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**CHAPTER 95  
S.P. 51 - L.D. 33**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing Fantasy Contests**

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

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1101, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to read:

A. ~~One Two~~ Two or more fantasy contestants per game or contest, none of which may be the fantasy contest operator, pay an entry fee to participate;

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1105, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Allocation of funds.** The director shall collect for deposit to the General Fund 10% of gross fantasy contest revenues, including any revenues earned while operating pending approval of an application submitted to the director as described in section 1103, subsection 9, ~~from a fantasy contest operator licensed under this chapter that has gross fantasy contest revenues of \$100,000 or greater.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 96  
H.P. 3 - L.D. 39**

**An Act to Require Landowners  
to Report Their Participation  
in a Forest Carbon Program or  
Project**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Forest carbon credit.** "Forest carbon credit" means a unit that is equivalent to one metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions or carbon dioxide equivalent emissions that are avoided, removed or absorbed as a result of forest management activities that are either undertaken or deferred to increase forest carbon storage or sequestration.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Forest carbon program or project.** "Forest carbon program or project" means a planned set of forest management activities for a defined area of forest land that is designed to provide transferable forest carbon credits and that is developed to conform to an existing voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

**2-C. Forest carbon project developer.** "Forest carbon project developer" means an entity that acts on behalf of a landowner to establish forest carbon credits to meet the requirements of an existing voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry. "Forest carbon project developer" also means a landowner that acts as the landowner's own forest carbon project developer.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Report on forest carbon program or project.** A landowner or the landowner's designated agent shall submit a report to the director whenever any portion of the landowner's forest land located in the State is enrolled in a forest carbon program or project. The report must include the following information:

- A. The name of the forest carbon program or project and the name of the forest carbon project developer, if different from the landowner;
- B. The name of the voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry and the forest carbon program or project identification number in the registry, if known;
- C. The legal name and contact information of the landowner or landowners as of the date of enrollment in the forest carbon program or project;
- D. The period of enrollment in the forest carbon program or project of the affected forest land; and
- E. The total forest acreage enrolled in the forest carbon program or project by town, township or plantation.

A landowner that enrolled in a forest carbon program or project prior to the effective date of this subsection must file the report required pursuant to subsection 2-B by July 1, 2026.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §47 and affected by Pt. X, §2 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

**3. Reports.** Reports required under subsections 1 and 2, ~~2-A and 2-B~~ are due during the month of January for the preceding year. If the period of cutting under subsection 1 or 2 ~~or 2-A~~ extends beyond December 31st of any calendar year, a report must be submitted during the month of January for the preceding year. A person filing a harvest notification form pursuant to section 8883-B must complete and return to the bureau a harvest report whether or not the landowner has harvested that year.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 97

### H.P. 21 - L.D. 57

#### An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶T**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 597, §2, is further amended to read:

T. A marine patrol officer who is not an attorney but is representing the Department of Marine Resources in a libel proceeding before a District Court under Title 12, section 6207; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶U**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 597, §3, is amended to read:

U. Practice, pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court, by a law student enrolled in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; ~~or~~

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶V** is enacted to read:

V. An attorney certified by the judge advocate general of that attorney's respective military branch representing Maine National Guard members in proceedings conducted pursuant to Title 37-B, section 415-A.

**Sec. 4. 37-B MRSA §148**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

#### **§148. Discharge of enlisted persons and termination of officer appointments**

An enlisted person discharged from the state military forces ~~shall~~ must receive a discharge in the form

and with the classification prescribed for the federal military establishment. Discharges may be given prior to the expiration of periods of enlistment under these regulations, not inconsistent with those established by the national military establishment for the government of the National Guard, ~~as the Governor may prescribe pursuant to rules adopted by the Adjutant General.~~

An officer discharged from the state military forces must receive a discharge in the form and with the classification prescribed for the federal military establishment. An officer's state appointment may be terminated prior to the expiration of periods of military obligation pursuant to rules adopted by the Adjutant General. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §403, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 662, §42, is further amended to read:

**1. Active member.** All members of the state military forces are subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice at all times ~~except when in federal service pursuant to United States Code, Title 10.~~

A. This code applies to members of the state military forces serving out-of-state and while going to and returning from service out-of-state to the same extent as a person serving within the State.

B. Offenses committed outside the State may be tried and punished either inside or outside the State subject to section 418.

**Sec. 6. 37-B MRSA §415-A, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 662, §48, is amended to read:

A. A ~~company grade officer~~ commander with the rank of captain or warrant officer commander below may impose one or more of the following punishments:

- (1) Forfeiture of up to one day's pay;
- (2) Up to 4 hours of extra duties; ~~or~~
- (3) Prohibition of promotion of up to one year; ~~or~~
- (4) Reduction of one grade for enlisted members in pay grade E-4 and below.

**Sec. 7. 37-B MRSA §415-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 662, §48, is amended to read:

B. A ~~field grade officer~~ commander with the rank of major may impose one or more of the following punishments:

- (1) Forfeiture of up to 3 days' pay;
- (2) Up to 8 hours of extra duties; ~~or~~
- (3) Prohibition of promotion of up to one year; ~~or~~

(4) Reduction of one grade for enlisted members in pay grade E-6 and below.

**Sec. 8. 37-B MRSA §415-A, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 251, §5, is further amended to read:

C. ~~An officer with~~ A commander with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the chain of command of an individual being considered for nonjudicial punishment and above may impose one or more of the following punishments:

- (1) Forfeiture of up to 5 days' pay;
- (2) Up to 16 hours of extra duties;
- (3) Prohibition of promotion of up to one year; or
- (4) Reduction of one grade for enlisted members.

**Sec. 9. 37-B MRSA §460**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 406, §7, is amended to read:

**§460. Behavior Conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline of military forces or that discredits is of a nature to discredit military forces**

Any person subject to this Code who ~~behaves in a manner~~ engages in conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the military forces or that discredits is of a nature to discredit the military forces must be punished as a court-martial may direct.

**Sec. 10. 37-B MRSA §462**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 341, §15, is amended to read:

**§462. Operating under the influence and driving to endanger**

**1. Prohibition; operating under the influence and driving to endanger.** Any person subject to this Code who commits an offense prohibited under Title 29-A, section 2411 or 2413 is guilty of that offense under this Code.

**2. Punishment.** Any person subject to this Code who is found guilty of an offense prohibited under Title 29-A, section 2411 or 2413 may be punished as a court-martial may direct.

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**CHAPTER 98**

**H.P. 22 - L.D. 58**

**An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §503, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 406, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. Employment of personnel.** The director may employ, subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Civil Service Law, the personnel necessary to administer this chapter. The director may employ a deputy director, a superintendent of the cemetery system, ~~a veteran claims specialist and veteran service officers~~ a deputy superintendent of the cemetery system, a supervisor of veterans' services, a deputy supervisor of veterans' services and veterans' services officers. The director and other employees referred to in this subsection must be veterans as defined by 38 United States Code, Section ~~101(2)~~ 101(2) who were separated with an honorable discharge.

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**CHAPTER 99**

**S.P. 118 - L.D. 251**

**An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶U**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 618, §1, is further amended to read:

U. Records provided by a railroad company pursuant to Title 23, section 7311, subsection 5 and records describing hazardous materials transported by the railroad company in this State, the routes of hazardous materials shipments and the frequency of hazardous materials operations on those routes that are in the possession of a state or local emergency management entity or law enforcement agency, fire department or other first responder, except that records related to a train carrying hazardous materials that has derailed at any point from a main line train track or related to a discharge of hazardous materials transported by a railroad company that poses a threat to public health, safety and welfare are subject to public disclosure after that discharge. For the purposes of this paragraph, "hazardous material" has the same meaning as set forth in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 105.5; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶V**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 118, §3, is amended to read:

V. Participant application materials and other personal information obtained or maintained by a municipality or other public entity in administering a community well-being check program, except that a participant's personal information, including

health information, may be made available to first responders only as necessary to implement the program. For the purposes of this paragraph, "community well-being check program" means a voluntary program that involves daily, or regular, contact with a participant and, when contact cannot be established, sends first responders to the participant's residence to check on the participant's well-being;

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶W is enacted to read:

W. Information in the possession of a public utility, the Office of the Public Advocate or the Public Utilities Commission pertaining to an individual customer of a public utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 13 that is designated by rule as confidential by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 111; and

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶X is enacted to read:

X. Information in the possession of a public sewer system pertaining to an individual customer of a public utility as described in this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, "public sewer system" means a municipality, division of a municipality or quasi-municipal entity that is a municipal sewer department, a sewer district as defined in Title 38, section 1032, subsection 3 or 4, a system that collects stormwater or a sanitary district formed under Title 38, chapter 11.

(1) If the municipality, division of a municipality or quasi-municipal entity, referred to in this subparagraph as "the entity," is both a public sewer system and a water utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 22, information in the possession of the entity, the Office of the Public Advocate or the Public Utilities Commission pertaining to an individual customer of the public sewer system is confidential if that information would be confidential under paragraph W if the information pertained to an individual customer of a water utility.

(2) For all public sewer systems not described in subparagraph (1), information in the possession of the public sewer system pertaining to an individual customer of the public sewer system, including the customer's name, physical or mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, utility usage, payment and credit history, financial condition or medical condition, or financial or medical condition of a member of the customer's family, is confidential and may not be disclosed by the public sewer system unless:

(a) The customer consents to the disclosure. For purposes of this division, the

public sewer system may accept an oral certification from a social service agency that the customer has consented to the public sewer system's disclosure of the customer's information to the social service agency;

(b) The disclosure is made for the purpose of debt collection, credit reporting or usage reporting pursuant to state or federal law, except that the information may not be disclosed for purposes of debt collection or credit reporting purposes if the customer is currently protected by a protection from abuse order and the customer has disclosed the protection from abuse order to the public sewer system;

(c) The disclosure is made to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency pursuant to lawful process;

(d) The disclosure is made to state, county, tribal or local emergency management agency personnel when the information about the individual customer is requested while the agency is responding to an emergency situation;

(e) The disclosure is made to a public utility or public sewer system to the extent necessary to allow these entities to bill customers for services rendered; or

(f) The disclosure is otherwise required by state or federal law.

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**CHAPTER 100**

**H.P. 186 - L.D. 286**

**An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §706**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 625, §1, is further amended to read:

**§706. Apportionment of county tax; warrants**

When a county tax is authorized, the county commissioners shall apportion it upon the municipalities, unorganized territory and other places in that county according to the most recent state valuation. They may add to the sum authorized an amount not exceeding 2%

of that sum, if a fractional division necessitates that addition and if they demonstrate that necessity in the record of that apportionment. The county commissioners shall establish the date or dates for the payment of the tax. The date may not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

No later than the 15th of July preceding the date established for payment of the tax, the county commissioners shall issue their warrant to the assessors of the municipalities and other places and to the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory within that county. Those officers shall assess the sum apportioned to their tax jurisdiction and commit their assessment for collection in the same manner as other amounts to be raised by the property tax during the tax year to which the county tax warrant applies.

If a municipality or place or the State Tax Assessor must make a supplemental assessment due to failure by the county commissioners to issue their warrant by July 15th, the county must bear the costs of that supplemental assessment. Those costs may be recovered by the tax jurisdiction through an offset against the county tax that the tax jurisdiction would otherwise be required to pay over to the county.

The county may collect delinquent county taxes and charge interest on delinquent county taxes as provided under Title 36, sections 891 and 892-A.

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**CHAPTER 101**  
**S.P. 169 - L.D. 388**

**An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Exemption from duplicative licensure.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a child care facility or family child care provider on a military installation or a facility licensed or certified as a family child care provider by the United States Department of Defense or by the United States Coast Guard that provides care only for children of parents or guardians who are active duty military members is exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

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**CHAPTER 102**  
**S.P. 388 - L.D. 899**

**An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2910-A, sub-§4, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 182, §1, is amended to read:

B. Medical payments coverage in a casualty insurance policy is assignable only by written agreement between the insured and the casualty insurer on a form prescribed or approved by the superintendent. Benefits under medical payments coverage must be applied as directed by the insured.

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**CHAPTER 103**  
**S.P. 396 - L.D. 907**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4353, sub-§4-A, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 342, §1, is amended to read:

B. If authorized by the zoning ordinance establishing the board, the board may grant a variance to an owner of a dwelling who resides in the dwelling and who is responsible to transport a person with a permanent disability for the construction of a place of storage and parking for a ~~noncommercial~~ vehicle ~~owned by that person and no other purpose used to transport a person with a permanent disability. The width and length of the structure may not be larger than 2 times the width and length of the noncommercial vehicle.~~ The owner shall submit proposed plans for the structure with the request for the variance pursuant to this paragraph to the board.

The person with the permanent disability shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person's disability is permanent.

~~For purposes of this paragraph, "noncommercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 42 with a gross vehicle weight of no more than 6,000 pounds, bearing a disability registration plate issued pursuant to~~

~~Title 29-A, section 521 and~~ owned by the person with the permanent disability.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 104  
S.P. 413 - L.D. 983**

**An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1727, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Service of notice of restricted person status.** A law enforcement agency may request that a hospital provide access to a person who is receiving care in the hospital for the purpose of notifying the person that the person is a restricted person as defined in Title 34-B, section 3862-A, subsection 1, paragraph K.

A. The hospital shall provide the law enforcement agency with an opportunity to notify the person under this subsection at a time the hospital determines is clinically appropriate with due consideration to the medical condition of the person.

B. A hospital may disclose that the person is a patient to facilitate notice under this subsection regardless of patient consent or confidentiality restrictions under hospital policy.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 105  
H.P. 749 - L.D. 1130**

**An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3145,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 374, §1, is further amended to read:

**§3145. State energy storage policy goals**

The state goal for energy storage system development is at least 300 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2025 and at least 400 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2030. Beginning January 4, 2024 15, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, when updating the state energy plan in accordance with Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C, the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9 ~~may~~ shall reevaluate and may increase the state goal for energy

storage system development and shall, in the state energy plan, report that any increase to the goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters. For the purposes of this section, "energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 106  
S.P. 496 - L.D. 1207**

**An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Special provision; solar energy development.** In the case of a proposed solar energy development, the development will not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This subsection does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

As used in this subsection, "solar energy development" means a development that uses a solar energy system consisting of ground-mounted solar panels to convert solar energy to electrical energy and includes generating facilities and associated facilities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 107  
H.P. 851 - L.D. 1276**

**An Act to Align Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements with Federal Standards**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. For intrastate commercial motor vehicles, there is a combined single limit of \$750,000.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to all commercial motor vehicle liability insurance policies exe-

cutted, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2026. For purposes of this Act, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 108

### H.P. 985 - L.D. 1501

#### An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §561, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 187, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary license, not to exceed ~~6~~ 9 months, to practice chiropractic to an applicant meeting all of the conditions of this subsection. The temporary license must describe the place or setting where chiropractic services are provided. An applicant failing to provide documentation of the requirements of this subsection may not be granted a temporary license by the board. The board may by rule establish other requirements for temporary licensure of chiropractic interns.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 109

### H.P. 1092 - L.D. 1651

#### An Act to Remove the Term "Alleged" When Referring to Victims of Sexual Assault in the Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes Pertaining to Forensic Examinations

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-M**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 156, §1, is further amended to read:

#### **§3360-M. Payment for forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault**

**1. Payment.** The board shall pay the costs of forensic examiner training as well as the costs of forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault from the Victims' Compensation Fund. The board shall track expenditures for forensic examinations separately from all other expenditures. Forensic examination payments are not subject to any other provision of this chapter.

For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11.

**2. Forensic examination; forensic examiner training and education.** The board shall determine by rule what a forensic examination may include for purposes of payment. An examination must include at least all services directly related to the gathering of forensic evidence and related testing and treatment for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The board shall pay a licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner the actual cost of the forensic examination up to a maximum of \$750.

The cost of sexual assault forensic examiner training and education provided by the sexual assault forensic examiner program must be paid from the Victims' Compensation Fund in an amount that may not exceed \$50,000 per year.

**3. Process for payment.** A licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner that performs forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault shall submit a bill to the Victims' Compensation Board directly for payment of the forensic examinations. The hospital or health care practitioner that performs a forensic examination shall take steps necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the ~~alleged~~ victim's identity. The bill submitted by the hospital or health care practitioner may not identify the ~~alleged~~ victim by name but must be assigned a tracking number assigned by the manufacturer of the forensic examination kit. The hospital or health care practitioner that performs the examination may not bill the ~~alleged~~ victim or the ~~alleged~~ victim's insurer, nonprofit hospital or medical service organization or health maintenance organization for payment of the examination. The ~~alleged~~ victim is not required to report the ~~alleged~~ offense to a law enforcement agency.

**4. Other reimbursement.** The fact that forensic examinations are paid for separately through the Victims' Compensation Fund does not preclude ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault from seeking reimbursement for expenses other than those for the forensic examination. A victim seeking reimbursement from the Victims' Compensation Fund for expenses other than the forensic examination is subject to all other provisions of this chapter.

**5. Rules.** Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2905-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 92, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Examination on unconscious ~~alleged~~ victim of sexual assault.** The health care practitioner is authorized to perform the examination pursuant to section 2986, subsection 5; or

**Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2986**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 94, §1, is further amended to read:

**§2986. Performing forensic examinations for alleged victims of sexual assault**

**1. Standard forensic examination kit.** All licensed hospitals and licensed health care practitioners shall use a standard forensic examination kit developed and furnished by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Title 25, section 2915 to perform forensic examinations for alleged victims of sexual assault. For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11.

**2. Victims' Compensation Board billing.** All licensed hospitals and licensed health care practitioners that perform forensic examinations for alleged victims of sexual assault shall submit a bill to the Victims' Compensation Board directly for payment of the forensic examinations. The Victims' Compensation Board shall determine what a forensic examination includes pursuant to Title 5, section 3360-M. The hospital or health care practitioner that performs a forensic examination shall take steps necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the alleged victim's identity. The bill submitted by the hospital or health care practitioner may not identify the alleged victim by name but must be assigned a tracking number assigned by the manufacturer of the forensic examination kit. The Victims' Compensation Board shall pay the actual cost of the forensic examination up to a maximum of \$750. Licensed hospitals and licensed health care practitioners that perform forensic examinations for alleged victims of sexual assault may not bill the alleged victim or the alleged victim's insurer, non-profit hospital or medical service organization or health maintenance organization for payment for the examination.

**3. Completed kit.** If the alleged victim has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency when the examination is complete, the hospital or health care practitioner shall then notify the nearest law enforcement agency, which shall transport and store the completed forensic examination kit for 8 years. The completed kit may be identified only by the tracking number. If during that storage period an alleged victim decides to report the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency, the alleged victim may contact the hospital or health care practitioner to determine the tracking number. The hospital or health care practitioner shall provide the alleged victim with the tracking number on the forensic examination kit and shall inform the alleged victim which law enforcement agency is storing the kit.

If the alleged victim reports the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency by the time the examination is complete, the investigating agency shall retain custody of the forensic examination kit.

If an examination is performed under subsection 5 and the alleged victim does not, within 60 days, regain a state of consciousness adequate to decide whether or not to report the alleged offense, the State may file a motion in the District Court relating to storing or processing the forensic examination kit. Upon finding good cause and after considering factors, including, but not limited to, the possible benefits to public safety in processing the kit and the likelihood of the alleged victim's regaining a state of consciousness adequate to decide whether or not to report the alleged offense in a reasonable time, the District Court may order either that the kit be stored for additional time or that the kit be transported to the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory for processing, or such other disposition that the court determines just. In the interests of justice or upon motion by the State, the District Court may conduct hearings required under this paragraph confidentially and in camera and may impound pleadings and other records related to them.

**4. Other payment.** A licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner is not precluded from seeking other payment for treatment or services provided to an alleged victim that are outside the scope of the forensic examination.

**5. Implied consent.** If an alleged victim of sexual assault is unconscious and a reasonable person would conclude that exigent circumstances justify conducting a forensic examination, a licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner may perform an examination in accordance with the provisions of this section.

A forensic examination kit completed in accordance with this subsection must be treated in accordance with Title 25, section 3821 and must preserve the alleged victim's anonymity. In addition, the law enforcement agency shall immediately report to the district attorney for the district in which the hospital or health care practitioner is located that such a forensic examination has been performed and a forensic examination kit has been completed under this subsection.

**6. Liability.** A licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner in the exercise of due care is not liable for an act done or omitted in performing a sexual assault forensic examination under this section.

**Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2915**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 156, §3, is further amended to read:

**§2915. Uniform forensic examination kit for evidence collection in alleged cases of sexual assault**

**1. Development of uniform forensic examination kit.** The Department of Public Safety shall determine by rule what constitutes a uniform standardized forensic examination kit for evidence collection in alleged cases of sexual assault. The rules must define the contents of the kit, instructions for administering the kit

and a checklist that examiners must follow and enclose in the completed kit.

**2. Use of uniform forensic examination kit.** A licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner that conducts physical examinations of ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault shall use the uniform standardized forensic examination kit developed by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to subsection 1. A health care practitioner who conducts physical examinations of ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault must be trained in the proper evidence collection procedures for conducting a forensic examination.

Evidence collection results may not be excluded as evidence in any proceeding before any court of this State as a result of the examiner's failure to use the standardized evidence collection kit or as a result of the examiner's failure to be trained in the proper procedures for the collection of evidence required by this subsection.

**3. Furnishing of uniform forensic examination kit.** The Department of Public Safety shall furnish the uniform forensic examination kits to licensed hospitals and licensed health care practitioners that perform forensic examinations of ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault.

**3-A. "Sexual assault" defined.** For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11.

**4. Rules.** Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 5. 25 MRSA c. 407, headnote** is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 407**

**TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF FORENSIC EXAMINATION KITS FOR ~~ALLEGED~~ VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §3821, 2nd ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

If ~~an alleged~~ a victim of sexual assault or strangulation has a forensic examination and has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency when the examination is complete, the licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner that completed the forensic examination shall notify the nearest law enforcement agency. That law enforcement agency shall transport the completed forensic examination kit, identified only by a tracking number assigned by the kit manufacturer, to its evidence storage facility. The law enforcement agency shall store the forensic examination kits involving sexual assault for 20 years and forensic examination kits involving only strangulation for 6 years. If during that storage period the ~~alleged~~ victim reports the offense to a law enforcement agency, the investigating agency shall take possession of the forensic examination kit.

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §287,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 719, §§5 to 8 and affected by §11, is further amended to read:

**§287. Physical examination of crime victims**

**1. Payment of expenses by district attorney.** Except as provided in subsection 2, in all cases reported to a law enforcement officer of sexual crimes against minors or assault when serious bodily injury has been inflicted, the office of the district attorney of the county in which the alleged crime occurred shall pay the expenses of a physical examination of the victim conducted for the purpose of obtaining evidence for the prosecution. Pursuant to Title 5, section 3360-M, the Victims' Compensation Board shall pay the expenses of forensic examinations for ~~alleged victims~~ a victim of the alleged crime of gross sexual assault.

**2. Limitation.** The district attorney is required to pay the expenses for the physical examination of a victim in accordance with subsection 1 only in the absence of medical insurance or other 3rd-party coverage of the expenses of examination and only from a fund or account appropriated for that purpose. The office of the district attorney is not liable for the payment of any charges, costs or fees for an examination under subsection 1 until the district attorney has received copies of all reports and records pertaining to the examination, if the copies have been requested.

**2-A. Drug and alcohol testing.** Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2 and Title 5, section 3360-M, the district attorney shall pay the expense of any analysis of a drug or alcohol test performed as part of a forensic examination of ~~an alleged~~ a victim of the alleged crime of gross sexual assault when the purpose of the analysis is to obtain evidence for the prosecution.

**3. Medical personnel not liable for furnishing reports, records or testimony.** A physician, nurse, hospital, clinic or any other person, firm or corporation attending a victim under subsection 1 is not liable in damages or otherwise for providing reports or records, copies of reports or records or for their testimony relating to any examination performed under this section when those reports, records or testimony are provided to a district attorney, a law enforcement officer or a court for the purpose of prosecuting the alleged crime, whether or not the reports, records or testimony are provided with the written authorization of the victim examined under this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110**  
**H.P. 1121 - L.D. 1686**

**An Act to Clarify, Align and  
Amend Provisions of the Maine  
Revised Statutes, Title 35-A**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §107, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 307, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

F. The interconnection ombudsman is:

(1) For interconnection-related activities undertaken by the interconnection ombudsman, funded through fees assessed under section 3474, federal money and contributions from private and public sources; and

(2) For activities undertaken by the interconnection ombudsman pursuant to section 3474, subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraph (6), funded in accordance with section 116.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§7, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. Section 3805, subsection 1;

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §901, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 325, §2, is amended to read:

The Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the requirements of this chapter do not apply to a consumer-owned water utility as defined in section 6101, subsection 1-A.

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 201, §2, is further amended to read:

B. For each month of the program year, the dollar amount of low-income assistance program benefits, the dollar amount of oxygen pump benefits and the dollar amount of ventilator benefits; and

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§6, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 201, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §4516-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 318, §15, is further amended to read:

**1. Violation of this Title.** The commission may impose an administrative penalty on a natural gas pipeline utility that violates any provision of this Title relating to safety of pipeline facilities or transportation of gas or any rule issued under this Title in an amount not to exceed \$223,000 the administrative penalty adopted by the commission by rule, which may not exceed the administrative penalty established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 190.223, as amended, for each

violation. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §4516-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 318, §16, is further amended to read:

**2. Maximum administrative penalty.** The maximum administrative penalty may not exceed \$2,227,000 for any related series of violations may not exceed the maximum administrative penalty adopted by the commission by rule, which may not exceed the maximum administrative penalty established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 190.223, as amended.

**Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §4705-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 318, §18, is further amended to read:

**1. Violation of this Title.** The commission may impose an administrative penalty on a gas utility that violates any provision of this Title relating to safety of gas facilities or any rule issued under this Title in an amount not to exceed \$223,000 the administrative penalty adopted by the commission by rule, which may not exceed the administrative penalty established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 190.223, as amended, for each violation. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

**Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §4705-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 318, §19, is further amended to read:

**2. Maximum administrative penalty.** The maximum administrative penalty may not exceed \$2,227,000 for any related series of violations may not exceed the maximum administrative penalty adopted by the commission by rule, which may not exceed the maximum administrative penalty established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 190.223, as amended.

**Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §6104-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 325, §8, is amended to read:

**2. Maximum rate adjustment.** The maximum rate adjustment that a consumer-owned water utility may propose under this section is 1.5% of current total annual revenue rates. A consumer-owned water utility may not propose a rate adjustment under this section more than once every 11 months.

**Sec. 11. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 144, §4, is further amended to read:

**2. Authority.** Pursuant to the authority granted in section 7104 and in order to carry out the policy goals established by section 7101, subsections 1, 2 and 4, the commission shall establish a telecommunications education access fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," and require all voice network service providers providing service in the State using numbers placed in service for the State's numbering plan area from the

North American Numbering Plan Administrator or its successor to contribute to the fund. A voice network service provider is not required to contribute to the fund for telephone numbers that are acquired by the provider but are not placed in service. The fund must be available, with any accumulated interest, to qualified libraries, qualified schools and the Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine to assist in paying the costs of acquiring and using advanced telecommunications technologies.

The commission may investigate a voice network service provider to ensure compliance with this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 111**

**H.P. 1223 - L.D. 1828**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2006**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 54, §1, is amended to read:

**§2006. Access to information and proceedings**

**1. Application, refusals and collected information; proceedings.** All applications for a permit to carry concealed handguns and documents made a part of the application, refusals and any information of record collected by the issuing authority during the process of ascertaining whether an applicant is of good moral character and meets the additional requirements of sections 2003 and 2005 are confidential ~~and are not public records for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.~~ The applicant may waive this confidentiality by written notice to the issuing authority. All proceedings relating to the issuance, refusal, suspension or revocation of a permit to carry concealed handguns are not public proceedings under Title 1, chapter 13, unless otherwise requested by the applicant.

**2. Permanent record of permit.** The issuing authority shall make a permanent record of each permit to carry concealed handguns in a suitable book or file kept for that purpose. The record must include the information contained in the permit itself. The record is confidential except that the following information about each permit holder is not confidential ~~and is a public record:~~

- A. The municipality of residence;
- B. The date the permit was issued; and
- C. The date the permit expires.

This subsection does not limit disclosure of confidential information for criminal justice purposes or permitting purposes to law enforcement officers and issuing authorities.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1085, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 644, §4, is amended to read:

**4. Confidentiality.** All information obtained by the bureau pursuant to this section is confidential ~~and not a public record as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.~~ The information may be used only for making decisions regarding the suitability of an affected person for new or continued employment with the bureau, to provide services to the bureau under an identified contract or to access federal tax information obtained from the bureau.

**Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §86-B**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 205, §1, is amended to read:

**§86-B. Confidentiality of certain research and personal information**

**1. Draft research and materials.** Museum draft research, publications and exhibit materials, including scientific, archaeological and historical findings, are confidential ~~and not public records for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1~~ until complete and presented to the public. The Museum Director may authorize disclosure before publication or presentation to the public.

**2. Personal history research and materials.** Personal information contained in any record about the individual that is obtained by the Maine State Museum in the course of a historical research project is confidential ~~and not a public record for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1~~ until:

- A. The individual authorizes the release of the personal information as a public record; or
- B. The death of the individual, except that the Museum Director may, at the request of the individual, designate in writing that personal information about the individual remain confidential for a specified period, not to exceed 25 years after the death of the individual, to protect the privacy of the individual or the privacy of the parent or child of the individual.

For the purposes of this section, "personal information" means any information about an individual's personal history, including, but not limited to, medical, psychiatric, employment, counseling and other information of a personal or private nature.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §503, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6 and c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10 and repealed and replaced by c. 402, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) Notwithstanding any confidentiality provision other than this paragraph, applications,

resumes and letters and notes of reference, other than those letters and notes of reference expressly submitted in confidence, pertaining to the applicant hired are public records after the applicant is hired, except that personal contact information is not a public record as provided in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph O.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §503, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6 and c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10 and repealed and replaced by c. 402, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Telephone numbers are ~~not public records~~ confidential if they are designated as "unlisted" or "unpublished" in an application, resume or letter or note of reference.

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §2702, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 451, §3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Notwithstanding any confidentiality provision other than this paragraph, applications, resumes and letters and notes of reference, other than those letters and notes of reference expressly submitted in confidence, pertaining to the applicant hired are public records after the applicant is hired, except that personal contact information is not a public record as provided in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph O.

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §2702, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 451, §3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Telephone numbers are ~~not public records~~ confidential if they are designated as "unlisted" or "unpublished" in an application, resume or letter or note of reference.

**Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §2105-A, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §116, is further amended to read:

B. In a consent agreement or other written settlement when the information constitutes or pertains to the basis of board action, except that any information that identifies or could reasonably lead to identification of a patient is confidential.

**Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §3300-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 214, §2, is amended to read:

**§3300-A. Confidentiality of personal information of applicant or licensee**

An applicant or licensee shall provide the board with a current professional address and telephone number, which will be their public contact address, and a personal residence address ~~and~~, telephone number and email address. An applicant's or licensee's personal res-

idence address ~~and~~, telephone number is and email address are confidential information and may not be disclosed except as permitted by this section or as required by law, ~~unless. However, if~~ the personal residence address and telephone number have been provided as the public contact address, the personal residence address and telephone number are not confidential. Personal health information submitted as part of any application is confidential information and may not be disclosed except as permitted by this section or as required by law. The personal health information and personal residence address ~~and~~, telephone number and email address may be provided to other governmental licensing or disciplinary authorities or to any health care providers located within or outside this State that are concerned with granting, limiting or denying a physician's employment or privileges.

**Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §6207-B**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 265, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§6207-B. Confidential information**

The address and telephone number of an applicant for licensure or a person licensed under this chapter that are in the possession of the board are confidential. This section does not prohibit the board and its staff from using and disclosing the address and telephone number of an applicant or licensee as necessary to perform the duties and functions of the board.

**Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §9418, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 662, §20, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1, all applications for a license to be a contract security company and any documents made a part of the application, refusals and any information of record collected by the commissioner during the process of ascertaining whether an applicant is of good moral character and meets the additional requirements of sections 9405 and 9411-A, and all information of record collected by the commissioner during the process of ascertaining whether a natural person meets the requirements of section 9410-A, are confidential ~~and may not be made available for public inspection or copying.~~ The applicant or natural person may waive this confidentiality by written notice to the commissioner. All proceedings relating to the issuance of a license to be a contract security company are not public proceedings under Title 1, chapter 13, unless otherwise requested by the applicant.

**Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §11305, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 542, §79, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. Public information.** The following information collected, assembled or maintained by the administrator is confidential:

A. Information obtained in private investigations pursuant to section 11301;

B. Information made confidential by rule or order of the administrator; and

C. Information obtained from federal agencies, which may not be disclosed under federal law.

**Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §16524**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 576, §1, is amended to read:

**§16524. Confidentiality of personal information**

Personal information contained in an application for restitution assistance under this subchapter is ~~not subject to disclosure to the extent the information is designated as not a public record by section 16607, subsection 2, paragraph E~~ confidential.

**Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §16607, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 65, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Nonpublic Confidential records.** The following records are ~~not public records and are not available for public examination under subsection 1~~ confidential:

A. A record obtained by the administrator in connection with an audit or inspection under section 16411, subsection 4 or an investigation under section 16602;

B. A part of a record filed in connection with a registration statement under section 16301 and sections 16303 to 16305 or a record under section 16411, subsection 4 that contains trade secrets or confidential information if the person filing the registration statement or report has asserted a claim of confidentiality or privilege that is authorized by law;

C. A record that is not required to be provided to the administrator or filed under this chapter and is provided to the administrator only on the condition that the record ~~will not be subject to public examination or disclosure~~ is confidential;

D. A record received from a person specified in section 16608, subsection 1 that has been designated as confidential by the agency furnishing the record;

E. Any social security number, residential address unless used as a business address and residential telephone number unless used as a business telephone number contained in a record that is filed;

F. A record obtained by the administrator through a designee of the administrator that, pursuant to a routine technical rule, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, or an order under this chapter, has been:

- (1) Expunged from the administrator's records by the designee; or
- (2) Determined to be nonpublic or nondisclosable by that designee if the administrator finds

the determination to be in the public interest and for the protection of investors;

G. Records to the extent that they relate solely to the administrator's internal personnel rules and practices, including, but not limited to, protocols, guidelines, manuals and memoranda of procedure for employees of the Office of Securities;

H. Interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters, including generally records that reflect discussions between or consideration by the administrator and employees of the Office of Securities of any action taken or proposed to be taken by the administrator or employees of the Office of Securities, including, but not limited to, reports, summaries, analyses, conclusions or other work product of the administrator or employees of the Office of Securities, except those that by law would routinely be discoverable in litigation; and

I. Records to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §18509, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 253, §7, is amended to read:

**6. Confidentiality.** Information provided to the interstate commission or distributed by a member board is confidential ~~within the meaning of Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A~~ and may be used only for investigatory or disciplinary matters under sections 18510 and 18511.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 112**

**H.P. 50 - L.D. 86**

**An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§13-A, ¶B-1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 477, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) Who is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship or a similar reason; is living in a motel, hotel, trailer park or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodation; is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; ~~or is abandoned in a hospital; or is awaiting foster care placement;~~

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1651, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

**4. District school committee to act as district board of trustees.** A community school district may vote at any time ~~on the article in section 1602, subsection 1, paragraph C, to see~~ determine if the district school committee ~~shall be~~ is authorized to perform the function of the district board of trustees. If the municipalities vote affirmatively ~~on that article~~, the district school committee ~~shall~~ must perform the duties of the district board of trustees under this chapter.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1653, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 668, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B, the voters of a district may vote on an appropriate article at meetings called by the municipal officers of the respective member towns, ~~in accordance with section 1602~~, to establish a fixed common date for all newly elected school committee members to assume their terms of office. The common date must be subsequent to the last annual municipal election within the district, but may be no later than July 1st of the next fiscal year. The adoption of such a common date is conditional upon the favorable passage of this article at each of the meetings of the member towns. This paragraph does not apply to commencement of terms of office of members elected to fill vacancies. Vacancies are filled for the remainder of the unexpired term as provided in subsection 2, paragraph A.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §1751-A** is enacted to read:

**§1751-A. Withdrawal from community school district**

The residents of a participating municipality within a community school district may petition and vote to withdraw from the district in the same manner as a participating municipality within a regional school unit may petition to withdraw in accordance with section 1466.

**Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §2951, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §3804**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 219, §3, is further amended to read:

**§3804. Audit**

An education service center shall adhere to generally accepted accounting principles and shall annually engage an external auditor to do an independent audit of the education service center's finances. The education service center shall submit the audit to its members and to the department. The audit must be conducted in the same manner as a school administrative unit audit in accordance with chapter 221, subchapter 2. An education service center under the fiscal authority of a school administrative unit may be included in the audit of that

school administrative unit and is not required to file an additional audit under this section.

**Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §6051, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 668, §32, is further amended to read:

**4. Initial report to commissioner.** ~~On or before November 1st, An initial report to the commissioner must be included as part of the audit under subsection 1. In the report~~ the school board shall provide the commissioner with:

- C. Written determination of whether or not proper budgetary controls are in place;
- D. A written determination of whether or not the annual financial data submitted to the department is correct, including submission of an audited reconciliation of the annual financial data prepared and certified by the auditor; and
- E. A written determination as to whether the school administrative unit has complied with applicable provisions of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

**Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA c. 608**, as amended, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 113**

**H.P. 188 - L.D. 288**

**An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §327, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 170, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Employment of assessor.** ~~Any A~~ municipal assessing unit may employ a part-time, ~~non-certified~~ noncertified assessor or contract with a firm or organization that provides assessing services; when ~~any~~ a municipal assessing unit or primary assessing area employs a full-time, professional assessor, this assessor must be certified by the bureau as ~~a professionally trained assessor~~ having the basic knowledge required to perform the assessing function. The bureau shall publish, for the information of the municipalities, a list of assessing firms or organizations. The bureau shall provide to a municipality, on request by the municipality, a list of certified assessors.

**Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §684, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 438, §21, is further amended to read:

**1. Generally.** The bureau shall ~~furnish~~ provide to the assessor of each municipality ~~a sufficient number of printed access to~~ forms to be filed by applicants for an exemption under this subchapter and shall determine the content of the forms. A municipality shall provide to its inhabitants reasonable notice of the availability of application forms. An individual claiming an exemption under this subchapter for the first time shall file the application form with the assessor or the assessor's representative. The application must be filed on or before April 1st of the year on which the taxes are based.

**Sec. A-3. 36 MRSA §6250, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Homestead.** "Homestead" means the owner-occupied principal dwelling owned by the taxpayer and up to 10 contiguous acres upon which it is located. If the homestead is located in a multi-unit building, the homestead is the portion of the building actually used as the principal dwelling and its percentage of the value of the common elements and of the value of the tax lot upon which it is built. The percentage is the value of the unit consisting of the ~~homestead principal dwelling~~ compared to the total value of the building exclusive of the common elements, if any. "Homestead" includes the taxpayer-occupied principal dwelling and up to 10 contiguous acres upon which it is located that is held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the taxpayer.

**Sec. A-4. 36 MRSA §6254, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Lien.** The lien provided in section 552 must continue for purposes of protecting the State's deferred tax interest in ~~tax-deferred tax-deferred~~ property. When it is determined that one of the events set out in section 6259 has occurred and that a property is no longer eligible for property tax deferral under this chapter, the State Tax Assessor shall send notice by certified mail to the taxpayer, or the taxpayer's heirs or devisees, listing the total amount of deferred property taxes, including accrued interest and costs of all the years and demanding payment on or before ~~April 30th of the year following the tax year in which the circumstances causing withdrawal from the provisions of this chapter occur~~ the due date established by section 6260.

When the circumstances listed in section 6259, subsection 4 occur, the amount of deferred taxes is due and payable 5 days before the date of removal of the property from the State.

If the deferred tax liability of a property has not been satisfied by the ~~April 30th demand due date established by section 6260,~~ the State Tax Assessor shall, within 30 days, record in the registry of deeds in the county where the real estate is located a tax lien certificate signed by the State Tax Assessor or bearing the assessor's facsimile signature, setting forth the total amount of deferred

tax liability, a description of the real estate on which the tax was deferred and an allegation that a tax lien is claimed on the real estate to secure payment of the tax, that a demand for payment of the tax has been made in accordance with this section and that the tax remains unpaid.

At the time of the recording of the tax lien certificate in the registry of deeds, the State Tax Assessor shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each record holder of a mortgage on the real estate, to the holder's last known address, a true copy of the tax lien certificate. The cost to be paid by the taxpayer, or the taxpayer's heirs or devisees, is the sum of the fees for recording and discharging of the lien as established by Title 33, section 751, plus \$13. Upon redemption, the State Tax Assessor shall prepare and record a discharge of the tax lien mortgage. The lien described in section 552 is the basis of this tax lien mortgage procedure.

The filing of the tax lien certificate, provided for in this section, in the registry of deeds creates a mortgage on the real estate to the State and has priority over all other mortgages, liens, attachments and encumbrances of any nature and gives to the State all rights usually instant to a mortgage, except that the mortgagee does not have any right of possession of the real estate until the right of redemption expires.

Payments accepted during the redemption period may not interrupt or extend the redemption period or in any way affect the foreclosure procedures.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§11, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §§5 to 11 and c. 673, §§5 to 11 and affected by c. 643, Pt. H, §29 and c. 673, §28, is further amended by amending subparagraph (18) to read:

(18) The sale or lease or rental to a lessor that has been issued a resale certificate pursuant to section 1754-B, subsection 2-B or 2-C of tangible personal property for lease or rental, except resale as a casual sale.

**Sec. B-2. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§41-A,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 375, Pt. I, §2, is amended to read:

**41-A. Certain instrumentalities of interstate or foreign commerce.** The sale of a vehicle, railroad rolling stock, aircraft or watercraft that is placed in use by the purchaser as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce within 30 days after that sale, or, in the case of a lease, the commencement of the lease, and that is used by the purchaser for not less than 80% of the days in use during the next 2 years as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce. The ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor may for good cause extend for not more than 60 days the time for placing the instrumentality in use in interstate or foreign commerce.

For purposes of this subsection:

A. Property is placed in use as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce by its carrying of or providing the motive power for the carrying of a bona fide payload in interstate or foreign commerce or by being dispatched to a specific location at which it will be loaded with, or will be used as motive power for the carrying of, a bona fide payload in interstate or foreign commerce.

(1) Property dispatched for the carrying of or providing the motive power for the carrying of a bona fide payload in interstate or foreign commerce is considered in use from the date of dispatch through the date the property arrives back at its principal place of business or is dispatched for the carrying of or providing the motive power for the carrying of a new bona fide payload, whichever occurs first. Any day or portion of a day in which an instrumentality is used in interstate or foreign commerce is computed as a full day of use in interstate or foreign commerce. Property dispatched for the carrying of or providing the motive power for the carrying of a bona fide payload in intrastate commerce is considered in use from the date of dispatch through the date the property arrives back at its principal place of business or is dispatched for the carrying of or providing the motive power for the carrying of a new bona fide payload, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this subparagraph, use of a trailer, semitrailer or tow dolly, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, pursuant to a written interchange agreement as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 376.31, or successor regulation, between the purchaser and an authorized motor carrier is considered use by the purchaser.

(2) Personal property is not in use as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce when carrying a bona fide payload that both originates and terminates within the State, unless the personal property is a bus with a capacity of at least 47 passengers that is engaged in transporting within the State a bona fide payload of travelers on an interstate or foreign cruise that originates outside the State and terminates outside the State and the transportation is provided pursuant to a contract between the interstate or foreign cruise provider and the person providing the transportation.

(3) Any day in which an instrumentality is not used in intrastate commerce or interstate or foreign commerce, including while being repaired or maintained, is not counted in the 80% computation; and

B. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Bona fide payload" means a cargo of persons or property transported by a contract carrier or common carrier for compensation that exceeds the direct cost of carrying that cargo or pursuant to a legal obligation to provide service as a public utility or a cargo of property transported in the reasonable conduct of the purchaser's own nontransportation business in interstate or foreign commerce.

(2) "Dispatch" means to send to a destination for the purpose of interstate or foreign commerce or for the purpose of intrastate commerce.

The exemption provided by this subsection is not limited to instrumentalities otherwise required to be exempt under the United States Constitution.

### PART C

**Sec. C-1. 36 MRS §2523, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 479, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Returns.** Insurance companies and associations shall file a ~~separate~~ return, as prescribed by the assessor, under section 2521-A for the tax levied by this section.

**Sec. C-2. 36 MRS §5122, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 390, §29, is repealed.

**Sec. C-3. 36 MRS §5200-A, sub-§1, ¶K**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 390, §40, is repealed.

**Sec. C-4. 36 MRS §5219-M**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD, §§27 and 28, is repealed.

**Sec. C-5. 36 MRS §5219-RR, sub-§1, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 361, §2, is amended to read:

I. "Qualified investment" means expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2018 that total at least \$100,000,000 and are related to the construction, improvement, modernization or expansion of a Maine shipbuilding facility, including, without limitation, all expenditures for investigation; planning; design; engineering; permitting; acquisition; financing; construction; demolition; alteration; relocation; remodeling; repair; reconstruction; design, purchase or installation of machinery and equipment; clearing; filling; grading; reclamation of land; activities undertaken to upgrade a waterway serving the facility; training and development of employees; capitalized interest; professional services, including, but not limited to, architectural, engineering, legal, accounting or financial services; administration; environmental and utility costs, including, without limitation, sewage treatment plants, water, air and solid waste equipment and treatment plants, environmental protection devices, electrical facilities, storm or sanitary sewer

lines, water lines or amenities, any other utility services, preparation of environmental impact studies, informing the public about the facility and environmental impact and environmental remediation, mitigation, clean-up and protection costs; related offices, support facilities and structures; and any of the foregoing expenditures made or costs incurred prior to or after the effective date of this section or certification of an applicant. "Qualified investment" includes only expenditures that are capitalized for federal income tax purposes. Except for employees who are engaged in the design, engineering and construction of the facility, "qualified investment" does not include the salaries or other compensation paid to the employees of the qualified applicant or of any affiliate of the qualified applicant. "Qualified investment" does not include any expenditure included as a qualified investment by an applicant under former chapter 919 or any amount expended to qualify for Pine Tree Development Zone program benefits under Title 30-A, chapter 206, subchapter 4.

**Sec. C-6. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Resident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and before January 1, 2026, a resident individual is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each qualifying child and dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4.

**Sec. C-7. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is amended to read:

**1-A. Resident taxpayer; tax years beginning 2026 or after.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a resident individual is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim the federal personal exemption pursuant to the Code, Section 151 in an amount greater than \$0 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4.

**Sec. C-8. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Nonresident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and before January 1, 2026, a nonresident individual is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each qualifying child and dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim the federal child tax credit

pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4, multiplied by the ratio of the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph B, to the individual's entire federal adjusted gross income as modified by section 5122.

**Sec. C-9. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is amended to read:

**2-A. Nonresident taxpayer; tax years beginning 2026 or after.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a nonresident individual is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim the federal personal exemption pursuant to the Code, Section 151 in an amount greater than \$0 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4, multiplied by the ratio of the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph B, to the individual's entire federal adjusted gross income as modified by section 5122.

**Sec. C-10. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is further amended to read:

**3. Part-year resident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and before January 1, 2026, an individual who files a return as a part-year resident in accordance with section 5224-A is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each qualifying child and dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph A, for that portion of the taxable year during which the individual was a resident plus the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph B, for that portion of the taxable year during which the individual was a nonresident and the denominator of which is the individual's entire federal adjusted gross income as modified by section 5122.

**Sec. C-11. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§3-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is amended to read:

**3-A. Part-year resident taxpayer; tax years beginning 2026 or after.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, an individual who files a return as a part-year resident in accordance with section 5224-A is allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part equal to \$300 for each dependent of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer was eligible to claim

the federal personal exemption pursuant to the Code, Section 151 in an amount greater than \$0 for the same taxable year, subject to the phase-out provisions under subsection 4, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph A, for that portion of the taxable year during which the individual was a resident plus the individual's Maine adjusted gross income, as defined in section 5102, subsection 1-C, paragraph B, for that portion of the taxable year during which the individual was a nonresident and the denominator of which is the individual's entire federal adjusted gross income as modified by section 5122.

**Sec. C-12. 36 MRSA §5228, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 583, §19, is further amended to read:

**9. Underpayment of 4th installment.** If, on or before ~~January 31st~~ the last day of the first month of the following taxable year, an individual, trust or estate files a return and pays in full the tax liability for the taxable year of the return, ~~no~~ a penalty may ~~not~~ not be imposed with respect to any underpayment of the 4th required installment for that year.

**Sec. C-13. 36 MRSA §6652, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 496, §27, is further amended to read:

**1. Generally.** A person against whom taxes have been assessed pursuant to Part 2, except for chapters 111 and 112, with respect to eligible property and who has paid those taxes is entitled to reimbursement of a portion of those taxes from the State as provided in this chapter. The reimbursement under this chapter is the percentage of the taxes assessed and paid with respect to eligible property specified in subsection 4. For purposes of this chapter, a tax applied as a credit against a tax assessed pursuant to chapter 111 or 112 is a tax assessed pursuant to chapter 111 or 112. ~~A taxpayer that included eligible property in its investment credit base under section 5219-M and claimed the credit provided in section 5219-M on its income tax return may not be reimbursed under this chapter for taxes assessed on that same eligible property in a year in which that credit is taken.~~ A successor in interest of a person against whom taxes have been assessed with respect to eligible property is entitled to reimbursement pursuant to this section, whether the tax was paid by the person assessed or by the successor, as long as a transfer of the property in question to the successor has occurred and the successor is the owner of the property as of August 1st of the year in which a claim for reimbursement may be filed pursuant to section 6654. For purposes of this subsection, "successor in interest" includes the initial successor and any subsequent successor. When an eligible successor in interest exists, the successor is the only person to whom reimbursement under this chapter may be made with respect to the transferred property. For an item of eligible property that is first subject to assessment under

Part 2 on or after April 1, 2008, and for any item of eligible property for which reimbursement is paid under subsection 4, paragraph B, the reimbursement otherwise payable under this section may not exceed the actual property taxes paid less any tax increment financing refund received with respect to that property.

**Sec. C-14. 36 MRSA c. 919**, as amended, is repealed.

## PART D

**Sec. D-1. 36 MRSA §271, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 764, §8 and amended by PL 1997, c. 526, §14, is further amended to read:

**4. Services.** The board may request the advice and services of any assessor or appraiser holding a valid certificate from the Bureau of Revenue Services and other persons as it ~~deems~~ considers advisable. ~~No~~ An assessor or appraiser may ~~not~~ not sit with the board concerning any property ~~which he~~ that the assessor or appraiser has previously appraised or assessed.

**Sec. D-2. 36 MRSA §303**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 666, §8, is further amended to read:

### §303. Organized territory

The organized territory of the State ~~shall~~ must be divided into primary assessing areas and municipal assessing units on or before July 1, 1979. The ~~foregoing~~ division ~~shall~~ must be made by the State Tax Assessor ~~utilizing~~ using the following criteria as appropriate.

**1. Primary assessing areas.** Primary assessing areas, including both primary assessing units and multi-municipal primary assessing districts, ~~shall~~ must be established by:

A. Giving consideration to existing municipal and ~~School Administrative District~~ school administrative district lines without regard to existing county lines;

B. ~~Utilizing such~~ Using factors such as geography, distance, number of parcels, urban characteristics, sales activity and other factors the State Tax Assessor ~~believes~~ considers important;

C. If the State Tax Assessor wishes, the appointment of an advisory committee to assist ~~him~~ the State Tax Assessor in making the division and in establishing assessing standards; and

D. Determining the boundaries of such areas ~~and~~, after appropriate hearing by interested parties, as conditions and personnel warrant.

Primary assessing areas, both single units and districts, ~~shall~~ must be reviewed at least every 10 years by the State Tax Assessor. When conditions justify alteration of the boundaries of the primary assessing areas, the State Tax Assessor may ~~so~~ order those alterations after appropriate hearing. ~~Any~~ A municipality may withdraw

from designation as a primary assessing area upon proper notice.

**2. Municipal assessing units.** ~~Any~~ A municipality may decide ~~not~~ to not be designated as a primary assessing area and ~~shall~~ be designated a municipal assessing unit. If the municipal assessing unit hires a professional full-time assessor, ~~he shall be that assessor~~ is subject to the certification requirements of sections 311 and 312.

**Sec. D-3. 36 MRSA §311, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 545, §8, is amended to read:

The State Tax Assessor shall issue a certificate of eligibility to any applicant who has demonstrated through appropriate examination that ~~he or she~~ the applicant is qualified to perform the assessing function. In addition, the State Tax Assessor shall establish classes of ~~said~~ the certificate of eligibility that recognize the differing assessing skills needed for municipalities that vary in population and types of property.

**Sec. D-4. 36 MRSA §312,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 696, §265, is amended to read:

**§312. Violation**

After July 1, 1980, ~~no~~ a person ~~shall be~~ is not eligible to perform the duties of a chief assessor of a primary assessing area or the duties of a professional assessor of any municipality or primary assessing area unless ~~he or she shall have been~~ that person is certified in the manner provided in this subchapter. Violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is a civil violation for which a ~~forfeiture fine~~ of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 ~~shall~~ must be adjudged.

**Sec. D-5. 36 MRSA §313, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 545, §10, is further amended to read:

A chief assessor certified as provided ~~shall serve in this subchapter~~ serves a probationary period of 2 years. ~~Thereafter he or she shall have~~ After the probationary period, the assessor has tenure and may only be removed as provided in this subchapter.

**Sec. D-6. 36 MRSA §341** is amended to read:

**§341. Certification of treasurer and controller**

Before commencing to collect the taxes ~~which that~~ the State Tax Assessor is authorized by law to collect, ~~he~~ the State Tax Assessor shall certify to the Treasurer of State and the State Controller the total amount of each type of tax. Copies of all supplemental assessments and abatements of taxes ~~shall~~ must be sent to the Treasurer of State.

**Sec. D-7. 36 MRSA §472, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 545, §14, is further amended to read:

The governing body of a primary assessing district ~~shall~~ must be an executive committee composed of an equal number of municipal officers from each municipi-

ality and 2 nonvoting members. The nonvoting members ~~shall be~~ are the chief assessor of a primary assessing area and the State Tax Assessor. It is not necessary that the State Tax Assessor attend all meetings of a primary assessing area ~~and~~; the State Tax Assessor may appoint a substitute to represent ~~him~~ the State Tax Assessor.

**Sec. D-8. 36 MRSA §474, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 620, §10, is amended to read:

**1. Secretary.** Serve as secretary of the executive committee and keep all committee minutes, except as to any meeting involving ~~his~~ the chief assessor's removal;

**Sec. D-9. 36 MRSA §501, sub-§10** is amended to read:

**10. Tax collector.** "Tax collector" ~~shall mean any~~ means a person chosen, appointed or designated by a municipality or ~~the municipal officers thereof~~ to collect any tax due a municipality; or ~~his~~ that person's successor in office.

**Sec. D-10. 36 MRSA §504** is amended to read:

**§504. Illegal assessment; recovery of tax**

If money not raised for a legal object is assessed with other moneys legally raised, the assessment is not void; nor ~~shall~~ does any error, mistake or omission by the assessors, tax collector or treasurer render it void; but any person paying such a tax may bring ~~his~~ that person's action against the municipality in the Superior Court for the same county, and ~~shall~~ recover the sum not raised for a legal object, with 25% interest and costs, and any damages ~~which he~~ that the person has sustained by reason of mistakes, errors or omissions of such officers.

**Sec. D-11. 36 MRSA §559,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 540, §§42-A and 42-B, is further amended to read:

**§559. Deceased persons**

Until notice is given to the assessors of the division of the estate and the name of the several heirs or devisees, the undivided real estate of a deceased person may be taxed to ~~his~~ the deceased person's heirs or devisees; or may be taxed to ~~his~~ the deceased person's personal representative.

**1. Heirs or devisees.** A tax to the heirs or devisees may be made without designating any of them by name and each heir or devisee ~~shall be~~ is liable for the whole of such tax. Any heir or devisee so taxed may recover of the other heirs or devisees their portions ~~thereof~~ of the tax when paid by ~~him~~ the heir or devisee so taxed. In an action to recover the tax paid, the undivided shares of such heirs or devisees in the real estate, upon which such tax has been paid; may be attached on mesne process or taken on execution issued on a judgment recovered in such an action ~~therefor~~.

**2. Personal representative.** A tax to the personal representative ~~shall must~~ be collected of ~~him the personal representative~~ the same as a tax assessed against ~~him the personal representative in his the personal representative's~~ private capacity. Such tax ~~shall must~~ be a charge against the estate and ~~shall must~~ be allowed by the judge of probate; but when the personal representative notifies the assessors that ~~he the personal representative~~ has no funds of the estate to pay such tax and gives them the names of the heirs or devisees, and the proportions of their interests in the real estate to the best of ~~his the personal representative's~~ knowledge, the real estate ~~shall may~~ no longer be taxed to ~~him the personal representative~~.

**Sec. D-12. 36 MRSA §564** is amended to read:  
**§564. —assessment Assessment**

An assessment of forest land for purposes of taxation ~~shall must~~ be held to be in excess of just value by any court of competent jurisdiction; upon proof by the owner that the tax burden imposed by the assessment creates an incentive to abandon the land, ~~or to strip the land; or otherwise to operate contrary to the public policy declared in section 563.~~ In proof of ~~his the owner's~~ contention, the owner ~~shall must~~ show that by reason of the burden of the tax ~~he the owner~~ is unable by efficient operation of the forest land on a sustained yield basis to obtain an adequate annual net return commensurate with the risk involved.

For the purposes of this section, forest land ~~shall must~~ be held to include any single tract of land exceeding 25 acres in area under one ownership ~~which that~~ is devoted to the growing of trees for the purpose of cutting for commercial use.

**Sec. D-13. 36 MRSA §602** is amended to read:  
**§602. —where Where taxed**

All personal property within or without the State, except in cases enumerated in section 603, ~~shall must~~ be taxed to the owner in the place where ~~he the owner~~ resides.

**Sec. D-14. 36 MRSA §603**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §126, is amended to read:

**§603. Exceptions**

The excepted cases referred to in section 602 are the following:

**1. Personal property employed in trade.** All personal property employed in trade, in the erection of buildings or vessels, or in the mechanic arts ~~shall must~~ be taxed in the place where so employed, ~~except as otherwise provided for in this subsection; provided as long as the owner, his servant or the owner's employee, subcontractor or agent occupies any store, storehouse, shop, mill, wharf, landing place or shipyard therein in that place for the purpose of such employment.~~

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "personal property employed in trade" ~~shall include includes~~ both liquefied petroleum gas installations; and industrial and medical gas installations, together with tanks or other containers used in connection ~~there with with~~ those installations.

**1-A. Cargo trailers.** A cargo trailer must be taxed in the place of its primary location on April 1st, even though the cargo trailer may not be present in that place on April 1st.

For purposes of this subsection, "primary location" means the place where the cargo trailer is usually based and where it regularly returns for repairs, supplies and activities related to its use.

**2-A. Enumeration.** The following personal property must be taxed in the place where it is situated:

- A. Portable mills;
- B. All store fixtures, office furniture, furnishings, fixtures and equipment;
- C. Professional libraries, apparatus, implements and supplies;
- D. Coin-operated vending or amusement devices;
- E. All camper trailers, as defined in section 1481; and
- F. Television and radio transmitting equipment.

**3. Nonresidents.** Personal property ~~which that~~ is within the State and owned by persons residing out of the State ~~shall must~~ be taxed either to the owner, ~~or to the person having the same in possession; possessing the personal property or to the person owning or occupying any store, storehouse, shop, mill, wharf, landing, shipyard or other place therein where such personal property is located.~~

A. A lien is created on ~~said such~~ property for the payment of the tax, which may be enforced by the tax collector to whom the tax is committed, by a sale of the property as provided.

B. A lien is created on ~~said such~~ property ~~in on~~ behalf of the person in possession, which ~~he that~~ person may enforce, for the repayment of all sums by ~~him that person~~ lawfully paid in discharge of the tax. If ~~such that~~ person pays more than ~~his that person's~~ proportionate part of such tax, or if ~~his that person's~~ own goods or property are applied to the payment and discharge of the whole tax, ~~he that~~ person may recover of the owner ~~such that~~ owner's proper share ~~thereof of the tax.~~

**6. Belonging to minors or wards under guardianship.** Personal property belonging to minors under guardianship ~~shall must~~ be taxed to the guardian in the place where the guardian resides. The personal property of all other persons under guardianship ~~shall must~~

taxed to the guardian in the place where the ward resides.

**7. Partners in business.** Personal property of partners in business, when subject to taxation under subsections 1 and 2-A, may be taxed to the partners jointly under their partnership name; and in such cases they are jointly and severally liable for the tax.

**8. Owned by persons unknown.** Personal property owned by persons unknown ~~shall~~ must be taxed to the person having ~~the same in possession of the personal property.~~ A lien is created on ~~said that personal property~~ in on behalf of the person in possession, which ~~he the~~ possessor may enforce for the repayment of all sums by ~~him the possessor~~ lawfully paid in discharge of the tax.

**9. Certain corporations.** The personal property of manufacturing, mining, smelting, agricultural and stock raising corporations, and of corporations organized for the purpose of buying, selling and leasing real estate ~~shall, must~~ be taxed to the corporation or to the persons having possession of such property in the place where situated, except as provided in subsections 1 and 10.

**10. Tax situs.** The tax situs of tangible personal property ~~shall be~~ is at the mine site if that property is:

- A. Owned, leased or otherwise subject to possessory control of a mining company; and
- B. On route to or from, being transported to or from or destined to or from a mine site.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the tax situs of tangible personal property leased to a mining company ~~shall be~~ is in the place where the property is situated.

For the purposes of this subsection, the definitions of section 2855 ~~shall~~ apply.

**Sec. D-15. 36 MRSA §607** is amended to read:

**§607. Insolvent person's personal property**

If a person assessed for a personal property tax has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or has gone into receivership before the payment ~~thereof of that personal property tax,~~ the assignee or receiver ~~shall must,~~ from any money ~~which that~~ has come to his the assignee's or receiver's hands in such capacity; over and above the reasonable expense of administration, pay the personal property tax so assessed to the extent of such money. In default of such payment the assignee or receiver ~~shall be~~ is personally liable for the tax to the extent of the money ~~which that~~ passed through his the assignee's or receiver's hands.

**Sec. D-16. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. PPPP, §2, is further amended to read:

- D. The estates up to the just value of \$6,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, of the

unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to the exemption if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child of a veteran.

The estates up to the just value of \$6,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, of the parent of a deceased veteran who is 62 years of age or older and is an unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of that parent's child.

The exemptions provided in this paragraph apply to the property of an unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child or parent of a deceased veteran, including property held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child or parent of a deceased veteran.

**Sec. D-17. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 441, Pt. B, §2 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

D-1. The estates up to the just value of \$50,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, for specially adapted housing units, of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the periods from August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, or during the period from February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961, or who were awarded an expeditionary medal for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who are veterans as described in 38 United States Code, Section 2101, and who received a grant from the United States Government for any such housing, or of the unremarried ~~widows or widowers~~ surviving spouses of those veterans. A veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty after February 27, 1961 and before May 8, 1975. "Persian Gulf War" means service on active duty on or after August 2, 1990 and before or on the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of that war period. The exemption provided in this paragraph applies to the property of the veteran including property held in joint tenancy with a spouse or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that veteran.

**Sec. D-18. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-2,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 702, §3, is further amended to read:

D-2. The estates up to the just value of \$7,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of the unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to an exemption under paragraph C-1, if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child of a veteran, and who is the unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child of a veteran who served during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I.

The exemption provided in this paragraph is in lieu of any exemption under paragraph D to which the person may be eligible and applies to the property of that person, including property held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that person.

**Sec. D-19. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 702, §4, is further amended to read:

D-3. The estates up to the just value of \$7,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of the parent of a deceased veteran who is 62 years of age or older and is an unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of that parent's child and who is receiving the pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of the parent's child during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I.

The exemption provided in this paragraph is in lieu of any exemption under paragraph D to which the person may be eligible and applies to the property of that person, including property held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that person.

**Sec. D-20. 36 MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶E**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 592, §13, is amended to read:

E. The household furniture, including television sets and musical instruments of each person in any one household; and ~~his each person's~~ wearing apparel, farming utensils and mechanical tools necessary for ~~his~~ that person's business;

**Sec. D-21. 36 MRSA §704**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 696, §267, is amended to read:

**§704. Delinquent assessors; violation**

Any assessor who refuses to assess a state, county or municipal tax as required by law, or ~~shall who~~ knowingly ~~omit omits~~ or ~~fail fails~~ to perform any duty imposed upon ~~him the assessor~~ by law, commits a civil violation for which a ~~forfeiture~~ fine not to exceed \$100 may be adjudged.

**Sec. D-22. 36 MRSA §707, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 218, §9, is further amended to read:

**2. Property of veterans.** The value of the real property of veterans; and their widows, widowers surviving spouses and minor children not taxed;

**Sec. D-23. 36 MRSA §709**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 651, §7, is further amended to read:

**§709. Assessment and commitment**

The assessors shall assess upon the estates in their municipality all municipal taxes and their due proportion of any state or county tax payable during the municipal year for which municipal taxes are being raised, make perfect lists ~~thereof of those estates~~ and commit the same, when completed and signed by a majority of them, to the tax collector of their municipality, if any, otherwise to the sheriff of the county or ~~his the sheriff's~~ deputy, with a warrant under their hands, in the form prescribed by section 753.

**Sec. D-24. 36 MRSA §709-A, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, §184, is further amended to read:

The municipal officers after receipt of the valuation lists from the primary assessing areas shall assess upon the estates in their municipality all municipal taxes and their due proportion of any state or county tax, make perfect lists ~~thereof of those estates~~ and commit the same, when completed and signed by a majority of them, to the tax collector of their municipality, if any, otherwise to the sheriff of the county or ~~his the sheriff's~~ deputy, with a warrant under their hands in the form prescribed by section 753.

**Sec. D-25. 36 MRSA §752** is amended to read:

**§752. —~~payment~~ Payment**

On or before the first day of September in each year, the Treasurer of State shall issue ~~his~~ a warrant to the treasurer of each municipality requiring ~~him the municipal treasurer~~ to transmit and pay to the Treasurer of State, on or before the time fixed by law, that municipality's proportion of the state tax for the current year. Warrants for county taxes ~~shall must~~ be issued by the county treasurers in the same manner with proper changes.

**Sec. D-26. 36 MRSA §755**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 620, §25 and repealed and replaced by c. 695, §18, is further amended to read:

**§755. Bond**

The municipal officers shall require each tax collector to give a corporate surety bond for the faithful discharge of ~~his the tax collector's~~ duty, to the inhabitants of the municipality, in the sum, and with such sureties as the municipal officers approve. The tax collector

may furnish a bond signed by individuals if such individuals submit to the municipal officers a detailed sworn statement as to their personal financial ability, which ~~shall~~ must be found acceptable by the municipal officers.

Such bond ~~shall~~, after its approval and acceptance, must be recorded by the clerk in the municipal records, and such record ~~shall be~~ is prima facie evidence of the contents of such bond, but a failure to so record ~~shall be~~ is not a defense in any action upon such bond.

**Sec. D-27. 36 MRSA §756** is amended to read:  
**§756. Compensation**

When ~~municipalities choose a municipality~~ chooses a tax collector, ~~they~~ the municipality and the tax collector may agree what sum ~~shall be~~ is allowed for performance of ~~their~~ the tax collector's duties. If the basis of compensation ~~agreed upon~~ is a percentage of tax collections, such percentage ~~shall~~ must be computed only upon the cash collections of taxes committed to ~~him~~ the tax collector. Tax liens filed but not discharged prior to the time that the tax collector is to perfect ~~his~~ the tax collector's collections and the amounts paid by the municipality to the tax collector upon the sale of tax deeds ~~shall~~ may not be included in computing such percentage. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section shall ~~may not~~ be construed as relieving the tax collector from the duty of perfecting liens for the benefit of the municipality by one of the methods prescribed by law in all cases ~~where in which~~ taxes on real estate remain unpaid.

**Sec. D-28. 36 MRSA §757** is amended to read:  
**§757. Receipts for taxes**

When a tax is paid to a tax collector, ~~he~~ the tax collector shall prepare a receipt for each payment; and upon reasonable request ~~therefor~~, shall furnish a copy of ~~such~~ the receipt to the taxpayer.

**Sec. D-29. 36 MRSA §759** is amended to read:  
**§759. Accounting; penalties**

~~Every~~ Each tax collector shall, on the last day of each month, pay to the municipal treasurer all moneys collected by ~~him~~ the tax collector, and once in 2 months at least shall exhibit to the municipal officers a just and true account of all moneys received on taxes committed to ~~him~~, and excise taxes collected by ~~him~~, the tax collector and produce the treasurer's receipt for money ~~by~~ him paid by the tax collector. For each neglect, ~~he~~ the tax collector forfeits to the municipality \$100 to be recovered by the municipal officers ~~thereof~~ of that municipality in a civil action.

**Sec. D-30. 36 MRSA §760**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 620, §27 and c. 695, §19, is further amended to read:

**§760. Perfection of collections**

Municipal assessors, or municipal officers in the case of primary assessing areas, shall specify in the tax collector's warrant the date on or before which the tax collector ~~shall~~ must perfect ~~his~~ collections. Such date ~~shall~~ may not be less than one year from the date of the commitment of taxes. In the event that ~~no~~ a time is not specified in the tax collector's warrant, tax collectors shall perfect their collections within 2 years after the date of the commitment of taxes.

**Sec. D-31. 36 MRSA §761** is amended to read:  
**§761. —failure** ~~Failure~~; **action**

An action against a tax collector for failure to perfect ~~his~~ tax collections ~~shall~~ must be commenced within 6 years after the date of ~~such~~ the tax collector's warrant.

**Sec. D-32. 36 MRSA §763**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 620, §28 and c. 695, §20, is further amended to read:

**§763. Settlement procedure; removal from municipality; resignation**

When a tax collector asks the municipal officers to resign the position of tax collector, or when a tax collector has removed, or in the judgment of the municipal officers is about to remove, from the municipality before the time set for perfecting ~~his~~ collections, ~~said~~ those officers may settle with ~~him~~ the tax collector for the money that ~~he~~ the tax collector has received on ~~his~~ the tax collector's tax lists, demand and receive of ~~him~~ the tax collector such lists, and discharge ~~him~~ therefrom ~~the~~ tax collector from the tax collector's duties. ~~Said~~ The officers may appoint another tax collector, and the assessors or, in the case of primary assessing areas, the municipal officers shall make a new warrant and deliver it to ~~him~~ the new tax collector with ~~said~~ those lists; to collect the sums due ~~thereon~~, and ~~he~~ shall have ~~the~~ the new tax collector has the same power in ~~their~~ collection as the original tax collector.

If ~~such~~ a tax collector refuses to deliver the tax lists and to pay all moneys ~~in his hands~~ collected by ~~him~~, that tax collector when duly demanded, ~~he~~ shall be ~~the~~ the tax collector is subject to section 894; and is liable to pay what remains due on the tax lists, ~~said~~ that sum to be recovered by the municipal officers in a civil action.

**Sec. D-33. 36 MRSA §764** is amended to read:  
**§764. —incapacity** ~~Incapacity~~

When a tax collector ~~becomes mentally ill~~, has a guardian or by mental illness or bodily infirmities is incapable of performing the duties of ~~his~~ the office before completing the collection, the municipal officers may demand and receive the tax lists from any person in possession ~~thereof~~ of those lists, settle for the money ~~received thereon~~ collected and discharge ~~said~~ that tax collector from further liability. The tax lists may be committed to a new tax collector.

**Sec. D-34. 36 MRSA §765** is amended to read:

**§765. —~~death~~ Death**

If a tax collector dies without perfecting the collection of taxes committed to ~~him, his~~ that tax collector, the tax collector's executor or administrator, within 2 months after ~~his~~ acceptance of the trust, shall settle with the municipal officers for what was received by the deceased ~~in his lifetime~~ person while alive. For the amount ~~so~~ received, such executor or administrator is chargeable as the deceased person would be if living. If ~~he~~ the executor or administrator fails to ~~so~~ settle when ~~he~~ the executor or administrator has sufficient assets ~~in his hands~~, ~~he shall be~~ the executor or administrator is chargeable with the whole sum committed to the deceased person for collection.

**Sec. D-35. 36 MRSA §802** is amended to read:

**§802. Proceedings by sheriff**

The sheriff or ~~his~~ the sheriff's deputy, on receiving the assessment and warrant for collection provided for in section 801, shall forthwith post in some public place in the municipality assessed; an attested copy of such assessment and warrant; and ~~shall may not make no~~ distress for any of such taxes until after 30 days ~~therefrom~~ of that posting. Any person paying ~~his~~ tax to such sheriff or sheriff's deputy within ~~that time~~ the 30 days shall pay 5% over and above ~~his the~~ tax for sheriff's fees, but those who do not pay within that time ~~shall must~~ be distrained or arrested by ~~such officer, as by tax collectors~~ the sheriff or the sheriff's deputy. The same fees ~~shall must~~ be paid for travel and service of the sheriff; as in other cases of distress.

**Sec. D-36. 36 MRSA §803, first ¶** is amended to read:

On each execution or warrant of distress issued in accordance with sections 891 and 895; and delivered to a sheriff or ~~his~~ the sheriff's deputy, ~~he the sheriff~~ shall make return of ~~his the sheriff's~~ doings to ~~such the~~ treasurer who issued the execution or warrant, with such money, if any, that ~~he the sheriff~~ has received by virtue ~~thereof of the execution or warrant~~. If ~~he the sheriff~~ neglects to comply with any direction of such warrant or execution, ~~he the sheriff~~ shall pay the whole sum mentioned ~~therein in the warrant or execution~~. ~~When~~ If it is returned unsatisfied, or satisfied in part only, ~~such the~~ treasurer may issue an alias for the sum remaining due ~~on the return of the first; and so on, as often as occasion occurs~~.

**Sec. D-37. 36 MRSA §841, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 73, is amended to read:

**3. Inability to pay after 2 years.** If after 2 years from the date of assessment a tax collector is satisfied that a tax upon real or personal property committed to ~~him~~ the tax collector for collection cannot be collected by reason of the death, absence, poverty, insolvency, bankruptcy or other inability of the person assessed to

pay, ~~he the tax collector~~ shall notify the municipal officers ~~thereof~~ in writing, under oath, stating the reason why that tax cannot be collected. The municipal officers, after due inquiry, may abate that tax or any part ~~thereof of the tax~~.

**Sec. D-38. 36 MRSA §841, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 367, §8, is further amended to read:

**4. Veteran's ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or minor child.** Notwithstanding failure to comply with section 706-A, the assessors, on written application within one year from the date of commitment, may make such abatement as they think proper in the case of the unremarried ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse or the minor child of a veteran, if the ~~widow, widower~~ surviving spouse or child would be entitled to an exemption under section 653, subsection 1, paragraph D, except for the failure of the ~~widow, widower~~ surviving spouse or child to make application and file proof within the time set by section 653, subsection 1, paragraph G, if the veteran died during the 12-month period preceding the April 1st for which the tax was committed.

**Sec. D-39. 36 MRSA §841, sub-§5**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 772, §16, is amended to read:

**5. Certification; record.** Whenever an abatement is made, other than by the State Tax Assessor, the abating authority shall certify it in writing to the collector, and that certificate ~~shall must~~ discharge the collector from further obligation to collect the tax so abated. When the abatement is made, other than an abatement made under subsection 2, a record setting forth the name of the party or parties benefited, the amount of the abatement and the reasons for the abatement ~~shall must~~, within 30 days, be made and kept in suitable book form open to the public at reasonable times. A report of the abatement ~~shall must~~ be made to the municipality at its annual meeting or to the mayor and ~~aldermen~~ municipal officers of cities by the first Monday in each March.

**Sec. D-40. 36 MRSA §893** is amended to read:

**§893. ~~Collector~~ Tax collector liable to inhabitants**

A delinquent tax collector ~~shall is~~ at all times ~~be~~ answerable to the inhabitants of ~~his the tax collector's~~ municipality for all sums ~~which that~~ they have been obliged to pay by means of ~~his the tax collector's~~ deficiency and for all consequent damages.

**Sec. D-41. 36 MRSA §894**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 696, §268, is amended to read:

**§894. Delinquent tax collectors; ~~forfeiture~~ fine**

~~Any~~ A tax collector who refuses to collect a state, county or municipal tax as required by law; or who ~~shall~~ knowingly ~~omit omits~~ or ~~fail fails~~ to perform any duty imposed upon ~~him the tax collector~~ by law; commits a

civil violation for which a forfeiture fine not to exceed \$100 may be adjudged.

**Sec. D-42. 36 MRSA §898**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 736, §56, is further amended to read:

**§898. Collector Tax collector to account when taken on execution**

When any tax collector is taken on execution under section 895, the municipal officers may demand of ~~him~~ the tax collector a true copy of the tax lists, with the evidence of all payments made ~~thereon on those tax lists~~. If ~~he~~ the tax collector complies with this demand, ~~he shall~~ the tax collector must receive such credit as the municipal officers, on inspection of the tax lists, adjudge ~~him~~ the tax collector entitled to, and the tax collector shall account for the balance; but if ~~he~~ the tax collector refuses, ~~he shall~~ the tax collector must forthwith be committed to jail by the law enforcement officer who ~~so~~ took ~~him~~ the tax collector or by a warrant from a justice of the peace, there to remain until ~~he~~ the tax collector complies.

**Sec. D-43. 36 MRSA §899**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 620, §34 and c. 695, §24, is further amended to read:

**§899. Municipalities may choose another tax collector**

~~The same~~ A municipality may, at any time, proceed to the choice of another tax collector, to complete the collection of taxes, who ~~shall~~ must be sworn and give the security required of the first tax collector. The assessors or, in the case of primary assessing areas, the municipal officers shall deliver to ~~him~~ the tax collector the uncollected assessments, with a proper warrant for their collection, and ~~he~~ the tax collector shall proceed as prescribed in this subchapter.

**Sec. D-44. 36 MRSA §900** is amended to read:

**§900. Payments to former tax collector in dispute; procedure**

When the tax of any person named in ~~said~~ the tax lists does not ~~thereby~~ appear to have been paid, but ~~such~~ that person declares that it was paid to the former tax collector, the new tax collector ~~shall~~ may not distrain that person's property or commit ~~him~~ that person without a vote of the municipal officers.

**Sec. D-45. 36 MRSA §901** is amended to read:

**§901. Remedy of owners of property taken for default of others**

When the estate of an inhabitant of a municipality, who is not a tax collector ~~thereof for that municipality~~, is levied upon and taken as mentioned in section 891, ~~he~~ the inhabitant may maintain an action against ~~such~~ that municipality, and recover the full value of the estate ~~so~~ levied on, with interest at the rate of 20% from the time it was taken, with costs. ~~Such~~ The value may be

proved by any other legal evidence, as well as by the result of the sale under ~~such~~ the levy.

**Sec. D-46. 36 MRSA §902** is amended to read:

**§902. Amendments permitted in actions to collect taxes**

At the trial of any action for the collection of taxes, or of any civil action involving the validity of any sale of real estate for nonpayment of taxes, or involving any tax lien certificate under sections 942 and 943 and the title to real estate acquired upon foreclosure of the tax lien mortgage, if it ~~shall appear~~ appears that the tax in question was lawfully assessed, the court may permit the tax collector or other municipal officer to amend ~~his~~ the tax collector's record, return, deed or certificate in accordance with the fact, when circumstantial errors or defects appear ~~therein in that record, return, deed or certificate~~, provided as long as the rights of 3rd parties are not injuriously affected ~~thereby by that amendment~~. If a deed ~~be so~~ is amended, and the amended deed ~~be thereupon~~ is recorded, it ~~shall have~~ has the same effect as if it had been originally made in its amended form.

**Sec. D-47. 36 MRSA §903** is amended to read:

**§903. Defendant estopped to deny title; exceptions**

In all civil actions to enforce the collection of a tax on real estate, if it appears that on April 1st of the year for which such tax was assessed, the record title to the real estate listed was in the name of the defendant, ~~he shall~~ the tax collector may not deny ~~his~~ the defendant's title ~~thereto to that real estate~~. If any owner of real estate who has conveyed the same ~~shall~~ real estate forthwith file files a copy of the description as given in ~~his~~ the defendant's deed with the date ~~thereof of the conveyance~~ and the name and last known address of ~~his~~ the defendant's grantee; in the registry of deeds where such deed should be recorded, ~~he shall be~~ the defendant is free from any liability under this section.

**Sec. D-48. 36 MRSA §945, sub-§4** is amended to read:

**4. No personal judgment.** In ~~such an~~ action brought under this section, ~~no~~ a personal judgment against a defendant ~~shall~~ may not be entered. Each person answering the complaint ~~shall have~~ has the right to the severance of the action as to the parcel of real estate in which ~~he~~ that person is interested.

**Sec. D-49. 36 MRSA §946**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

**§946. Action for equitable relief after period of redemption; procedure**

A municipality ~~which that~~ which has become the purchaser at a sale of real estate for nonpayment of taxes or ~~which that~~ which as to any real estate has pursued the alternative method for the enforcement of liens for taxes provided in sections 942 and 943, whether in possession of such real estate or not, after the period of redemption

from such sale or lien has expired, may maintain an action for equitable relief against any ~~and all persons person~~ who ~~claim claims~~ or may claim some right, title or interest in the premises adverse to the estate of such municipality.

Any purchaser or ~~his successors~~ successor of a purchaser in interest from a municipality of real estate or lien ~~thereon on real estate~~ acquired by a municipality as a purchaser at a sale ~~thereof of that real estate~~ for nonpayment of taxes, or acquired under the alternative method for the enforcement of liens for taxes provided in sections 942 and 943, whether in possession of such real estate or not, after the period of redemption from such sale or lien has expired, may maintain an action for equitable relief against any ~~and all persons person~~ who ~~claim claims~~ or may claim some right, title or interest in the premises adverse to the estate of such municipality or purchaser.

A municipal officer may not, while holding municipal office, acquire from that municipality any interest in real estate acquired by that municipality on account of nonpayment of taxes, unless such sale occurs by sealed bid after duly advertising the same at least twice during a 7-day period prior to the acceptance of bids. A municipal officer who submits a sealed bid may not take part in the bid acceptance process except that a municipal officer may purchase ~~tax-acquired tax-acquired~~ property if the property was owned by the municipal officer's child, spouse or parent immediately prior to its acquisition by the municipality and if the purchase is authorized by the municipality.

**1. Service.** Service ~~shall must~~ be made as in other actions on all defendants who can with due diligence be personally served within the State. If any ~~defendants defendant~~ cannot be so served or ~~are is~~ described in the complaint as being unascertained, service ~~shall must~~ be made by publication as in other actions in which publication is required. A copy of the published notice ~~shall must~~ be mailed to all known defendants at their last known addresses if they have not been personally served.

If, after notice has been given or served as ordered by the court and the time limited in such notice for the appearance of the defendants has expired, the court finds that there ~~are is~~ or may be ~~defendants a defendant~~ who ~~have has~~ not been actually served with process and who ~~have has~~ not appeared in the action, ~~if the court~~ may of its own motion, or on the representation of any party, appoint an agent, guardian ad litem or next friend for any such defendant, and if any such defendants have or may have conflicting interests, ~~if the court~~ may appoint different agents, guardians ad litem or next friends to represent them. The cost of appearance of any such agent, guardian ad litem or next friend, including the cost of compensation of ~~his that appointee's~~ counsel, ~~shall must~~ be determined by the court and paid by the

plaintiff, against whom execution may issue ~~therefor~~ in the name of the agent, guardian ad litem or next friend.

**2. Decree; effect.** The plaintiff in ~~such an~~ action under this section shall pray the court to establish and confirm its title to the premises described in the complaint as against all the defendants named or described ~~therein in the action~~, and, if upon hearing the court ~~shall find finds~~ the plaintiff's title ~~to be good it, the court~~ shall make and enter its decree accordingly, ~~which; the~~ decree when recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district where the real estate lies ~~shall have~~ has the effect of a deed of quitclaim of the premises involved in the action from all the defendants named or described ~~therein in the action~~ to the plaintiff.

**3. Jury.** If ~~the cause an~~ action under this section is tried in the Superior Court, issues of fact may be framed upon application of any party to be tried by a jury whose verdict ~~shall have~~ has the same effect as the verdict of a jury in other civil actions.

**Sec. D-50. 36 MRSA §947** is amended to read:

**§947. Presumption of validity**

In an action to foreclose a tax lien mortgage under ~~sections section~~ 944, 945, or 946, the proceedings from and including the assessment of the tax upon which such tax lien mortgage is based to and including the time of filing the complaint in such action need not be set forth in the complaint, pleaded or proved and ~~shall be are~~ presumed to be valid. A defendant alleging any invalidity or defect in such proceedings ~~must shall~~ specify in ~~his the defendant's~~ answer such invalidity or defect and ~~must establish such defense the invalidity or defect.~~

**Sec. D-51. 36 MRSA §991**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, §55, is further amended to read:

**§991. Distraint for taxes; procedure; sale**

If any resident or nonresident taxpayer after a reasonable demand refuses or neglects to pay any part of the tax assessed against ~~him that taxpayer~~ in accordance with this chapter, the tax collector may distraint ~~him that taxpayer~~ in any part of the State by any of ~~his the taxpayer's~~ goods and chattels not exempt from attachment for debt, for the whole or any part of ~~his the taxpayer's~~ tax, and may keep such distress for not less than 4 days nor more than 7 days at the expense of the owner, ~~and if he.~~ If the taxpayer does not pay ~~his the tax due~~ within that time, the distress ~~shall must~~ be openly sold at ~~venue~~ public auction by the tax collector after the 4th day but on or before the 7th day. The place of sale may be other than where the tax was assessed or where the property was seized. Notice of such sale ~~shall must~~ be posted in some public place in the municipality where the tax was assessed and in the place where the sale is to be held at least 48 hours before the time set for sale.

**Sec. D-52. 36 MRSA §992** is amended to read:

**§992. Disposition of surplus**

The ~~officer tax collector~~, after deducting the tax and expense of sale conducted pursuant to section 991, shall restore the balance to the former owner, with a written account of the sale and charges. For distress for nonpayment of taxes, ~~the officer shall have~~ tax collector is entitled to the same fees as for levying executions, but ~~his the tax collector's~~ travel ~~shall must~~ be computed only from ~~his the tax collector's~~ dwelling house to the place where it is made.

**Sec. D-53. 36 MRSA §993**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, §56, is further amended to read:

**§993. Arrest; notice; procedure; fees**

If any resident or nonresident taxpayer assessed in accordance with this chapter, for 12 days after demand, refuses or neglects to pay ~~his the~~ tax due and to show the tax collector sufficient goods and chattels to pay it, ~~such officer the tax collector~~ may arrest ~~him the~~ taxpayer in the county where found and commit ~~him the~~ taxpayer there to jail, until ~~he the~~ taxpayer pays it or is discharged by law.

If the tax collector thinks that there are just grounds to fear that such person may abscond before the end of ~~said the~~ 12 days, the tax collector may demand immediate payment and, on failure to pay, ~~he the~~ tax collector may commit such person as provided.

For commitment for nonpayment of taxes, the tax collector ~~shall have~~ is entitled to the same fees as sheriffs have for levying executions, but ~~his the tax collector's~~ travel ~~shall must~~ be computed only from ~~his the tax collector's~~ dwelling house to the place of commitment.

**Sec. D-54. 36 MRSA §994**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 620, §35, is further amended to read:

**§994. ~~Collector~~ Tax collector may issue warrant of distress to sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable**

~~Any A~~ tax collector after 3 months from the date of commitment may issue ~~his a~~ warrant to the sheriff of any county, or ~~his the~~ sheriff's deputy, or to a constable of ~~his the tax collector's~~ municipality, directing ~~him the~~ sheriff, deputy or constable to ~~distrain the person or property of~~ arrest any taxpayer not paying ~~his~~ taxes, ~~which due or~~ distrain the property of such taxpayer; the warrant ~~shall must~~ be of the same tenor as that prescribed to be issued to tax collectors with the appropriate changes returnable to the tax collector issuing the same in 30, 60 or 90 days.

**Sec. D-55. 36 MRSA §995** is amended to read:  
**§995. Warrant of distress; service; notice; fees**

Before the ~~officer~~ sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable serves ~~any such a~~ warrant pursuant to section 994, ~~he that~~ law enforcement officer shall deliver to the taxpayer or leave at ~~his the~~ taxpayer's last and usual place

of abode a summons from ~~said the~~ tax collector stating the amount of tax due, and that it must be paid within 10 days from the time of leaving ~~such the~~ summons. If not ~~so~~ paid, the law enforcement officer shall serve such warrant the same as tax collectors may do and ~~shall receive~~ is entitled to the same fees as for levying executions in personal actions.

For the service of such warrant, the law enforcement officer ~~shall have~~ is entitled to the same fees as sheriffs ~~have~~ for serving warrants, but ~~his the officer's~~ travel ~~shall must~~ be computed only from ~~his the officer's~~ place of abode to place of service.

**Sec. D-56. 36 MRSA §996** is amended to read:

**§996. Distraint before tax due to prevent loss**

When a tax collector has reason to believe that there is danger of losing, by delay, a tax assessed upon any taxpayer, at any time after commitment:

**1. Warrant issued.** ~~He The~~ tax collector may issue the warrant provided for in section 994 prior to the expiration of the 3-month period; ~~or~~

**2. When served.** ~~He The~~ tax collector may in the warrant authorized by section 994, or in subsection 1, direct the law enforcement officer to demand immediate payment, and, if not ~~so~~ paid, the officer shall serve such warrant without further notice; ~~or~~

**3. When notice period unexpired.** ~~He The~~ tax collector may, after the issuance of ~~such the~~ warrant pursuant to subsection 1, in writing direct the law enforcement officer to whom the warrant has been issued to demand immediate payment, and, if not ~~so~~ paid, to serve such warrant without further notice notwithstanding any unexpired portion of the 10-day notice period required by section 995; or

**4. Distrain or arrest.** ~~He The~~ tax collector may ~~himself~~ personally demand immediate payment and upon failure ~~he~~ may distrain the property or arrest the person of such taxpayer.

**Sec. D-57. 36 MRSA §997** is amended to read:

**§997. Arrest and commitment; procedure**

When a tax collector or any law enforcement officer by virtue of a warrant, for want of property, arrests any person and commits ~~him that~~ person to jail, ~~he the~~ tax collector shall give an attested copy of ~~his the~~ tax collector's warrant to the jailer and certify, under ~~his the~~ tax collector's hand, the sum that ~~such the~~ person is to pay as ~~his~~ tax and the costs of arresting and committing, and that for want of goods and chattels ~~whereon on~~ which to make distress, ~~he the~~ person has been arrested. ~~Such The~~ copy and certificate are a sufficient warrant to require the jailer to receive and keep ~~such the~~ person in custody until ~~he the~~ person pays ~~his the~~ tax due, charges and 33¢ for the copy of the warrant. ~~Such The~~ person ~~shall have~~ has the same rights and privileges as a debtor

arrested or committed on execution in favor of a private creditor.

**Sec. D-58. 36 MRSA §998** is amended to read:

**§998. ~~Collector~~ Tax collector liable unless ~~he~~ commits taxpayer imprisoned within one year**

When a person imprisoned for not paying ~~his~~ that person's tax is discharged, the tax collector committing ~~him~~ the person shall not be discharged from such tax without a vote of the municipality, unless the taxpayer was imprisoned within one year after the date of commitment of such tax.

**Sec. D-59. 36 MRSA §1031** is amended to read:

**§1031. ~~Collector~~ Tax collector may bring action in own name**

~~Any~~ A tax collector or ~~his~~ a tax collector's executor or administrator may bring a civil action in ~~his~~ the tax collector's own name for any tax, and ~~no~~ a Judge of any District Court before whom such action is brought is ~~not~~ not incompetent to try the ~~same~~ civil action by reason of ~~his~~ the judge's residence in the municipality assessing ~~said~~ the tax. ~~No~~ A defendant is ~~not~~ not liable for any costs of the action, unless it appears by the complaint and by proof that payment of ~~said~~ the tax had been duly demanded before the action.

**Sec. D-60. 36 MRSA §1071** is amended to read:

**§1071. ~~Collector's~~ Tax collector's tax auction sale; notice; procedure**

If any tax on real estate remains unpaid on the first Monday in February next after ~~said~~ that tax was assessed, the tax collector shall sell at public auction ~~so~~ as much of such real estate as is necessary for the payment of ~~said~~ that tax, interest and all the charges; at 9 o'clock ~~in the forenoon of said a.m. on the~~ the first Monday in February at the office of the tax collector or at the place where the last preceding annual municipal meeting was held. In case of the absence or disability of the tax collector, the sale ~~shall~~ must be made by ~~some~~ a constable of the municipality, who ~~shall~~ have ~~has~~ the same powers as the tax collector.

In the case of the real estate of resident owners, the tax collector may give notice of the sale and of ~~his~~ the tax collector's intention to sell ~~so~~ as much of ~~said~~ that real estate as is necessary for the payment of delinquent taxes and all charges by posting notices ~~thereof~~ of the sale in the same manner and at the same places that warrants for municipal meetings are ~~therein~~ required to be posted, at least 6 weeks and not more than 7 weeks before such first Monday in February, designating the name of the owner if known, the right, lot and range, the number of acres as nearly as may be ~~determined~~, the amount of tax due and such other short description as is necessary to render its identification certain and plain.

In the case of taxes assessed on the real estate of nonresident owners, ~~he~~ the tax collector shall cause ~~said~~ notices to be published in ~~some~~ a newspaper, if any, published in the county where ~~said~~ that real estate lies, 3 weeks successively, such publication to begin at least 6 weeks before ~~said~~ such first Monday in February. If ~~no~~ a newspaper is ~~not~~ not published in ~~said~~ that county, ~~said~~ the notices ~~shall~~ must be published in like manner in the state paper. ~~He~~ The tax collector shall, in the ~~advertisements~~ so published notices, state the name of the municipality and, if within 3 years it has been changed for the whole or a part of the territory, both the present and former ~~name~~ shall ~~names~~ must be stated; and that, if the taxes, interest and charges are not paid on or before such first Monday in February, ~~so~~ as much of the estate as is sufficient to pay the amount due ~~therefor~~ for taxes with interest and charges will be sold without further notice, at public auction, on ~~said~~ such first Monday in February at 9 o'clock ~~in the forenoon a.m.~~ at the office of the tax collector or at the place where the last preceding annual municipal meeting was held. The date of the commitment ~~shall~~ must be stated in the ~~advertisement~~ notice.

In all cases ~~said~~ the tax collector shall lodge with the municipal clerk a copy of each such notice, with ~~his~~ the tax collector's certificate ~~thereon~~ that he the tax collector has given notice of the intended sale as required by law. ~~Such~~ The copy and certificate ~~shall~~ must be recorded by ~~said~~ the clerk and ~~the~~ that record ~~so made~~ shall ~~must~~ be open to the inspection of all persons interested. The clerk shall furnish to any person desiring it an attested copy of such record, on receiving payment or tender of payment of a reasonable sum ~~therefor~~ for the record; but notice of ~~sales~~ the sale of real estate within ~~any~~ a village corporation for unpaid taxes of ~~said~~ that corporation may be given by ~~notices~~ thereof notice, posted in the same manner; and at the same places as warrants for corporation meetings, and by publication, as provided in this section.

~~No~~ An irregularity, informality or omission in giving the notices of sale required by this section, or in lodging a copy of any of the same with the municipal clerk, as required, ~~shall~~ does not render such sale invalid, ~~but~~; such sale ~~shall~~ be ~~is~~ deemed to be legal and valid, if made at the time and place provided; and in other respects according to law, except as to the matter of notice. For any irregularity, informality or omission in giving notice as required by this section, and in lodging a copy of ~~the same~~ that notice with the municipal clerk, the tax collector ~~shall~~ be ~~is~~ liable to any person injured ~~thereby~~ by the irregularity, informality or omission in giving or lodging that notice.

**Sec. D-61. 36 MRSA §1073** is amended to read:

**§1073. Notice to owners or occupants of time and place of sale**

After the real estate is ~~so~~ advertised, and at least 10 days before the day of sale, the tax collector shall notify

the owner, if a resident, or the occupant thereof of the real estate, if any, of the time and place of sale by delivering to him the resident or occupant in person, or by registered mail with receipt demanded, or by leaving at his the resident's or occupant's last and usual place of abode, a written notice signed by him the tax collector stating the time and place of sale and the amount of taxes due. In case of a nonresident owners owner of real estate, such notice shall must be sent by mail to the last and usual address, if known to the tax collector, of the nonresident at least 10 days before the day of sale. If such the tax is paid before the time of sale, the amount to be paid for such the advertisement and notice shall may not exceed \$1, in addition to the sum paid to the printer, if any.

Sec. D-62. 36 MRSA §1075 is amended to read:

§1075. Collector's Tax collector's return of sale; form

The tax collector making any sale of real estate for nonpayment of taxes shall, within 30 days after such sale, make a return, with a particular statement of his the tax collector's doings in making such that sale, to the municipal clerk, who shall receive and file it. Said That return shall be is evidence of the facts therein set forth in the return in all cases where such when that tax collector is not personally interested. The tax collector's return to the municipal clerk shall must be in substance as follows:

Pursuant to law, I caused the taxes assessed on the real estate of nonresident owners described herein in this notice, situated in the municipality of ..... for the year ....., to be advertised according to law by advertising in the ..... three weeks successively, the first publication being on the ..... day of ....., and at least six weeks before the day of sale; and caused the taxes assessed on the real estate of resident owners described herein in this notice, situated in the municipality of ..... for the year ....., to be advertised according to law by posting notice as required by law, at the following places, six weeks before the day of sale, being public and conspicuous places in said that municipality. I also, at least ten days before the day of sale, gave to each resident owner of said that real estate, or the occupant thereof of that real estate, if any, in hand, or forwarded to him the resident by registered mail with receipt demanded, or left at his the resident's last and usual place of abode, and sent by mail to the last and usual address of each nonresident owner of said that real estate, whose address was known to me, written notice of the time and place of said the sale, in the manner provided by law; and afterwards on the first Monday of February, 19 20., at nine o'clock a.m., being the time and place of sale, I proceeded to sell, according to the tenor of the advertisement, the estates upon which the assessed taxes so assessed remained unpaid; and in the schedules following is set forth each parcel of the estate so offered for

sale, the amount of taxes and the name of the purchaser; and I have made and executed deeds of the several parcels to the several persons entitled thereto to those parcels, and placed them the deeds on file in the municipal treasurer's office, to be disposed of as the law requires.

SCHEDULE NO. 1

Nonresident Owners

Name of owner	Description of property	Amount of tax, interest and charges	Quantity sold	Name of purchaser
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SCHEDULE NO. 2

Resident Owners

Name of owner	Description of property	Amount of tax, interest and charges	Quantity sold	Name of purchaser
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In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, this ..... day of ....., 19 20...

C.D., Tax Collector of the municipality of .....

Sec. D-63. 36 MRSA §1076 is amended to read:

§1076. Purchaser to notify mortgagee of sale; right of redemption

When real estate is so sold for nonpayment of taxes, the tax collector shall, within 30 days after the day of sale, lodge with the municipal treasurer a certificate under oath, designating the quantity of real estate sold, the names of the owners of each parcel and the names of the purchasers; what part of the amount of each was tax and what was cost and charges; and also a deed of each parcel sold, running to the purchasers. The treasurer shall may not at that time deliver the deeds to the grantees, but shall put them on file in his the treasurer's office, to be delivered at the expiration of 2 years from the day of sale, and the. The treasurer shall after the expiration of 2 years deliver said any such deed to the grantee or his the grantee's heirs, provided as long as the owner, the mortgagee or any person in possession or other person legally taxable therefor for that real estate does not within such time redeem the real estate from such sale; by payment or tender of the taxes, all the charges and interest on the whole at the rate of 8% a year from the date of sale to the time of redemption, and costs as provided, with 67¢ for the deed and certificate of acknowledgment.

If there is an undischarged mortgage duly recorded on the real estate sold for nonpayment of taxes, the purchaser at such sale shall notify the holder of record of each such mortgage within 60 days from the date of said that sale, by sending a notice in writing by registered letter addressed to the record holder of such mortgage at the residence of such holder as given in the registry of deeds in the county where said that real estate is situated, stating that he the purchaser has purchased the estate at a tax sale on such date and request requesting

the mortgagee to redeem the same. If such notice is not given, the holder of record of any mortgage, ~~which mortgage was~~ on record in the registry of deeds at the time of ~~said that~~ sale, may redeem the real estate sold at any time within 3 months after receiving actual notice of such sale, by the payment or tender of the amounts, interest and costs as specified, and the registry fee for recording and discharging the deed, if the deed has been recorded, and the deed ~~shall must~~ be discharged by the grantee ~~therein of that deed~~, or the owner under the tax deed at the time of redemption, in ~~the~~ manner provided for the discharge of mortgages of real estate.

If ~~any an~~ owner of real estate ~~which that~~ is assessed to any former owner who was not the owner on April 1st of the taxable year as assessed, or to owners unknown, does not have actual notice of the sale of ~~his the~~ owner's real estate for taxes within ~~said those~~ 2 years, ~~he the owner~~ may, at any time within 3 months after ~~he the owner~~ has had actual notice, redeem the real estate sold from such sale although the deed may have been recorded, by payment or tender of the amounts, interest and costs as specified and the registry fee for recording and discharging the deed, in case the deed has been recorded, and the deed ~~shall must~~ be discharged by the grantee ~~therein of that deed~~, or the owner under the tax deed at the time of redemption, in ~~the~~ manner provided for the discharge of mortgages on real estate.

If the real estate is redeemed before the deed is delivered, the municipal treasurer shall give the owner, mortgagee or party to whom the real estate is assessed or other person legally taxable ~~therefor for that real estate~~ a certificate ~~thereof of redemption~~, cancel the deed and pay to the grantee on demand the amount so received from ~~him the grantee~~. If the amounts, interest and costs specified are not paid to the treasurer within the time as specified, ~~he the treasurer~~ shall deliver to the grantee ~~his the treasurer's~~ deed upon the payment of the fees for the deed and acknowledgment and 30¢ more for receiving and paying out the proceeds of the sale, but all tax deeds of real estate upon which there is an undischarged mortgage duly recorded ~~shall may not~~ carry ~~no~~ a title except subject to such mortgage, unless the purchaser at such tax sale gives to the record holder of the mortgage, notice as provided. For the fidelity of the treasurer in discharging ~~his the treasurer's~~ duties required, the municipality is responsible, and has a remedy on ~~his the treasurer's~~ bond in case of default.

**Sec. D-64. 36 MRSA §1077** is amended to read:

**§1077. Purchaser's failure to pay in 20 days voids sale**

If the purchaser of real estate sold for taxes under section 1074 fails to pay the tax collector within 20 days after the sale of the amount bid by ~~him the purchaser~~, the sale ~~shall be~~ is void, and the municipality in which such sale was made ~~shall be~~ is deemed to be the purchaser of the real estate ~~so~~ sold, the same as if purchased

by ~~some one someone~~ in behalf of the municipality under section 1082. If a municipality becomes a purchaser of real estate under this section, the deed to it ~~shall must~~ set forth the fact that a sale was duly made, the amount bid for the real estate included in ~~said the~~ deed, and that the purchaser failed to pay the amount bid within 20 days after the sale. The ~~said deed shall must~~ confer upon ~~said that~~ municipality the same rights and duties as if it had been the purchaser under section 1082.

**Sec. D-65. 36 MRSA §1078** is amended to read:

**§1078. Owner's right to redeem**

Any person to whom the right by law belongs may, at any time within 2 years from the day of sale, redeem any real estate sold for taxes on paying into the municipal treasury for the purchaser the full amount certified to be due, including taxes, costs and charges, with interest on the whole at the rate of 8% a year from the date of the sale, which ~~shall must~~ be received and held by ~~said the~~ treasurer as the property of ~~the such~~ purchaser ~~aforsaid~~. The treasurer shall pay it to ~~said that~~ purchaser, ~~his or the purchaser's~~ heirs or assigns, on demand. If not paid when demanded, the purchaser may recover it in any court of competent jurisdiction, with costs and interest at the rate of 8%, after such demand. The sureties of the treasurer shall pay the same on failure of ~~said that~~ treasurer. In default of payment by either, the municipality shall pay the same with costs and interest as provided.

**Sec. D-66. 36 MRSA §1080** is amended to read:

**§1080. Delivery of deed to purchaser after 2 years**

If the real estate is not redeemed within the time specified by payment of the full amount required by this chapter, the municipal treasurer shall deliver to the purchaser the ~~deeds deed~~ deed lodged with ~~him the treasurer~~ by the tax collector. If ~~he the treasurer~~ willfully refuses to deliver such deed to ~~said the~~ purchaser, on demand, ~~after said~~ 2 years after the sale and forfeiture of the ~~land real estate~~, ~~he the treasurer~~ forfeits to ~~said the~~ purchaser the full value of the ~~property so~~ real estate to be conveyed, to be recovered in a civil action, with costs and interest as in other cases. The sureties of ~~said the~~ treasurer shall make good the payment required in default of payment by the principal. On the failure of both, the municipality is liable.

**Sec. D-67. 36 MRSA §1081** is amended to read:

**§1081. Nonresident owner's action; time limit**

~~Any A~~ nonresident owner of real estate sold under section 1074, having paid the taxes, costs, charges and interest as provided, may, at any time within one year after making such payment, commence a civil action against the municipality to recover the amount paid, and if on trial it appears that the money raised was for an

unlawful purpose, ~~he shall have~~ judgment must be in favor of the nonresident owner for the amount ~~so~~ paid by the nonresident owner. If not commenced within the year, the claim ~~shall be~~ is forever barred. The action may be in the Superior Court and the plaintiff recovering judgment ~~therein shall~~ must have full costs, ~~although~~ even when the amount of damages is less than \$20.

**Sec. D-68. 36 MRSA §1084** is amended to read:

**§1084. Posting notices; evidence of**

The affidavit of any disinterested person as to posting notifications required for the sale of any real estate to be sold by the sheriff or ~~his~~ the sheriff's deputy, or a constable or tax collector, in the execution of ~~his~~ the sheriff's office, may be used in evidence in any trial to prove the fact of notice, if such affidavit, made on one of the original advertisements, or on a copy of it, is filed in the registry of the county where the real estate lies; within 6 months.

**Sec. D-69. 36 MRSA §1109, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 467, §11, is further amended to read:

**6. Recertification.** The assessor shall determine annually whether any classified land continues to meet the requirements of this subchapter. Each year the assessor shall recertify any classifications made under this subchapter. If any classified land no longer meets the requirements of this subchapter, the assessor shall either remove the classification or, if ~~he deems~~ the assessor considers it appropriate, allow the land to have a provisional classification as detailed in subsection 2.

**Sec. D-70. 36 MRSA §1181, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 509, §30 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall provide to the State Tax Assessor at ~~his~~ the State Tax Assessor's request all information in ~~his~~ the commissioner's possession touching the value and description of lands in the unorganized territory; and a statement of all lands on which timber has been sold or a permit to cut timber has been granted by lease or otherwise. All other state officers, when requested, shall in like manner provide all information in their possession touching said valuation to the State Tax Assessor.

**Sec. D-71. 36 MRSA §1233** is amended to read:

**§1233. Failure to make return; penalty**

Should any owner or person ~~having in his charge~~ responsible for or in control of personal property taxable by ~~said~~ the State Tax Assessor, as provided in sec-

tion 1231, neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of this subchapter, the State Tax Assessor may secure the necessary information by such methods as ~~he deems~~ the State Tax Assessor considers advisable, and the necessary expense incurred in securing such information ~~shall~~ must be added to the tax assessed against the property of such owner or person and paid to the State Tax Assessor with the tax.

**Sec. D-72. 36 MRSA §1286**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 706, §16, is further amended to read:

**§1286. Limitation on recovery of ~~tax sold~~ real estate sold for taxes in unorganized ~~places~~ territory**

When the State has taxed real estate in the unorganized territory, and the State Tax Assessor has conveyed it, or part of it, for nonpayment of tax, by deed purporting to convey the interest of the State by forfeiture for such nonpayment, or it or a part of it has been conveyed under authority given by the Legislature by a deed purporting to convey the interest of the State acquired under sections 1281 to 1283, and the pertinent records of the State Tax Assessor show that the grantee, ~~his or the grantee's~~ heirs or assigns, has paid the state and county taxes ~~thereon on that real estate~~, or on ~~his~~ the grantee's acres or interest therein, as stated in the deed, continuously for the 20 years subsequent to such deed; and when a person claims under a recorded deed describing real estate in the unorganized territory taxed by the State, and the pertinent records of the State Tax Assessor show that ~~he has, by himself or by his~~ the grantee or that grantee's predecessors under that deed; ~~have~~ has paid the state and county taxes ~~thereon on that real estate~~, or on ~~his~~ that person's acres or interest ~~therein in those acres~~ as stated in the deed, continuously for 20 years subsequent to recording that deed; and whenever, in either case, it appears that the person claiming under such a deed, and those under whom ~~he~~ that person claims, have, during that period, held such exclusive, peaceable, continuous and adverse possession ~~thereof of that real estate, acres or interest in those acres~~ as comports with the ordinary management of real estate in the unorganized territory in this State, and it further appears that during such period ~~no~~ an former owner, or person claiming under ~~him~~ that former owner, has not paid any such tax, or any assessment by the county commissioners, or done any other act indicative of ownership, ~~no~~ an action may not be maintained by a former owner, or those claiming under ~~him~~ that former owner, to recover such real estate or to avoid such deed, unless commenced within those 20 years. That payment ~~shall give~~ gives the grantee or the grantee's heirs or assigns or the person claiming, ~~his heirs or assigns~~, a right of entry and seizin in the whole, or such part, in common and undivided, of the whole tract as the deed states, or as the number of acres in the deed is to the number of acres assessed.

This section ~~shall apply~~ applies to rights and interests acquired under tax sales made by the State Tax Assessor for the nonpayment of taxes.

**Sec. D-73.** 36 MRSA §1287 is amended to read:

**§1287. Action may be commenced in 10 years after disability**

If any ~~such~~ former owner, or person claiming under ~~him~~ that former owner, during ~~said~~ the period of 20 years, or any portion ~~thereof of that period~~, is a minor, ~~mentally ill is suffering from a mental illness, is~~ imprisoned or ~~is~~ absent from the United States ~~he, that person~~ may, if otherwise entitled, bring such action at any time within 10 years after such disability is removed, notwithstanding ~~said~~ that the period of 20 years has expired, and if such person dies during the continuance of the disability, and ~~no~~ a determination or judgment has ~~not~~ been had on ~~his~~ that person's title or right of action, such action may be brought by ~~his~~ that person's heirs; or other person claiming under ~~him~~, that person at any time within 10 years after ~~his~~ that person's death, notwithstanding that the 20 years have elapsed.

**Sec. D-74.** 36 MRSA §1485 is amended to read:

**§1485. Exemption from personal property taxation**

~~Any~~ A vehicle owner who has paid the excise tax on ~~his~~ that owner's vehicle in accordance with sections 1482 and 1484 ~~shall be~~ is exempt from personal property taxation of ~~such~~ that vehicle for that year.

**Sec. D-75.** 36 MRSA §1487, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1967, c. 23, is further amended to read:

**1. Municipal tax collector.** In the case of municipalities; or a municipally owned airport or seaplane base, the municipal tax collector or such other person as the municipality may designate shall collect ~~such~~ excise tax and shall deposit the money received with the municipal treasurer monthly.

A. ~~Such~~ The collector shall report to the municipal officers at the end of the municipal year, showing the total amount of excise tax collected by ~~him~~ the collector and the amounts applying to each year.

**Sec. D-76.** 36 MRSA §1487, sub-§1-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 195, §2, is amended to read:

A. ~~Such~~ The collector shall report to the county commissioners at the end of the county year, showing the total amount of excise tax collected by ~~him~~ the collector and the amounts applying to each year.

**Sec. D-77.** 36 MRSA §1504, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 196, §8, is amended to read:

**5-A. Credit for transfer.** ~~Any~~ An owner who has paid the excise tax for a watercraft ~~which~~ that is transferred in the same tax year is entitled to a credit to the

maximum amount of the tax previously paid in that year for any number of watercraft, regardless of the number of transfers ~~which~~ that may be required of ~~him~~ the owner in the same tax year. The credit ~~shall~~ must be allowed in any place in which the excise tax is payable.

**Sec. D-78.** 36 MRSA §1504, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 92, Pt. B, §9, is amended to read:

**8. Lien.** If the tax imposed by this chapter is not paid when due, the tax collector may file in the office of the registry of deeds of the county where the owner of the watercraft resides or in the case of a nonresident owner or partnership or corporation, either domestic or foreign, where the watercraft is principally moored, docked or located or has its established base of operations, or in the office in which a security or financial statement or notice with respect to personal property would be filed, a notice of lien specifying the amount of the tax, addition to tax, penalty and interest due, the name and last known address of the taxpayer liable for the amount and the fact that the tax collector has complied with this chapter in the assessment of the tax. From the time of the filing, the amount set forth in the certificate constitutes a lien upon all property of the taxpayer; in the county then owned by ~~him~~ the taxpayer or thereafter acquired by ~~him~~ the taxpayer in the period before the expiration of the lien. In the case of any prior mortgage on any real or personal property so written as to secure a present debt and also future advances by the mortgagee to the mortgagor, the lien, as provided in this subsection, when notice ~~thereof~~ of the lien has been filed in the proper office, ~~shall be~~ is subject to the prior mortgage, unless the assessor also notifies the mortgagee of the recording of the lien in writing, in which case any indebtedness thereafter created from the mortgagor to the mortgagee ~~shall be~~ is junior to the lien provided in this subsection. The lien; provided in this subsection; has the same force, effect and priority as a judgment lien and ~~shall continue~~ continues for 5 years from the date of recording, unless sooner released or otherwise discharged. The lien may, within the 5-year period or within 5 years from the date of the last extension of the lien in the manner provided in this section, be extended by filing for record in the appropriate office; a copy of the notice and from the time of that filing the lien ~~shall be~~ is extended for 5 years, unless sooner released or otherwise discharged.

**Sec. D-79.** 36 MRSA §1542 is amended to read:

**§1542. Payment of owner's interest; discharge**

Each owner of timber and grass ~~so~~ assessed may pay the part of the tax ~~so~~ assessed proportioned to ~~his~~ that owner's interest in any tract, whether in common or not; and ~~shall~~ must receive from the State Tax Assessor a certificate; discharging the tax upon the interest upon which such payment is made.

**Sec. D-80. 36 MRSA §1543**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 679, §6, is further amended to read:

**§1543. Each acreage interest forfeited if tax unpaid**

Each fractional part, or interest represented by acreage, in all ~~such~~ public reserved lots, upon which the state taxes and interest are not paid by the 30th day of March of the year following the assessment ~~shall be~~ are forfeited to the State, and whenever such taxes are assessed on a biennial basis, such forfeiture ~~shall occur~~ occurs on the 30th day of March following the 2nd year of the biennium. ~~Any An~~ owner may redeem ~~his that~~ owner's interest in such public reserved lots by tendering to the State Tax Assessor, within one year after the date of the forfeiture, ~~his that~~ owner's proportional part of all the sums due on such lots, and \$1 for a release.

**Sec. D-81. 36 MRSA §1545**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. E, §30; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

**§1545. Timber and grass acreage forfeited held for benefit of towns**

All timber and grass acreage forfeited under section 1544 ~~shall must~~ be held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people of Maine and ~~shall must~~ be held by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands subject to the same powers and responsibilities as apply to other lands in ~~his~~ the director's custody.

**Sec. D-82. 36 MRSA §1604, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 459, Pt. C, §14, is amended to read:

**3. Contracts.** Each county or agency ~~which that~~ contracts with another entity to provide services funded under this chapter shall enter into a written contract with the providing agency. A copy of each contract ~~shall must~~ must be maintained in the office of the county or agency entering into the contract. A copy of each contract ~~shall must~~ must be provided to the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory, who shall maintain copies in ~~his that~~ fiscal administrator's office.

**Sec. D-83. 36 MRSA §1605, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §§81 and 106 and PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**1. Fund established.** The Legislature hereby creates the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. The State Tax Assessor shall deposit in the fund all Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax money and county tax money, assessed pursuant to Title 30-A, section 706, ~~which he that the assessor~~ collects.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 114  
H.P. 368 - L.D. 600**

**An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §732, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

When there is an apparent tie vote, the Secretary of State shall automatically initiate a recount. If a recount confirms a tie vote, the following provisions apply.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §737-A, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 320, §16, is further amended to read:

~~A Any~~ candidate ~~who is the apparent loser and~~ other than the apparent winner who desires a recount must file with the Secretary of State a written request for a recount within 5 business days after the election, except that in an election determined by ranked-choice voting, only a candidate who received one of the top 3 rankings at the end of the penultimate round of ranked-choice counting may request a recount. The recount is held under the supervision of the Secretary of State, who shall allow the candidate's representatives or counsel to recount the ballots. The candidate may not act as a counter of ballots.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §2528, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 564, §1, is further amended to read:

**10. Election by plurality vote; tie vote.** Unless otherwise provided for at a municipal meeting held at least 180 days before the election, the provisions of this subsection apply. Election must be by plurality vote. In the case of a tie vote, the municipal clerk shall automatically initiate a recount. If a recount confirms a tie vote, the meeting must be adjourned to a day certain, when ballots are again cast for the candidates tied for the office in question, unless all but one tied candidate withdraw from a subsequent election by delivering written notice of withdrawal signed by the candidate and notarized to the municipal offices within the 7-day period following the election. After the 7-day period has expired, the municipal officers shall call a run-off election between the remaining candidates by posting a warrant in the manner required for calling a town meeting. If only one candidate remains, that candidate is declared the winner and sworn into office.

If the meeting is adjourned sine die before a tie vote is resolved or the tie vote is discovered after the meeting adjourns sine die and more than one candidate remains,

a new meeting must be called to conduct a run-off election by the method described in this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115**

**H.P. 702 - L.D. 1080**

**An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §705, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

**1. Residential customers; applicants.** ~~No~~ A public utility may ~~not~~ require ~~any~~ a deposit of ~~any~~ a residential customer without proof that the customer is likely to be a credit risk or to damage the property of the utility. That proof ~~shall~~ must be furnished to the customer upon request. Absence of previous experience with the utility ~~shall~~ may not be considered proof that the customer is a credit risk or threatens to damage utility property. A utility may not require a deposit from an applicant for residential service based solely on the applicant's income. For purposes of this subsection, "applicant" means a person that applies for public utility service and has not been a customer of the utility within 30 calendar days prior to the person's application for utility service. The commission shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this Act, the Public Utilities Commission shall initiate rulemaking to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 705, subsection 1, as amended by this Act.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 116**

**H.P. 104 - L.D. 171**

**An Act to Enhance Protections Regarding Invasive Aquatic Plant and Animal Infestations in Inland Waters of the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1862, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 434, Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

**1. Program.** The commissioner and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife jointly shall implement a program to inspect watercraft, watercraft trailers and outboard motors at or near the border of the State and at boat launching sites for the presence of invasive aquatic plants; to monitor inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants; and to provide educational materials to the public and to watercraft owners regarding invasive aquatic plants and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State pursuant to section 1864.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1862, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 434, Pt. A, §7, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The program in 2002 and subsequent years must be at a level of effort determined by the commissioner and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in consultation with the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic ~~Plant~~ Plants and Nuisance Species, as established in section 1871. The program must include a review of watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants pursuant to section 1864.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1862, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Report.** The commissioner and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report detailing program activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15th annually. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to any regular or special session of the Legislature.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1864**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 551, §20 and c. 627, §8, is further amended to read:

**§1864. Emergency authority to regulate surface use**

The commissioner and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may jointly issue an emergency order to restrict access to or restrict or prohibit the use of any watercraft on all or a portion of a water body that has a confirmed infestation of an invasive aquatic plant or animal. The order must be for a specific period of time and may be issued only when the use of watercraft on that water body threatens to worsen or spread the infestation. The order may require that watercraft ~~on~~ using waters affected by the order be taken out of or launched on the water only at locations identified in the order. The order may require inspections and cleaning of watercraft, watercraft trailers and equipment upon removal at sites that have been identified in the order. Inspections must be conducted by designated ~~state~~ state-trained boat inspectors. For purposes of this section, "designated state boat inspector" means a person ~~em-~~

~~ployed~~ trained by the State and identified by the department or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a person who is qualified to properly conduct inspection activities.

**Sec. 5. Study of watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants; review of protocols and restrictions.** The Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife jointly shall review watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1862, subsection 1 and make recommendations related to how these protocols and restrictions could be strengthened. The commissioners jointly shall also evaluate how information about restrictions is communicated to members of the public. By January 1, 2026, the commissioners shall submit a report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on their findings and recommendations with respect to watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants and how information on restrictions is communicated to members of the public. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 117  
S.P. 310 - L.D. 693**

**An Act to Support the  
Department of the Secretary of  
State, Bureau of Corporations,  
Elections and Commissions**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and  
Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Office Specialist II positions and provides funding for All Other.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$350,430	\$363,045
All Other	\$29,647	\$8,602

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$380,077	\$371,647
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 118  
S.P. 370 - L.D. 837**

**An Act to Require Positions  
Taken by the Public Advocate  
to Be Consistent with the Cost-  
effective Implementation of the  
State's Greenhouse Gas  
Emissions Reductions  
Obligations**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§10,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 79, §2, is amended to read:

**10. Independent representation of the interests of the using and consuming public.** The Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority under this chapter, shall exercise independent judgment to ensure the position:

A. Is consistent with the priorities established in section 1702-A and the requirements of this chapter; ~~and~~

B. Promotes stabilization and lowering of prices paid by those members of the using and consuming public whose interests the Public Advocate is representing; ~~and~~

C. Is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations established in Title 38, section 576-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 119  
H.P. 536 - L.D. 850**

**An Act to Amend the Motor  
Vehicle Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §161,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 419, §1 and reallocated by PL 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §25, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Secretary of State may adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted under this paragraph

must include, but are not limited to, rules governing the transaction fees charged by the kiosk vendor. Rules adopted under this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §651-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 539, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Notification of release or update.** The lienholder shall use the electronic lien titling program to notify the Secretary of State when a lien is released or updated; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §651-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 539, §2, is amended to read:

**3. Paper copy.** The lienholder may request a paper copy of the certificate of title; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §651-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Fee.** The lienholder shall pay a fee of \$1.00 per electronic lien transaction, which must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Services Fund established under section 159.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §754, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 498, §18, is further amended to read:

**4. Vehicle or vehicle part disposal.** Impounded vehicles and vehicle parts that are unclaimed, recovered after theft or unidentifiable become the property of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall dispose of those vehicles and vehicle parts in the following manner.

A. Within 10 days after impoundment, the Secretary of State shall notify by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, the last known owner and all lienholders of record. The notice must describe the year, make, model and vehicle identification number, if known. The notice must state that failure of the owner or lienholder to exercise the owner's or the lienholder's right to reclaim the vehicle or vehicle part within 30 days from receipt of notice means the vehicle or vehicle part is abandoned and becomes the property of the Secretary of State. An owner or lienholder claiming ownership under this paragraph must take possession of the vehicle or vehicle part within 30 days from receipt of notice to reclaim the vehicle or vehicle part.

~~B. After expiration of the 30 day notice period, the Secretary of State may dispose of the vehicle at public auction or report the vehicle as abandoned under Title 33, chapter 45.~~

C. The Secretary of State may dispose of the vehicle or vehicle part in a manner considered appropriate by the Secretary of State, including, but not limited to, selling the vehicle or vehicle part. Any proceeds from a sale of a vehicle or vehicle part

under this paragraph must be deposited in the Motor Vehicle Services Fund established under section 159.

**Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §851, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Electronic temporary registration plate program.** "Electronic temporary registration plate program" means an electronic program that permits the creation of a temporary registration plate and the maintenance of temporary registration plate information.

**Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §954-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Electronic temporary registration plate program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may use, but may not require the use of, an electronic temporary registration plate program. If the Secretary of State uses an electronic temporary registration plate program under this subsection, the Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement and administer the program. Rules adopted under this subsection must include, but are not limited to, rules governing the process by which a dealer elects to participate in or stop participating in the electronic temporary registration plate program. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §954-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 126, §1 and reallocated by PL 2023, c. 257, §7, is further amended to read:

**2. Payment of fee for temporary registration plate.** The fee for a temporary registration plate is ~~\$1~~ \$2.00 per plate, \$1.00 of which must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Services Fund established under section 159 to establish and maintain an electronic temporary registration plate program. A purchaser may operate the motor vehicle or trailer with a temporary registration plate for a period of 30 consecutive days without payment of a regular fee. At the end of this initial period, a resident who is unable to comply with the requirements of chapter 7 or a nonresident who has applied for but has not yet received a registration certificate from a home state may request the Secretary of State to extend this period without charge for an additional 20 days.

**Sec. 9. Effective date.** That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 651-A, subsection 4 and that section that amends Title 29-A, section 954-A, subsection 2 take effect January 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 120  
H.P. 610 - L.D. 945**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing the Powers and  
Responsibilities of the Maine  
Redevelopment Land Bank  
Authority**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5157, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Eligible properties.** ~~The redevelopment authority may acquire property through an agreement under section 5158, subsection 4, which may include~~ The following are eligible properties for the purposes of this chapter:

A. Property that the redevelopment authority has determined is abandoned as demonstrated by a totality of evidence including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Doors and windows on the property are boarded up, broken or continuously left unlocked;
- (2) Rubbish, trash or debris has accumulated on the property;
- (3) Furnishings and personal property are absent from the property;
- (4) The buildings or improvements on the property are deteriorating so as to constitute a threat to public health or safety;
- (5) Gas, electric or water service to the property has been terminated or utility consumption is so low that it indicates the property is not regularly occupied;
- (6) A mortgagee has changed the locks on the property and neither the mortgagor nor anyone on the mortgagor's behalf has requested entrance to, or taken other steps to gain entrance to, the property;
- (7) Reports of trespass, vandalism or other illegal acts being committed on the property have been made to local law enforcement authorities;
- (8) A code enforcement officer or other public official has made a determination or finding that the property is abandoned or unfit for occupancy;
- (9) The mortgagor is deceased and there is no evidence that an heir or personal representative has taken possession of the property; or

(10) Other reasonable signs of abandonment;

B. Property that the redevelopment authority has determined is blighted because of:

- (1) Dilapidation, deterioration, age or obsolescence;
- (2) Inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation or open spaces;
- (3) High density of population and overcrowding;
- (4) Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land;
- (5) The existence of conditions that endanger life or property; or
- (6) Any combination of the factors described in subparagraphs (1) to (5);

C. Property that the redevelopment authority has determined is functionally obsolete due to a substantial loss in value resulting from factors such as overcapacity, changes in technology, deficiencies or superadequacies in design or other similar factors that affect the property itself or the property's relationship with other surrounding property;

D. Property that is environmentally hazardous; and

E. Property that a municipality or county has determined is not within the capacity of the municipality or county to redevelop and for which the municipality or county has requested the assistance of the redevelopment authority.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. General corporate powers.** To exercise all general powers of a corporation under Title 13-C, section 302;

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

**4. Agreements with public entities.** To enter into agreements with public entities, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, regional planning organizations, state agencies and municipal or regionally organized land banks in order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. ~~Agreements may include the acquisition of property or rights in property from a municipality or county whose governing unit declares the need for such an agreement;~~

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

**5. Agreements with federal agencies.** To enter into agreements with federal agencies ~~related to funding of the redevelopment of property acquired in accordance with~~ to effectuate the purposes of this chapter;

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Agreements with private parties.** To enter into agreements with a private entity or person to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. If an agreement under this subsection is for the acquisition of property, the municipality in which the property is located or, if the property is located in an unorganized or deorganized township of the State, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission must consent to the acquisition;

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

**6. Assistance.** To provide assistance, by request, to entities in the State engaged in redevelopment activities ~~by using the best practices adopted by the Development Ready Advisory Committee under section 5161;~~

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 121  
S.P. 37 - L.D. 23**

**An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Maine is experiencing a shortage of dentists; and

**Whereas,** this legislation extends the time by which the operations of a dental practice may continue after the death or incapacitation of a dentist; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect prior to the 90-day period to provide additional time for dental practices to be sold after the death or incapacitation of a dentist; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §732, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §26 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

**5. Legal guardian or personal representative of deceased or incapacitated dentist.** For the purposes

of this chapter, the legal guardian or personal representative of a dentist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 may contract with another dentist to continue the operations of the practice of the deceased or incapacitated dentist for a period of up to 24 48 months after the death or incapacitation of the dentist or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this subsection, "personal representative" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 1-201, subsection 40.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 29, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 122  
H.P. 151 - L.D. 228**

**An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the State in 2023 and 2024 experienced multiple significant storm events causing widespread and devastating floods and damaging public and private infrastructure across the State with particular impact along the coast, which experienced historically high and dangerous tides; and

**Whereas,** with an ever-increasing frequency of such storm events and a projected rise in sea levels and the associated risks to persons, property and resources, the citizens of the State must be able to enhance the resilience of public and private infrastructure to the effects of these storms; and

**Whereas,** the changes to the Natural Resources Protection Act proposed in this legislation must take effect immediately to facilitate the timely development of certain coastal resiliency projects; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§15,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 97, §1, is amended to read:

**15. Coastal sand dune system restoration projects; stabilization materials.** The department

may authorize through a permit or a permit by rule under this article a coastal sand dune system restoration project that uses allowable stabilization materials for the planting of native dune vegetation as long as the project meets the requirements of this subsection and satisfies all other applicable requirements for the permit or permit by rule.

A. Allowable stabilization materials may be used or placed only above the highest annual tide as measured at the time the project construction begins. Allowable stabilization materials may be used or placed in high-velocity zones, or V-Zones, as identified by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency in effective flood insurance rate maps under the National Flood Insurance Program.

B. The slope of the constructed dune may not be steeper than the slope of the existing dune in which the allowable stabilization materials are used or placed, except where the constructed dune is placed on, or on the landward side of, an existing seawall.

C. Allowable stabilization materials must be used or placed in a manner designed to encourage the revegetation of the dune with native dune vegetation and, except where the constructed dune is placed on, or on the landward side of, an existing seawall, must remain covered with sand and native dune vegetation throughout and upon completion of the project.

D. Allowable stabilization materials containing or using gravel or cobble may be used or placed only in a dune primarily composed of gravel or cobble or directly adjacent to a beach that is primarily gravel or cobble. Placement of allowable stabilization materials containing or using gravel or cobble must involve the use of gravel or cobble from the dune system or beach or gravel or cobble of a similar texture and color of the gravel or cobble of the dune system or beach.

E. A Except as provided in paragraph F, a project that will use or place stakes, anchors or cables made from metal or other nonbiodegradable materials or fabrics, blankets or other stabilization materials made from polylactic acid polymers is not eligible for a permit by rule but may be issued a permit under this article.

F. A project that will use or place stakes, anchors or cables made from metal, whether alone or in conjunction with allowable stabilization materials, is eligible for a permit by rule under this article and in accordance with the requirements of this subsection only if the project is constructed on, or on the landward side of, an existing seawall.

The use or placement of allowable stabilization materials within a coastal sand dune system in accordance

with a permit or a permit by rule authorized by the department pursuant to this subsection is not considered a permanent structure under this article.

For the purposes of this subsection, "allowable stabilization materials" means natural, plant-based biodegradable or compostable fabrics, erosion control blankets, logs or rolls made from coir, jute, straw, polylactic acid polymers or other similar materials, including materials that contain or use gravel or cobble, discarded holiday trees, other trees fallen or washed up in proximity to the site and stakes, anchors or cables used to secure those materials. For the purposes of this subsection, "native dune vegetation" means dune plant species typically adapted to coastal sand dune systems in the State, including, but not limited to, American beach grass, *Rosa virginiana*, bayberry, beach pea, beach heather and pitch pine. For the purposes of this subsection, "existing seawall" means a seawall that legally existed on January 1, 2025.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§19** is enacted to read:

**19. Height increase of existing seawall in coastal sand dune system.** Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the department may authorize a one-time increase in the height of a seawall or similar structure in a coastal sand dune system through a permit under this article if the following conditions are met.

A. The seawall legally existed on January 1, 2025 and the lot or parcel that contains the seawall:

(1) Is no larger than 15,000 square feet and contains a residential dwelling that legally existed on or was legally reconstructed after January 1, 2025;

(2) Is no larger than 25,000 square feet and contains a commercial building that legally existed on or was legally reconstructed after January 1, 2025; or

(3) Contains a road that legally existed on or was legally reconstructed after January 1, 2025.

B. The residential dwelling, commercial building or road on the lot or parcel that contains the seawall, as identified pursuant to paragraph A, is located within 25 feet, horizontal distance, of the landward side of the seawall, or the lot or parcel abuts one or more lots or parcels along the same shoreline that each contain seawalls that have been or are permitted to be increased in height pursuant to this subsection.

C. A sand dune located seaward of the seawall that remains dry during the highest astronomical tide plus 1.5 feet of sea level rise:

(1) Does not exist at the time of application; and

(2) As determined by the department, cannot be created through restoration, reconstruction or construction activities in accordance with the department's permit by rule standards.

D. The height of the seawall is increased by no more than 2 feet, as long as:

(1) The height of the seawall, after the increase, is not more than one foot above the base flood elevation; and

(2) The dimensions of the seawall are not otherwise modified.

The applicant may add sand, cobble or allowable stabilization materials on the landward side of the seawall to provide structural stability for the increase in the height of the seawall.

E. The applicant must agree to mitigate, through beach nourishment or other activities directed by the department, any increased scouring or erosion on the seaward side of the seawall that may result from the seawall height increase.

F. If there is sufficient space, as determined by the department, between the seawall and the residential dwelling, commercial building or road on the lot or parcel that contains the seawall, as identified pursuant to paragraph A, the applicant must, on the landward side of the seawall:

(1) Construct a sand dune covered with native dune vegetation in a manner consistent with department rule; or

(2) If there is not sufficient space to construct a sand dune, plant a vegetative buffer consisting of native dune vegetation.

G. If practicable, as determined by the department, the residential dwelling or commercial building on the lot or parcel that contains the seawall, as identified pursuant to paragraph A, must be elevated on a post or piling foundation that allows for the free movement of water, wind and sand in a manner consistent with department rule and prior to or at the time that the seawall is increased in height pursuant to this subsection.

H. The seawall, if increased in height pursuant to this subsection, must connect to a seawall of the same or greater height on each abutting lot or parcel along the same shoreline, except that, if an abutting lot or parcel along the same shoreline does not contain a seawall that the seawall can connect to, the applicant must:

(1) Through legally binding agreement, including, but not limited to, an easement or contract, obtain permission for the seawall height

increase from the owner of each abutting lot or parcel along the same shoreline that does not contain a seawall that the seawall can connect to; and

(2) Agree to mitigate, through periodic dune restoration or beach nourishment activities as directed by the department, any increased end-effect erosion on each abutting lot or parcel along the same shoreline that may result from the seawall height increase.

I. For any seawall that is part of a project involving an increase in the height of seawalls located on 5 or more abutting lots or parcels along the same shoreline, the seawall height increase on all the abutting lots or parcels may not be expected to result in an increase in the extent or intensity of a predicted 100-year flood event on other abutting or adjacent lots that may cause the Federal Emergency Management Agency to revise the relevant flood insurance map to account for that increase, as determined by the department based on a standard engineering analysis provided by the applicant and any other information available to the department.

This subsection does not prevent the department from permitting, in accordance with adopted rules, the replacement of an existing seawall with a seawall of different dimensions or in a different location that is further landward if the department determines that the replacement seawall would be less damaging to the coastal sand dune system, existing wildlife habitat and adjacent properties than replacing the existing seawall with a seawall of the same dimensions in the same location.

For the purposes of this subsection, "allowable stabilization materials" and "native dune vegetation" have the same meanings as in subsection 15.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §480-W, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 548, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Replacement after emergency action under permit by rule.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department shall approve a permit by rule to repair or replace a seawall, bulkhead, retaining wall or similar structure that has been destroyed or threatened with a structure that, except as provided in paragraph C, is identical in all dimensions and location as long as a property owner files a completed permit-by-rule notification for the repair or replacement of the structure and the following standards are met:

A. During project construction, disturbance of dune vegetation must be avoided and native vegetation must be retained on the lot to the maximum extent possible. Any areas of dune vegetation that are disturbed must be restored as quickly as possible. Dune vegetation includes, but is not limited to,

American beach grass, ~~rugosa rose~~ Rosa virginiana, bayberry, beach pea, beach heather and pitch pine.

B. Sand may not be moved seaward of the frontal dune between April 1st and September 1st unless the owner has obtained written approval from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

C. The replacement of a seawall may not increase the height, length or thickness of the seawall beyond that which legally existed within the 24 months prior to the submission of the permit-by-rule notification but may increase the height of the seawall in accordance with section 480-E, subsection 19. The replaced seawall may not be significantly different in construction from the one that previously existed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 29, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 123**

**H.P. 546 - L.D. 860**

**An Act to Allow the Public Advocate to Obtain Information from Public Utilities, Competitive Electricity Providers and Standard-offer Service Providers**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, there is an immediate need to determine whether competitive electricity providers are disproportionately burdening low-income households in Maine with unaffordable prices; and

**Whereas**, delay in the implementation of this legislation would cause significant harm to Maine electricity ratepayers who are customers of competitive electricity providers; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 659, §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Review and recommendations.** The Public Advocate may review, investigate and make appropriate recommendations to the commission or the Legislature with respect to:

A. The reasonableness of rates charged or proposed to be charged by any public utility;

B. The reasonableness and adequacy of the service or the terms and conditions of such service furnished or proposed to be furnished by any public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider;

C. Any proposal by a public utility to reduce or abandon service to the public;

D. The issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity. Recommendations may include alternative analyses and plans as necessary;

E. Terms and conditions of public utilities;

F. Mergers and consolidations of public utilities;

G. Contracts of public utilities with affiliates or subsidiaries; and

H. Securities, regulations and transactions of public utilities.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1708**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§1708. Information from utilities, standard-offer service providers and competitive electricity providers**

**1. Reports and filings.** Utilities shall provide to the Public Advocate copies of all reports and other information required to be filed with or that may be submitted to the commission, except to the extent that this requirement is waived, in writing, by the Public Advocate.

**2. Commission order; information disclosure.** The Public Advocate may petition the commission for information or data from a public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider that is necessary for the Public Advocate to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The commission may, upon a showing of good cause, order a public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider to provide such information or data to the Public Advocate. To the extent that the information or data would otherwise be confidential pursuant to this Title or rules adopted pursuant to this Title, the Public Advocate or the utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider may request that the commission issue a protective order pursuant to section

1311-A to protect such information or data from disclosure.

**3. Data and information requests.** In a proceeding before the commission, the Public Advocate has the same right to request data or information as an intervenor.

**Sec. 3. Office of the Public Advocate to conduct study; prepare report.** The Office of the Public Advocate, referred to in this section as "the office," shall conduct a study and prepare a report regarding rates and business practices of standard-offer service providers and competitive electricity providers. The study must take into account differences in products and services offered by standard-offer service providers and competitive electricity providers, including, but not limited to, value-added services, such as behind-the-meter services that may reduce a customer's electricity demand, and varying contract periods.

1. In conducting the study and preparing the report under this section, the office shall consult with and solicit recommendations from interested parties, including at least 3 competitive electricity providers and one current or former provider of standard-offer service to residential and small commercial customers, regarding the study methodology, the office's analysis, any recommendations developed by the office and the report. The office shall provide interested parties with the opportunity to review and provide comments on at least one draft report prior to submitting the final report pursuant to subsection 2.

2. The office shall submit a final report by December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The final report must include all comments and recommendations the office received from interested parties in an appendix to the final report. After receiving the final report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the final report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 29, 2025.

**CHAPTER 124  
S.P. 20 - L.D. 8**

**An Act Regarding the Term of  
Appointment of Judicial  
Officers**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA c. 2** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 2**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§71. Term start date for judicial officers**

The term of appointment of a judicial officer appointed pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part First, Section 8 begins on the date that the judicial officer is sworn into office.

**§72. Inapplicability of Title 5, section 6 qualification requirements**

The provisions of Title 5, section 6 do not apply to judicial officers appointed pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part First, Section 8.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 837, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:

**§6. Officials have 30 days to qualify**

All public officers, other than judicial officers, appointed or renewed in accordance with law shall, within 30 days after being commissioned, qualify to perform the duties of their office and the certificate of qualification must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Any officer who fails to qualify within 30 days and file a certificate of qualification in the office of the Secretary of State within 45 days must be suspended by the Secretary of State until the defect is corrected. During this suspension, the officer may be deemed to have forfeited the appointment and the office may be declared vacant by the appointing authority and a new appointment made.

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**CHAPTER 125  
S.P. 34 - L.D. 21**

**An Act to Update the Provision  
of Law Concerning Student  
Codes of Conduct in Order to  
Reflect Best Practices  
Regarding Behavioral Threat  
Assessment and Response**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 307, §1, is further amended to read:

F. Establish policies and procedures concerning the removal of disruptive or violent students or students threatening death or bodily harm to others from a classroom or a school bus, as well as student disciplinary and placement decisions, when to identify, assess and intervene with students who may pose a threat of violence to themselves or others within the school community, including policies and procedures regarding student supports,

disciplinary actions and placement decisions if and when appropriate, up to and including removal from a classroom or a school bus;

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**CHAPTER 126  
S.P. 42 - L.D. 27**

**An Act to Amend and Simplify  
Certain Inland Fisheries and  
Wildlife Licensing and  
Permitting Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11108, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 239, §16, is further amended to read:

**1. On certain land.** Notwithstanding section 11109, subsection 1 as it applies to this subchapter, and subject to all other applicable laws and rules, a resident and a member of the resident's immediate family, as long as the hunter's license to hunt is not under suspension or revocation, may hunt without a license, including, but not limited to, a license to hunt with a firearm, an archery hunting license and a muzzle-loading permit, on a single plot of land:

- A. To which they are legally entitled to possession;
- B. On which they are actually domiciled; and
- ~~C. That is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and~~
- D. That is ~~in excess of~~ 10 or more contiguous acres in size.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§15**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §75, is amended to read:

**15. Moose permit transfer; family members.** The commissioner, in cases involving exceptional extenuating circumstances as determined by the commissioner, may authorize a person who holds a valid moose permit to transfer that permit to a family member who meets the eligibility and permit requirements under this section and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding the moose permit, except that the commissioner shall transfer a moose permit to a family member who meets the eligibility and permit requirements under this section and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding the moose permit if the permit holder dies at any time prior to or during the moose hunting season if a moose has not yet been harvested under that permit. A transferor and a transferee are subject to the elimination of any accumulated points under subsection 8 and the 3-year ineligibility period under subsection 5. For purposes of this subsection, "family member" means the transferor's spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling,

~~half-sibling or adopted child~~ stepgrandchild; the transferor's sibling's child; the transferor's spouse's sibling's child; or the transferor's parent's sibling or that sibling's spouse.

The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subsection and may establish a transfer fee to recover administrative costs associated with transferring moose permits. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§18**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 127, §1, is amended to read:

**18. Moose permit deferment; multiple permits in single household.** The commissioner may authorize a person who holds a valid moose permit to defer the permit until the next moose hunting season in circumstances in which a member of that permit holder's household also holds a valid moose permit for the same hunting season. For the purposes of this subsection, members of a household are limited to a spouse, domestic partner, grandparent, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandchild, sibling and stepgrandchild sharing the same legal address. Under this subsection, the person is ineligible to be selected for another moose permit in accordance with subsection 5 beginning in the calendar year that the person uses a permit deferred.

For the purposes of this subsection, "next moose hunting season" means the moose hunting season in the calendar year immediately following a person's selection under subsection 9.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12202, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12202, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Minimum acreage.** That is 10 or more contiguous acres in size.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §31, is further amended to read:

**2. Land used for agricultural purposes legally possessed by resident; domicile; 10 or more contiguous acres in size.** Notwithstanding section 12501, subsection 1 and subject to all other applicable laws and rules, any resident and any member of the resident's immediate family, as long as the angler's license to fish is not under suspension or revocation, may fish without a license in open inland waters from land:

- A. To which they are legally entitled to possession;
- B. On which they are actually domiciled; and
- ~~C. That is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.~~

D. That is 10 or more contiguous acres in size.

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**CHAPTER 127**

**H.P. 15 - L.D. 51**

**An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §264, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §2, is amended to read:

A. "Adults receiving services" means adults receiving home-based and community-based services under 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 441 and adults subject to public guardianship under Title 18-C, Article 5.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §264, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §2, is amended to read:

**3. Composition.** The panel consists of up to 15 members ~~and includes health care providers, social service providers, public health officials and other persons with professional expertise on the health and mortality of adults with disabilities and adults who are aging.~~ The commissioner shall appoint the members of the panel unless otherwise specified. ~~At a minimum, the~~ The panel consists of the following members:

A. The person who is lead staff attorney for investigations for the Office of the Attorney General or that person's designee;

B. The person who is lead staff attorney for health care crime investigations for the Office of the Attorney General or that person's designee;

C. A person within the department responsible for licensing and certification;

D. A person within the department responsible for aging and disability services;

D-1. A person within the department responsible for adult protective services;

D-2. A member of the general public with lived experience as an adult receiving services;

E. The executive director of the statewide protection and advocacy agency for individuals with disabilities contracted by the department pursuant to Title 5, section 19502 or the executive director's designee;

F. The executive director of the long-term care ombudsman program as established in section 5106, subsection 5 or the executive director's designee;

G. A member of the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board as established in Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 15 as nominated by that board;

~~H. A An advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 or a health care provider who is licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 and who has expertise and experience in delivering services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism nominated by a statewide association representing physicians;~~

H-1. An advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 or a health care provider who is licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 and who has experience as a primary care provider.

I. A representative of the developmental service provider community who has expertise regarding community services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism;

J. A representative of the provider community serving older adults and adults with physical disabilities who has expertise in home-based and community-based services;

K. A representative of the provider community who has expertise in delivering home-based and community-based services to individuals with brain injuries or other related conditions; and

L. A person who has expertise in forensic pathology.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §264, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (5), division (d) to read:

(d) Documents related to an adult protective case, including documents related to public guardianship, or investigation; and

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §264, sub-§5, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Name, age, sex, race or ethnicity, guardianship status and type of disability or condition of the adult receiving services who is deceased;

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**CHAPTER 128  
H.P. 29 - L.D. 65**

**An Act to Update the  
Definition of "Coastal  
Wetlands" Under the Natural  
Resources Protection Act and  
the Mandatory Shoreland  
Zoning Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §436-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 330, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Coastal wetlands.** "Coastal wetlands" has the same meaning as in section 480-B, subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 330, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Coastal wetlands.** "Coastal wetlands" means:

A. All areas with vegetation present that is tolerant of salt water and occurs primarily in a saltwater or estuarine habitat; and

B. All tidal and subtidal lands and any swamp, marsh, bog, beach, flat or other contiguous lowland subject to tidal action during the highest astronomical tide as determined by the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Coastal wetlands may include portions of coastal sand dunes.

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**CHAPTER 129  
H.P. 31 - L.D. 67**

**An Act to Establish Minimum  
Standards for Certain Urgent  
Care Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1811, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 136, §1 and c. 572, §1 and repealed and replaced by c. 878, Pt. A, §58, is further amended to read:

No ~~A~~ person, partnership, association or corporation, ~~nor~~ or any state, county or local governmental units, may not establish, conduct or maintain in the State any hospital, sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home, ambulatory surgical facility, ur-

gent care facility or other institution for the hospitalization or nursing care of human beings without first obtaining a license therefor. Hospital, sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home, ambulatory surgical facility and other related institution, within the meaning of this chapter, means any institution, place, building or agency in which any accommodation is maintained, furnished or offered for the hospitalization of the sick or injured or care of any aged or infirm persons requiring or receiving chronic or convalescent care. ~~Nothing in this chapter may~~ This chapter does not apply to hotels or other similar places that furnish only board and room, or either, to their guests or to such homes for the aged or blind as may be subject to licensing under any other law.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1812-M** is enacted to read:  
**§1812-M. Urgent care facility**

**1. Definition.** As used in this chapter, "urgent care facility" means a health care facility that is not otherwise licensed with a primary purpose of providing medical evaluation and care on a walk-in basis for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses and that does not have a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner on site to provide patient care. "Urgent care facility" does not include:

A. A facility that is licensed as part of a hospital;

B. A facility that provides services or accommodations for patients who stay overnight; or

C. The private office of a physician or dentist in individual or group practice.

**2. Standards.** The department shall establish standards for the licensure of urgent care facilities effective July 1, 2026. The standards must include a licensure fee of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500 and address staffing, quality of care, advertising and promotion, inspections and complaint investigations and accreditation.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 72, §1, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Health care facility.** "Health care facility" means a nursing home that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under chapter 405; a residential care facility that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under chapter 1663; a continuing care retirement community that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under Title 24-A, chapter 73; an assisted living facility that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under chapter 1664; a hospital; a community mental health facility; a scene response air ambulance licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B and the rules adopted thereunder; a facility of a hospice program that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under chapter 1681; a nonprofit statewide health information network incorporated in the State for the purpose of exchanging health care information among

licensed health care providers in the State; or a community health center; or an urgent care facility licensed under section 1812-M.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 130  
H.P. 47 - L.D. 83**

**An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §651, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 49, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Application.** The parties wishing to record notice of their intentions of marriage shall submit an application for recording notice of their intentions of marriage. The application may be issued to any 2 persons otherwise qualified under this chapter regardless of the sex of each person if the clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics is satisfied as to the identity of the applicants. The application must include a signed certification that the information recorded on the application is correct and that the applicant is free to marry according to the laws of this State. If either party intends to change that party's name upon marriage, the application must include the proposed new name of that party. The applicant's signature must be acknowledged before an official authorized to take oaths. An electronic copy of the completed application must be attached to the marriage record in the electronic system specified by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. An application recording notice of intention to marry is not open for public inspection for 50 years from the date of the application except that:

A. The names of the parties for whom intentions to marry are filed and the intended date of marriage are public records and open for public inspection; and

B. A person with a researcher identification card under Title 22, section 2706, subsection 8 is permitted to inspect records and may be issued a non-certified copy of an application.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 354, §3 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §653, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §12, is further amended to read:

**1. Filing; enter notice.** A person who believes that parties are about to contract marriage when either

of them ~~can not~~ cannot lawfully do so may file a caution and the reasons for the caution in the office of the clerk where notice of their intentions is required to be filed or with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. If either party applies to enter notice of their intentions, the clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall withhold the license until the judge of probate from the county involved approves the marriage. If the license has already been issued and the parties have not yet been married, the office of the clerk or the State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall notify the parties that they may not marry until the judge of probate from the county involved approves the marriage.

**Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §654, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §13, is further amended to read:

**2. Return of marriage license.** The parties or the person who solemnized the marriage shall return the marriage license to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk who issued the license within 7 15 working days following the date on which the marriage is solemnized ~~by that person~~. The clerk and the State Registrar of Vital Statistics each shall retain a copy of the license. If a marriage license is returned later than 15 working days following the date on which the marriage is solemnized, the marriage must be marked as a late filing.

**Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §654, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §13, is further amended to read:

**4. Recorded by clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics.** The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall ~~record all~~ attach electronic copies of the completed marriage licenses returned under this section in the electronic system specified by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §656, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 49, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Completed license; ceremony performed.** Each marriage license issued must be completed and the certification statement signed by both parties to the intended marriage. The parties' signatures may be obtained at issuance or at the time the marriage is solemnized. The completed license or licenses must be delivered by the parties to the person solemnizing the marriage. Upon completion of the solemnization, which must be performed in the presence of at least 2 witnesses other than the person officiating, the person officiating and the 2 witnesses shall sign the license or licenses, which are then known as the marriage certificate or certificates, and the parties are considered legally married.

**Sec. 7. 19-A MRSA §660**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 193, §1, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

~~§660. Late filed application for certificate of Delayed marriage registration~~

**Sec. 8. 19-A MRSA §660**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 193, §1, is amended by enacting a new first paragraph to read:

In order to provide an official record of statements concerning marriages that have occurred in this State, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics must accept a registration of any marriage for which no record can be found in either the files of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality where the marriage license was issued or in the municipality where the marriage occurred, as long as such registration is filed in accordance with this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 131  
H.P. 73 - L.D. 108**

**An Act to Authorize the  
Release of Military Records to  
the Office of Chief Medical  
Examiner for the Purposes of  
Suicide Reporting and  
Prevention**

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §509, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Release of information about military status; suicide reporting and prevention.** Upon request by an authorized representative of the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner in the conduct of official duties, the bureau may release information regarding a deceased person's military service to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purposes of suicide reporting and prevention.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 132  
H.P. 90 - L.D. 157**

**An Act to Amend Certain  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10268** is enacted to read:  
**§10268. Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund**

The department shall deposit \$1 of every hunting license and trapping license fee collected pursuant to sections 11109, 11109-A and 12201 in a separate account within the department, to be known as the Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund. The fund is nonlapsing. The department shall use money in the fund on an annual basis to educate the public on the management of game species of fish and wildlife and to communicate with the public about department programs. The department may contract with a private entity to provide this education. Education provided pursuant to this section may include information about how hunting and fishing help to manage specific species. The department may continue its activities pursuant to this section during ballot initiative campaigns concerning fish and wildlife issues. The funds may also be used for education programs for youth or families that promote participation in hunting, fishing, trapping or other outdoor recreational activities.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§6, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

D. Discharging a firearm or archery equipment within 100 yards of a residential dwelling without owner permission, in violation of section 11209;

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §6, is further amended to read:

**6. Application procedure.** An eligible person wishing to apply for a permit must file ~~a written~~ an application for a permit on a form furnished by the commissioner. The application fee is nonrefundable. A person may not file ~~no~~ more than one application. A person who submits more than one application is disqualified from the selection of permittees. The application must be accompanied by an application fee of:

- A. For a resident:
  - (1) Fifteen dollars for a one-chance application; or
- B. For a nonresident:
  - (1) Fifteen dollars for a one-chance application;
  - (2) Twenty-five dollars for a 3-chance application;
  - (3) Thirty-five dollars for a 6-chance application; and
  - (4) Fifty-five dollars for a 10-chance application; multiple 10-chance options may be purchased.

A clerk or agent appointed by the commissioner under section 10801 may process an application under this subsection. The clerk or agent shall charge a fee of \$2 for each application under this subsection processed by that clerk or agent.

The commissioner shall allow an applicant to indicate that that applicant does not want to receive a moose permit pursuant to the application but wishes to receive the corresponding points under subsection 8 for that application.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §16, is further amended to read:

**3. Successful completion of trapper education program required for license.** Except as provided in paragraph A, a person who applies for a state license to trap, other than a junior trapping license pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph B or an apprentice trapper license issued under section 12204, must submit proof of having successfully completed a trapper education course of the type described in section 10108, subsection 7 or satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult license to trap in this State ~~or any other state, province or country~~ in any year beginning in or after 1978. If a person submits satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult license to trap in any other state, province or country, the person must also submit proof of having successfully completed a trapper education course comparable to the type described in section 10108, subsection 7.

When proof or evidence ~~can not~~ cannot otherwise be provided, the person may substitute a signed affidavit that that person has previously held the required adult trapping license or that that person has successfully completed the required trapper education course.

A. A person who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Mi'kmaq Nation who presents certification from the respective reservation chief or governor or the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council stating that the person is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this paragraph is exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12663-B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 231, §1, is further amended to read:

**§12663-B. Unlawful sale of lead sinkers, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Bare lead jig" means an unpainted lead jig that contains lead and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

B. "Lead sinker" means a device that contains lead that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended to sink the line and ~~that:~~ does not include

artificial lures, ice-fishing sounders, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.

- (1) ~~Weighs one ounce or less; or~~
- (2) ~~Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.~~

~~"Lead sinker" does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.~~

C. ~~"Painted lead jig" means a painted lead jig that contains lead and that:~~

- (1) ~~Weighs one ounce or less; or~~
- (2) ~~Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.~~

D. "Lead jig" means a hook with a lead weight molded to it, regardless of whether it is painted, coated or covered by some other substance or by attached skirts. "Lead jig" does not include a fishing-related item, including, but not limited to, lead-core line, spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs or flies.

~~**2. Sale of lead sinker, bare lead jig or painted lead jig.** This subsection governs the sale of lead sinkers, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs.~~

~~A. A person may not:~~

- (1) ~~Sell a lead sinker;~~
- (2) ~~Beginning September 1, 2016, sell a bare lead jig; or~~
- (3) ~~Beginning September 1, 2024, sell a painted lead jig.~~

~~B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.~~

~~C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.~~

~~**3. Offer lead sinker, bare lead jig or painted lead jig for sale.** This subsection governs offering lead sinkers, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs for sale.~~

~~A. A person may not:~~

- (1) ~~Offer for sale a lead sinker;~~
- (2) ~~Beginning September 1, 2016, offer for sale a bare lead jig; or~~
- (3) ~~Beginning September 1, 2024, offer for sale a painted lead jig.~~

~~B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.~~

~~C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.~~

**4. Sell or offer for sale lead sinker or lead jig.**  
This subsection governs the sale or offering for sale of lead sinkers and lead jigs.

A. A person may not sell or offer for sale a lead sinker or unpainted lead jig that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §12664**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 231, §2, is further amended to read:

**§12664. Unlawful use of lead sinkers, ~~bare lead jigs~~ and ~~painted lead jigs~~**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

~~A. "Bare lead jig" means an unpainted lead jig that contains lead and that:~~

- ~~(1) Weighs one ounce or less; or~~
- ~~(2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.~~

~~B. "Lead sinker" means a device that contains lead that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended to sink the line and ~~that~~ does not include artificial lures, ice-fishing sounders, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.~~

- ~~(1) Weighs one ounce or less; or~~
- ~~(2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.~~

~~"Lead sinker" does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.~~

~~C. "Painted lead jig" means a painted lead jig that contains lead and that:~~

- ~~(1) Weighs one ounce or less; or~~
- ~~(2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.~~

D. "Lead jig" means a hook with a lead weight molded to it, regardless of whether it is painted, coated or covered by some other substance or by attached skirts. "Lead jig" does not include a fishing-related lead item, including, but not limited to, a lead core line, spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs or flies.

**2. Unlawful use.** This subsection governs the use of lead sinkers, ~~bare lead jigs~~ and ~~painted lead jigs~~.

A. A person may not:

~~(1) Use a lead sinker;~~

~~(2) Beginning September 1, 2017, use a bare lead jig; or~~

(3) Beginning September 1, 2026, use a painted lead jig.

A-1. A person may not use a lead sinker or unpainted lead jig that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (4-A) to read:

(4-A) Caribou Stream WMA - Washburn, Woodland - Aroostook County;

**Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (18-A) to read:

(18-A) Lexington WMA - Lexington Township - Somerset County;

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (19-A) to read:

(19-A) Macwahoc WMA - Upper Molunkus Township, North Yarmouth Academy Grant Township (T1 R4 WELS) - Aroostook County;

**Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (35-A) to read:

(35-A) Rangeley WMA - Rangeley - Franklin County;

**Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (46).

**Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 164, §24, is further amended to read:

**7. Renewal Expiration and renewal of license; fees.** Licenses Prior to January 1, 2026, licenses issued pursuant to this section expire 3 years from the date of

issuance unless revoked sooner. Beginning January 1, 2026, a taxidermist license entitles a person to practice the art of taxidermy through the remainder of the calendar year in which the license was issued plus 2 calendar years unless revoked sooner. A taxidermist whose license is not suspended or revoked may renew the license every 3 years upon application by the licensee accompanied by a \$77 license fee.

**Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §380 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**14. Operating motorboat watercraft in bathing swim areas.** The following provisions apply to operating a motorboat watercraft in a bathing swim area.

- A. A person may not:
  - (1) Operate a motorboat watercraft within a bathing swim area marked or buoyed for bathing swimming; or
  - (2) Operate an airmobile on a beach adjacent to a bathing swim area marked or buoyed for bathing swimming.
- B. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.
  - (1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.
  - (2) A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

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**CHAPTER 133  
H.P. 91 - L.D. 158**

**An Act to Establish a Date to  
Begin Voting by Absentee  
Ballot in the Presence of the  
Clerk**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 273, §21, is further amended to read:

**8. Absentee voting in presence of clerk.** A For the 30 days preceding an election, during the hours when the clerk's office is open, a person who wishes to vote by absentee ballot may, without completing an application, vote by absentee ballot in the presence of the

clerk, except as provided in subsection 2. Before issuing a ballot, the clerk shall verify that it is the voter who is requesting the ballot by confirming the voter's residence address and year of birth with the information in the voter's record. The method of voting is otherwise as prescribed in this article. After the person has voted, the clerk shall sign the affidavit on the return envelope as a witness, indicate on the envelope that the voter voted in the presence of a clerk and ensure that the affidavit on the return envelope is properly completed by the voter. ~~For the 45 days preceding an election, during the hours when the clerk's office is open and may be conducting absentee voting~~ During this 30-day period, the display or distribution of any advertising material intended to influence a voter's decision regarding a candidate or question on the ballot for that election is prohibited within the clerk's office and on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the building in which the clerk's office is located.

This subsection does not apply to the display or distribution of any campaign advertising material on private property that is within 250 feet of the entrance to the building in which the clerk's office is located. For purposes of this section, "private property" includes privately owned property subject to a public right-of-way that is an easement right-of-way.

This subsection does not apply to campaign advertising material on automobiles traveling to and from the municipal office or parked on municipal property while the occupants are visiting the municipal office to conduct municipal business. It does not prohibit a person who is at the municipal office for the purpose of conducting municipal business or for absentee voting from wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the button does not exceed 3 inches.

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**CHAPTER 134  
H.P. 92 - L.D. 159**

**An Act to Require Motor  
Vehicle Certificates of  
Registration to Include a Space  
to List an Emergency Contact**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §401, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. A certificate of registration that contains the name, place of residence and address of the registered owner. The reverse side of the certificate of registration must provide a blank space in which the registered owner may write the legal name and address of an emergency contact.

**Sec. 2. Emergency contact information; implementation by Secretary of State.** The Department of the Secretary of State shall begin issuing certificates of registration that comply with this Act when the Department of the Secretary of State replaces its stock of certificates of registration.

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**CHAPTER 135  
S.P. 89 - L.D. 202**

**An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§1-A, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 35, §17, is further amended to read:

C. "Family child care provider" means a person who provides day care in that person's home on a regular basis, for consideration, for ~~3~~ 4 to 12 children under 13 years of age who are not the children of the provider or who are not residing in the provider's home. If a provider is caring for children living in that provider's home and is caring for no more than ~~2~~ 3 other children, or 4 other children if at least 2 of the children are siblings, and no more than 3 of the total number of children in the provider's care are under 2 years of age, the provider is not required to be licensed as a family child care provider.

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**CHAPTER 136  
S.P. 105 - L.D. 239**

**An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13751, sub-§2, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. Remote dispensing site:

**Sec. 2. Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules.** No later than June 30, 2026, as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 13751,

subsection 2, paragraph A-1, the Maine Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to establish the criteria that a remote dispensing site must meet to qualify for licensure. The rules must, at a minimum, require a demonstration that the geographic area in which the remote dispensing site is to be located lacks adequate access to retail pharmacy services for the general public; authorize a licensed pharmacist to provide supervision, drug regimen review and patient counseling through telehealth services under Title 32, chapter 117, subchapter 15; set minimum staffing levels for pharmacy technicians at the remote dispensing site; and establish procedures for record keeping, security and surveillance. The operation of a remote dispensing site by a retail pharmacy is not permitted until rules are adopted by the board pursuant to Title 32, section 13751, subsection 3 and this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 137  
S.P. 107 - L.D. 241**

**An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6115** is enacted to read:

**§6115. Low-income assistance**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a water utility or group of water utilities may petition the commission for approval of a low-income assistance program to allow a qualifying low-income residential ratepayer to receive a discount or credit applying to the amount the residential ratepayer would otherwise owe to the water utility. The commission may approve the proposed discount or credit if it determines that the proposal is a cost-effective means of keeping water affordable for low-income residential ratepayers. The commission may not require a water utility to initiate a low-income assistance program pursuant to this section.

For the purposes of this section, "residential ratepayer" means a customer who is considered residential under the terms and conditions of the water utility.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 138  
H.P. 266 - L.D. 412**

**An Act to Prohibit the Sale of  
Self-administered Sexual  
Assault Forensic Evidence  
Collection Kits**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2915-A** is enacted to read:

**§2915-A. Sale of self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit prohibited**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Person" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 206, subsection 2.

B. "Self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit" means materials advertised or marketed as a means for a person other than a licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner to collect physical evidence of a sexual assault.

C. "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as in section 2915, subsection 3-A.

**2. Prohibition.** A person may not sell or offer for sale a self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit.

**3. Admissibility.** This section does not affect the admissibility in a court proceeding of evidence collected using a self-administered sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit.

**4. Violation.** There is a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this section is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

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**CHAPTER 139  
S.P. 191 - L.D. 458**

**An Act Regarding the  
Domestic Violence Advocate  
Privilege**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§6, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 455, §3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) A statement signed by a Maine-based sexual assault counselor as defined in Title 16, section 53-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, ~~an~~ a domestic violence advocate as defined in Title

16, section 53-B, subsection 1, paragraph A ~~A-4~~ or a victim witness advocate as defined in Title 16, section 53-C, subsection 1, paragraph C;

**Sec. 2. 16 MRSA §53-B,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 478, §§3 to 6 and c. 588, Pt. E, §10, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§53-B. Privileged communications to ~~victim domestic violence advocate;~~ family violence**

**Sec. 3. 16 MRSA §53-B, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 478, §§3 to 5, is further amended to read:

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Advocate" means an employee of or volunteer for a nongovernmental or Maine tribal program for victims of domestic or family violence who:

(1) Has undergone at least 30 hours of training; and

(2) ~~As a primary function with the program gives advice to, counsels or assists victims, supervises employees or volunteers who perform that function or administers the program.~~

A-1. "Confidential communications" means all information, whether written or oral, transmitted between a victim and a domestic violence advocate in the course of the working relationship. "Confidential communications" includes, but is not limited to, information received or given by the domestic violence advocate in the course of the working relationship, advice, records, reports, notes, memoranda, working papers, electronic communications, case files, history and statistical data, including name, date of birth and social security number, that personally identify the victim.

A-2. "Confidential criminal history record information" has the same meaning as in section 703, subsection 2.

A-3. "Criminal justice agency" has the same meaning as in section 703, subsection 4.

A-4. "Domestic violence advocate" means an employee of or volunteer for a domestic violence services provider who has undergone at least 40 hours of training from a domestic violence services provider that, at a minimum, includes:

(1) State and federal laws, rules and regulations on confidentiality and other protections for victims of domestic violence;

(2) Mandated reporting;

(3) Civil and criminal legal processes in the State;

(4) Advocacy skills; and

(5) Local resources available for victims of domestic violence.

A-5. "Domestic violence services provider" means a private, nonprofit or tribal organization that has as a primary function to provide services for and assistance to victims of domestic violence through crisis intervention, safety planning, legal information and educational information pertaining to domestic violence.

B. "Victim" means a victim of domestic or family violence.

**Sec. 4. 16 MRSA §53-B, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. E, §10, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Confidential criminal history record information.** A Maine criminal justice agency, whether directly or through any intermediary, may disseminate confidential criminal history record information to ~~an~~ a domestic violence advocate for the purpose of planning for the safety of a victim of domestic violence. ~~An~~ A domestic violence advocate who receives confidential criminal history record information pursuant to this subsection shall use it solely for the purpose authorized by this subsection and may not further disseminate the information.

**Sec. 5. 16 MRSA §53-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 128, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Privileged communication.** Communications are privileged from disclosure as follows.

A. A victim may refuse to disclose and may deny permission to ~~an~~ a domestic violence advocate to disclose confidential written or oral communications between the victim and the domestic violence advocate and written records, notes, memoranda or reports concerning the victim.

B. Except as provided in subsection 3, a victim, domestic violence advocate or domestic violence advocate's agency may not be required through oral or written testimony or through production of documents to disclose to a court in criminal or civil proceedings or to any other agency or person confidential communications between the victim and the domestic violence advocate.

**Sec. 6. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 411, §2, is amended to read:

**4. A counselor or advocate.** A sexual assault counselor, as defined in section 53-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, or ~~an~~ a domestic violence advocate, as defined in section 53-B, subsection 1, paragraph ~~A~~ A-4. A person to whom intelligence and investigative record information is disclosed pursuant to this subsection:

A. May use the information only for planning for the safety of the victim of a sexual assault or domestic or family violence incident to which the information relates;

B. May not further disseminate the information;

C. Shall ensure that physical copies of the information are securely stored and remain confidential;

D. Shall destroy all physical copies of the information within 30 days after their receipt;

E. Shall permit criminal justice agencies providing such information to perform reasonable and appropriate audits to ensure that all physical copies of information obtained pursuant to this subsection are maintained in accordance with this subsection; and

F. Shall indemnify and hold harmless criminal justice agencies providing information pursuant to this subsection with respect to any litigation that may result from the provision of the information to the person.

**Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §2109, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**2. To domestic violence advocate.** Communications by a victim, as defined in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, to ~~an~~ a domestic violence advocate, as defined in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection 1, paragraph ~~A~~ A-4, are privileged from disclosure as provided in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection 2, subject to exceptions in Title 16, section 53-B, subsection 3.

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**CHAPTER 140**

**S.P. 221 - L.D. 503**

**An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Members; ~~appointment~~.** The Substance Use Disorder Services Commission, as established by section 12004-G, subsection 13-C, consists of ~~18~~ 19 members.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Qualifications.** To be qualified to serve, members must have education, training, experience, knowledge, expertise and interest in substance use disorder in the areas of intervention, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery. Members must reflect

experiential diversity from across the State and must have demonstrated active participation in issues related to substance use disorder.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

C. One ~~public school administrator~~ representative from the field of education who has experience with school-based substance use disorder intervention, prevention and education programs, appointed by the Governor;

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶H**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

H. One substance use disorder intervention practitioner, one substance use disorder harm reduction practitioner, one substance use disorder prevention practitioner, one substance use disorder treatment practitioner and one substance use disorder recovery practitioner, appointed by the Governor;

**Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

J. ~~Three~~ Four members of the public with experience in substance use disorder, appointed by the Governor. In appointing these ~~3~~ 4 members, the Governor shall select members who are actively involved in the areas of:

- (6) Co-occurring disorder services;
- (7) Employment; ~~and~~
- (8) Substance use disorder recovery; ~~and~~
- (9) Representation of federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands.

**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The terms of the ~~3~~ 4 public members appointed under subsection 3, paragraph J are for terms of 3 years, except that a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term. Members hold office until the appointment and confirmation of their successors. A public member may not be appointed for more than 2 consecutive, 3-year terms.

**Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

**6. Officers; bylaws.** The Governor shall designate one member to chair the commission. The commission

may elect other officers from its members as it considers appropriate. The commission shall adopt bylaws for the operations of the commission.

**Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

**7. Subcommittees.** The commission may appoint from its membership subcommittees relating to particular problem areas or other matters, ~~provided that as long as~~ as long as the commission functions as an integrated committee as set forth in the bylaws.

**Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §20066**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

**§20066. Meetings; compensation; quorum**

**1. Calling meetings.** The commission shall meet at the call of the chair or at the call of at least 1/4 of the members appointed and currently holding office.

**2. Frequency of meetings.** The commission shall meet at least ~~12~~ 6 times a year and at least once ~~a~~ every other month.

**3. Minutes.** The commission shall keep minutes of all full commission meetings, including a list of people in attendance. The commission shall ~~immediately send post~~ immediately send copies of the approved minutes to ~~the Governor and the leadership of the Legislature, who shall provide for their appropriate distribution and retention in a place of safekeeping~~ a publicly accessible website.

**4. Compensation.** Members of the commission are entitled to compensation under chapter 379.

**5. Quorum; council action.** A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business and exercising all the powers of the commission. A vote of a majority of the members present is sufficient for all actions of the commission.

**Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §44, is further amended to read:

**2. Advise, consult and assist.** The commission shall advise, consult and assist the Governor, the executive and legislative branches of State Government and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court with activities of State Government related to substance use disorder prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery.

**Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Serve as advocate; review and evaluate; inform the public.** The commission shall serve as an advocate and resource for the State on substance use disorder intervention, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery. The commission shall promote and assess activities designed to meet and remediate challenges of substance use disorder in the State. With the

support of the department, the commission shall review and evaluate on a continuing basis state and federal policies and programs relating to substance use disorder. In cooperation with the department, the commission shall keep the public informed by collecting and disseminating information, by conducting or commissioning studies and publishing the results of those studies, by issuing publications and reports and by providing public forums, including conferences and workshops. The commission, based on its activities pursuant to this subsection, shall make recommendations relating to substance use disorder to the department and the Governor and the Legislature.

**Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Report to the Legislature.** The commission shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on or before the last business day of each year. The report must include developments and needs related to substance use disorder intervention, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery in the State.

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**CHAPTER 141**  
**H.P. 347 - L.D. 528**

**An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies in Animals by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1808-A, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 308, §1, is amended to read:

An animal vaccinated against rabies by a person who is not a licensed veterinarian ~~or under the direct~~, a certified rabies vaccinator appointed and certified pursuant to section 3920 or a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian may not be certified as vaccinated against rabies and must be treated as an unvaccinated animal under Title 22, chapter 251, subchapter 5 and rules adopted pursuant to that chapter. For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-A, "indirect supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-B; "licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 5; and "licensed veterinary technician" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

**18. Training of person appointed by commissioner to vaccinate animals.** The commissioner, in consultation with veterinarians employed by the State, shall develop a program to train a person appointed by the commissioner as provided under section 3920 to vaccinate animals. The program must include, but is not limited to, training relating to properly storing and administering rabies vaccines; issuing rabies certificates; and providing information to an owner or keeper of an animal to be vaccinated.

The commissioner shall certify a person who satisfactorily completes the training program.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§9-C** is enacted to read:

**9-C. Certified rabies vaccinator.** "Certified rabies vaccinator" means a person appointed and certified to administer rabies vaccine to animals pursuant to section 3920.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3916**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 99, §§6 and 7, is further amended to read:

**§3916. Rabies vaccinations**

**1. Required for cats.** Except as provided in subsection 4, an owner or keeper of a cat over 3 months of age ~~must shall~~ have that cat vaccinated against rabies. ~~Rabies~~ The rabies vaccine must be administered by a licensed veterinarian ~~or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator.~~ Upon receiving an initial vaccination, a cat is considered protected for one year and an owner or keeper of that cat ~~must shall~~ get a booster vaccination for that cat one year after the initial vaccination and subsequent booster vaccinations at intervals that do not exceed the intervals recommended by a national association of state public health veterinarians for the type of vaccine administered.

**1-A. Required for dogs.** Except as provided in subsection 4, an owner or keeper of a dog, within 30 days after the dog attains ~~the age of~~ 3 months of age, shall have that dog vaccinated against rabies. The rabies vaccine must be administered by a licensed veterinarian ~~or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator.~~ Upon receiving an initial vaccination, a dog is considered protected for one year and an owner or keeper of that dog shall get a booster vaccination for that dog one year after the initial vaccination and subsequent booster vaccinations at intervals that do not exceed the intervals recommended by a national association of state public health veterinarians for the type of vaccine administered. A wolf hybrid

is required to be vaccinated in accordance with this subsection. The procedure prescribed under Title 22, chapter 251, subchapter 5 for a wolf hybrid suspected of having rabies does not change based on proof that the wolf hybrid has received a rabies vaccination.

**2. Certificate.** A licensed veterinarian who vaccinates or supervises the vaccination of ~~a cat or dog~~ an animal, a licensed veterinary technician who vaccinates an animal under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator who vaccinates an animal shall issue to the owner or keeper a certificate of rabies vaccination approved by the State and shall indicate on the certificate the date by which a booster vaccination is required pursuant to subsection 1 or 1-A, whichever is applicable.

**2-A. Notice to department.** A veterinarian, licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or certified rabies vaccinator who issues a certificate of rabies vaccination for a dog pursuant to subsection 2 shall, within 30 days of issuing the certificate, forward by mail, e-mail or fax a copy of that certificate to the department. The department shall send a copy of the certificate by mail, e-mail or fax to the clerk of the municipality in which the owner or keeper resides. If the owner or keeper resides in the unorganized territory, the department shall send a copy of the certificate to the dog recorder in that unorganized territory or, in the absence of a duly authorized dog recorder, to the dog recorder in the nearest municipality or unorganized territory in the same county in which the owner or keeper resides. The department may retain a copy or electronic record of the rabies certificate. The department may accumulate certificates received and distribute them periodically to the appropriate municipalities and dog recorders. Distributions must be made no fewer than 4 times a year.

**3. Enforcement.** A humane agent, an animal control officer or a law enforcement officer may ask an owner or keeper of a cat or dog to present proof of a certificate of rabies vaccination from the State.

**4. Exception.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, an animal shelter operated by a nonprofit organization is not required to vaccinate an abandoned or stray cat or dog received by the shelter.

An owner or keeper of a cat or dog is exempt from the requirements of subsection 1 or 1-A, whichever is applicable, if a medical reason exists that precludes the vaccination of the cat or dog. To qualify for this exemption, the owner or keeper must have a written statement signed by a licensed veterinarian that includes a description of the cat or dog and the medical reason that precludes the vaccination.

**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3916-A** is enacted to read:

**§3916-A. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Direct supervision.** "Direct supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-A.

**2. Indirect supervision.** "Indirect supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-B.

**3. Licensed veterinarian.** "Licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 5.

**4. Licensed veterinary technician.** "Licensed veterinary technician" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §3917, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 468, §10, is further amended to read:

**1. Clinic establishment.** The department shall facilitate the establishment of low-cost antirabies clinics at locations and on dates as appropriate. At least one low-cost antirabies clinic must be conducted annually in each county. In facilitating the establishment of antirabies clinics, the department shall cooperate with local veterinarians and local organizations. When other arrangements ~~can not~~ cannot be made for a licensed veterinarian to vaccinate or to supervise vaccinations by an animal technician at a low-cost clinic, a veterinarian employed by the department, a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator shall administer the vaccinations.

**Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §3920** is enacted to read:

**§3920. Certified rabies vaccinator**

**1. Appointment and certification.** Except as provided in subsection 5, the commissioner, in consultation with the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-C and as described in section 3906-C, shall appoint one or more persons in each county to administer rabies vaccines to animals. Upon initial appointment, a person must complete training in accordance with section 3906-B, subsection 18 in order to become a certified rabies vaccinator. A certified rabies vaccinator serves in a volunteer capacity unless the person is an employee of the State or an animal shelter licensed under section 3932-A. A certified rabies vaccinator must be under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer rabies vaccines to animals. A humane agent may serve as a certified rabies vaccinator. A certified rabies vaccinator is authorized to act until termination of appointment by the commissioner or until resignation of the certified rabies vaccinator.

**2. Scope and duration.** A certified rabies vaccinator shall acknowledge in writing that the certified rabies vaccinator understands the scope and duration of service.

**3. Immunity from civil liability.** A certified rabies vaccinator is not civilly liable to any party for actions made in accordance with this chapter.

**4. Rulemaking.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish procedures for appointment and certification of certified rabies vaccinators. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**5. Animal shelter requests.** An animal shelter licensed under section 3932-A may submit a request to the commissioner that a member of the animal shelter's staff be appointed as a certified rabies vaccinator in a limited capacity. The request must be submitted in writing by the animal shelter's veterinarian of reference. A certified rabies vaccinator authorized under this subsection may administer vaccines only to animals in the care of the animal shelter or at an antirabies clinic established pursuant to section 3917.

**Sec. 8. 7 MRSA §3922, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 439, §12, is further amended to read:

**3. Proof of immunization.** A municipal clerk may not issue a license for a dog until the applicant has filed with the clerk proof that the dog has been immunized against rabies as provided in section 3916, subsection 1-A and in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, except that the requirement of immunization may be waived by the clerk under conditions set forth by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

The commissioner shall adopt rules that allow the clerk and the commissioner to accept valid proof of immunization against rabies provided by another state.

**Sec. 9. 7 MRSA §3923-B, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 254, §5, is amended to read:

**2-A. Rabies tags.** An owner or keeper shall ensure that a rabies tag obtained from a veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator for immunization against rabies is securely attached to a collar of leather, metal or material of comparable strength and that the collar is worn at all times by the dog for which the rabies tag was issued, except as provided in subsection 3. For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-A, "indirect supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-B; "licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 5; and "licensed veterinary technician" has the

same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.

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**CHAPTER 142  
H.P. 357 - L.D. 538**

**An Act to Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law by Allowing the Removal of the Name of a Prescriber of Mifepristone, Misoprostol and Their Generic Alternatives**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13794, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 34, §5, is further amended to read:

Every Except as authorized in this section, every drug dispensed pursuant to prescription, whether for a legend drug or not, must carry on the label the following information: the prescription number; the date of filling; the patient's name; directions for use; the name and strength of the drug and the amount dispensed, including either the brand name of the drug or, if a generic and therapeutically equivalent drug or interchangeable biological product is dispensed the label must be in accordance with section 13781; the beyond use date of the drug; the name of the practitioner prescribing the drug; and the name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy where the prescription was compounded and dispensed. For purposes of this section, "beyond use date" means a date beyond which the contents of the prescription are not recommended to be used.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13794,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 34, §5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

At the request of the practitioner prescribing the drug, the label for mifepristone, misoprostol and their generic alternatives may include the name of the health care facility that the practitioner is associated with instead of the name of the practitioner.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 143  
H.P. 379 - L.D. 611**

**An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Collect Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Owned by Residents Who Are Unhoused**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1484, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 627, §33, is further amended to read:

A. The excise tax on a motor vehicle owned by an individual resident of this State must be paid in the place where the owner resides. If the individual resident of this State does not have a residing place, the excise tax may be paid directly to the Secretary of State if:

- (1) The motor vehicle was previously registered in this State to the individual resident;
- (2) The Secretary of State confirms with the municipality where the individual resides that the municipality refused to receive the excise tax of the individual who does not have a residing place; and
- (3) The individual resident holds a license pursuant to Title 29-A, section 1251.

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**CHAPTER 144**  
**H.P. 441 - L.D. 702**

**An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-W** is enacted to read:

**§150-W. A Day to Remember**

January 6th of each year is designated as A Day to Remember, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation honoring the resilience of democracy during the events of January 6, 2021 in Washington, D.C., encouraging the people of the State to use the day as an opportunity for reflection on the values of democracy, civic responsibility and the importance of protecting constitutional governance and encouraging educational institutions, civic organizations and public libraries to observe the day with discussions, events and programming to educate citizens about the importance of civic engagement and the rule of law.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 145**  
**H.P. 449 - L.D. 710**

**An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 161, §3, is further amended to read:

**2. Prescription; possession; administration.**

The prescription, possession and administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication is governed by this subsection.

A. A health care professional may directly or by standing order prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Over-the-counter naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization may be provided or administered with or without a prescription.

A-1. A pharmacist may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with protocols established under Title 32, section 13815 to an individual of any age at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Over-the-counter naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization may be provided or administered with or without a prescription.

B. An individual to whom naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication is prescribed or dispensed in accordance with paragraph A or A-1 may provide the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication so prescribed or dispensed to a member of that individual's immediate family to possess and administer to the individual if the family member believes in good faith that the individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

C. A health care professional may directly or by standing order prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to a member of an individual's immediate family or a friend of the individual or to another person in a position to assist the individual if the individual is

at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Over-the-counter naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization may be provided or administered with or without a prescription.

C-1. A pharmacist may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with protocols established under Title 32, section 13815 to a person of any age who is a member of an individual's immediate family or a friend of the individual or to another person in a position to assist the individual if the individual is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Over-the-counter naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization may be provided or administered with or without a prescription.

D. If a member of an individual's immediate family, friend of the individual or other person is prescribed or provided naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with paragraph C or C-1, that family member, friend or other person may administer the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to the individual if the family member, friend or other person believes in good faith that the individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Nothing in this subsection affects the provisions of law relating to maintaining the confidentiality of medical records.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 71, §1 and c. 161, §3, is further amended to read:

**4. Community-based drug overdose prevention programs; standing orders for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication.** Acting under standing orders from a licensed health care professional authorized by law to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication, a public health an agency that provides services to populations at high risk for a drug overdose may establish an overdose prevention program in accordance with rules adopted by the department and the provisions of this subsection.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an overdose prevention program established under this subsection may store and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication without being subject to the provisions of Title 32, chapter 117 as

long as these activities are undertaken without charge or compensation.

B. An overdose prevention program established under this subsection may distribute unit-of-use packages of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication and the medical supplies necessary to administer the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to a person ~~who has successfully completed training provided by the overdose prevention program that meets the protocols and criteria established by the department,~~ so that the person may possess and administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to an individual who appears to be experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

C. With the express consent of a municipality, an overdose prevention program established under this subsection may provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in a wall-mounted box or other visible and accessible container, including, but not limited to, a vending machine, on publicly accessible property of the municipality, including a municipal building, public restroom, public library or public park or recreational facility, for use by a member of the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4-A, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 161, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4-A, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 161, §3, is further amended to read:

C. A licensed health care professional authorized by law to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication shall distribute unit-of-use packages of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication and any medical supplies necessary to administer the naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to a recovery residence ~~that has provided training described in paragraph B~~ so that the recovery residence may possess and administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to an individual who appears to be experiencing a drug-related overdose.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 71, §2, is amended to read:

C. A municipality or overdose prevention program is immune from criminal and civil liability for

providing or maintaining naloxone hydrochloride containers or containers of another opioid overdose-reversing medication under subsection 4, paragraph C.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 154, §2, is amended to read:

D. A person not described in this section as being authorized to possess, obtain, store, administer or dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication or a person, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional or other disciplinary action for providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication, or for administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to an individual whom the person believes in good faith is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or for any outcome resulting from such actions.

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track progress toward the goal of increasing the State's research and development spending as a percentage of the State's gross domestic product to meet the national average by 2030 and maintaining that national average each year thereafter. By December 1st of each year, the council shall submit an annual accountability update that summarizes the State's aggregate commitment to research and development investments and provides data on the commercialization of laboratory-based innovation projects that occurred in the most recently available year to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over research and economic development matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

After reviewing the annual accountability update, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over research and economic development matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs may each report out legislation to implement any recommendations contained in the update or to address any other issues identified in the update.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 146  
S.P. 348 - L.D. 788**

**An Act to Promote an  
Innovation-driven Economy by  
Increasing Research and  
Development Spending**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §929-C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 420, §6, is amended to read:

**§929-C. Research and development budgetary recommendations**

The Maine Economic Growth Council, established in section 929-A, with input from the Office of Innovation, established pursuant to Title 5, section 13105, and the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board, under section 949, shall ~~review the innovation economy action plan, as described in Title 10, chapter 107-D, and develop specific annual budgetary recommendations to support the plan's vision and goals. These recommendations must include specific bonding and General Fund appropriations investment levels. By June 1st of each year, the council shall submit its recommendations, along with an annual accountability update that summarizes the State's commitment to research and development investments in the prior year, to the Governor, the Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development issues~~ support and

**CHAPTER 147  
H.P. 534 - L.D. 848**

**An Act Regarding the Retired  
County and Municipal Law  
Enforcement Officers and  
Municipal Firefighters Health  
Insurance Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §286-M, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 636, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

**12. Report.** The division shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, and biennially thereafter, on the status of the program, program participation, including enrollment data, and the financing of the program, including the status of the fund, expenditures from the fund, current and projected premium costs to the program and to program enrollees and a projection of funding needs for the next 5 years. The report must provide options, based on projections of future need, for changing the method of funding any state-paid premium subsidy, if such a subsidy is authorized by law, and employee contributions.

**Sec. 2. Open enrollment of Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program for current employees.** Notwithstanding the

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 286-M, subsection 5, from October 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025, a county or municipal law enforcement officer or a municipal firefighter who is employed in the position of a county or municipal law enforcement officer or a municipal firefighter, who has held the position for longer than 5 years and who previously elected not to enroll in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program established in Title 5, section 286-M, subsection 1 may elect to enroll in the program. If the eligible person enrolls in the program 5 or more years following the effective date of hire, the eligible person shall contribute to the fund 3% of the eligible person's gross wages since the eligible person's effective date of hire to that person's date of enrollment in the program.

For the purposes of this section, "county or municipal law enforcement officer" and "municipal firefighter" have the same meanings as in Title 5, section 286-M, subsection 2, paragraphs A and H, respectively.

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**CHAPTER 148  
H.P. 671 - L.D. 1042**

**An Act to Require a Person Operating a Watercraft for Recreational Purposes to Ensure All Children Under 13 Years of Age Wear United States Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §§13 and 14, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (2-A) to read:

(2-A) Fails to ensure that a child who has not attained 13 years of age, including the operator, is wearing an appropriate United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while the watercraft is underway and used for recreational purposes unless the child who has not attained 13 years of age is below decks or in an enclosed cabin. This subparagraph does not apply to a watercraft with a United States Coast Guard certificate of inspection.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 149  
H.P. 703 - L.D. 1081**

**An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4304, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 575, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Local office.** There must be in each municipality a general assistance office or designated place where any person may ~~apply~~ obtain an application for general assistance during the municipality's regular business hours. ~~Notice must be posted of these times, the name of the overseer available to take applications in an emergency at all other times, the fact that the municipality must issue a written decision on all applications within 24 hours and the department's toll free telephone number for reporting alleged violations in accordance with section 4321.~~ A municipality shall designate the daily hours when an application for general assistance will be accepted and processed. These designated hours may not total less than 50% of the municipality's regular business hours.

At all times the local office or designated place must display in a prominent location a posted notice that includes the following information:

- A. The regular business hours when an application may be obtained;
- B. The daily business hours when an application may be accepted and processed;
- C. The name of the overseer available to take applications in an emergency at all times, including times outside the daily business hours under paragraph B;
- D. The fact that the municipality must issue a written decision on all applications within 24 hours; and
- E. The department's toll-free telephone number for reporting alleged violations in accordance with section 4321.

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**CHAPTER 150  
H.P. 747 - L.D. 1128**

**An Act to Modernize the  
Formulary for Naturopathic  
Doctors**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the rule designating the formulary for naturopathic doctors has not been updated since 1996; and

**Whereas,** there is a statutory inconsistency that restricts the authority of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to amend the formulary by rule; and

**Whereas,** this legislation corrects that inconsistency and must take effect immediately so that the process to update the formulary can begin; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12522, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 671, §13, is amended to read:

B. A naturopathic doctor may only prescribe non-controlled legend drugs from the following categories: homeopathic remedies, vitamins and minerals, hormones, local anesthesia and immunizations that are designated by rule by a subcommittee of the board consisting of the naturopathic members, ~~the pharmacist member~~ and the allopathic or osteopathic physician member, as consistent with a naturopathic doctor's education and training. A naturopathic doctor may not prescribe psychotropic medications.

**Sec. 2. Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to adopt rules.** No later than January 1, 2026, as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 12522, subsection 4, paragraph B, the formulary subcommittee of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers shall update the formulary for naturopathic doctors and the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers shall adopt the formulary by rule. Prior to making final recommendation to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers on an update to the formulary, the formulary subcommittee shall consult with pharmacist members of the Maine Board of Pharmacy. Rules adopted by the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers pursuant to this

section are major substantive rules as required by Title 32, section 12506.

**Sec. 3. Authority to report out bill.** The Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the prescriptive authority of naturopathic doctors.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

**CHAPTER 151  
S.P. 536 - L.D. 1306**

**An Act to Continue the  
Exemption for Polystyrene  
Foam Disposable Food Service  
Containers Prepackaged at  
Wholesale**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation amends the provisions of law regarding disposable food service containers. Pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 208, those provisions of law are effective July 1, 2025; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to be enacted prior to July 1, 2025; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1571, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 208, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1571, sub-§3-A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 208, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is effective July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1572, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 208, §4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 152**

**H.P. 1039 - L.D. 1581**

**An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees Exemption for Certain Veterans**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** certain veterans are exempt from motor vehicle registration fees and excise tax, and 100% disabled veterans may be issued, at no cost, a motor vehicle registration certificate and special designating license plate and to ensure certain veterans benefit from the excise tax exemption and free motor vehicle registration; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 634, §8, is further amended to read:

**2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 or upon evidence of exemption from excise tax under Title 36, section 1483, subsection 12, shall issue, with no annual registration fee, a registration certificate and upon request special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 26,000 pounds to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is accompanied by certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits. Upon request a disability placard may be issued at no fee. The Secretary of State may issue a registration certificate and special designating plates for no more than one vehicle ~~one vehicle~~ 3 vehicles owned by a veteran eligible under this subsection.

These special designating plates must bear the words "Disabled Veteran," which indicate that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§12,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 240, §1, is further amended to read:

**12. Certain veterans.** Automobiles owned by veterans who are granted free registration of those vehicles by the Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 523, subsection 1 or 2 or who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total, service-connected disability. A maximum of 3 automobiles owned by a veteran are exempt from the excise tax. In order for an automobile to qualify for an exemption from the excise tax under this subsection, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's certificate of title. If there are multiple owners of an automobile, at least one of the owners whose name appears on the certificate of title must meet the requirements of this subsection in order for the automobile to qualify for the exemption;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 153**

**S.P. 718 - L.D. 1836**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission Regarding Tier II Offenses**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this Act corrects logical inconsistencies in the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013; and

**Whereas,** the timely correction of these inconsistencies is necessary to maintain a consistent system and statutory structure; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§15, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 377, §4, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3-B) to read:

(3-B) Title 17-A, section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraph D, regardless of the age of the victim, if the crime is committed on or after October 1, 2025;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

**CHAPTER 154  
H.P. 51 - L.D. 87**

**An Act Regarding the State  
Workforce Board**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13120-T, sub-§4, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 450, §2, is amended to read:

C. One member from the Department of Labor or the State Workforce Development Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1401-A, sub-§2, ¶I,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §10, is further amended to read:

I. The State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006.

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2004-A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 246, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2004-A. Authority of Legislature**

The Legislature has general authority to oversee implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, including, but not limited to, authority to:

**1. Review plans.** Review plans, policies and standards proposed by a local board, the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006, the Governor or any other agency under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act before final approval by the responsible entity;

**2. Review evaluations.** Review the procedures and findings of evaluations of the effectiveness of the State's implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and

**3. Receive reports.** Receive reports prepared by the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006, a local board, the Governor or any agency in connection with implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, including the report required by section 3101-A.

The State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006 shall submit the state workforce development plan to the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters for the committee's review at the same time the plan is posted for public comment pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

**Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2006,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §24, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2006. Establishment of State Workforce Development Board**

**Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §14 and c. 259, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

**1. Responsibilities.** The State Workforce Development Board, referred to in this section as "the board," is established to ensure that the State's workforce development system helps Maine people and businesses compete successfully in the global economy. Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to:

A. Performing all of the duties and responsibilities of the state board as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

B. Recommending to the Governor a state workforce development plan designed to maximize utilization and effectiveness of state workforce development services;

C. Monitoring agency and system-wide strategic goals based on the statewide workforce development policy and strategic plan and evaluating progress toward meeting those goals;

D. Providing recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature that would improve system effectiveness and reduce system fragmentation;

E. Creating greater coordination between economic development and human resource development and education programs;

F. Ensuring a balance between rural and urban workforce development;

G. Providing policy oversight and recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of vocational programs for people with disabilities in order to support efforts that reduce barriers to employment;

H. Providing policy oversight and recommendations to ensure that self-employment, microenterprise and small business are part of the overall workforce development strategy;

I. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related programs and services for youth, including youth with disabilities;

J. Providing policy recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of work-related programs and services for "at-risk" youth; and

K. Supporting and tracking progress toward an attainment goal of increasing the percent of working-age adults holding a high-value certificate, college degree, vocational education or other industry-recognized credential to 60% by 2025 with a focus on meeting future workforce needs and reporting annually on progress to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, ~~business, research and economic development~~ matters.

**Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 13, §1, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Membership.** The board consists of the Governor, or the Governor's designee, and, ~~at a minimum~~, the following members:

A. Representatives from business and industry, representatives from organized labor and representatives of other interests as determined by the Governor. ~~These appointments are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and confirmation by the Legislature; and~~

B. The following ex officio members:

- (1) County commissioners designated by local boards appointed by the Governor;
- (2) The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; and
- (5) Other state, county or municipal officials as the Governor considers necessary appointed by the Governor.

The appointments of these members are not subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters or confirmation by the Legislature.

Appointments must be consistent with the representation requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Governor shall ensure that the board has sufficient expertise to effectively carry out the duties and functions of the board. Members must represent diverse geographic areas of the State, including urban, rural and suburban areas.

**Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §16, is further amended to read:

**4. Chair and vice-chair.** The Governor shall appoint a chair from the members of the board who represent business and industry and a vice-chair from the membership of the board to serve for a one-year term. The appointment of the chair is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and confirmation by the Legislature. The Governor may reappoint members to serve as chair or vice-chair.

The Governor may appoint an interim chair for a one-time term of no more than 6 months. The appointment of an interim chair is not subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters or confirmation by the Legislature.

**Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §22, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

- (2) Recommended by the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006; and

**Sec. 9. 26 MRSA §3209, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §26, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) One representative of the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006, appointed by the chair of the State Workforce Development Board;

**Sec. 10. 26 MRSA §3209, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §27, is further amended to read:

C. Representing the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006;

**Sec. 11. 26 MRSA §3303, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §29, is further amended to read:

**1. Specific industry clusters.** The collaborative shall work with businesses, industry associations and organizations, workforce and economic development agencies, the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006 and the boards of the local workforce investment areas designated pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128 and economic development entities to define specific industry clusters based on the following criteria:

- A. Statistics showing the competitiveness of an industry cluster;
- B. Importance to the State's or a region's economic development;
- C. Identification of supply and distribution chains within an industry;
- D. Research studies on industry clusters; and

E. Existing industry partnerships such as those of the health care workforce and associations of manufacturers.

**Sec. 12. 26 MRSA §3303, sub-§5, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §30, is amended to read:

B. Recommended by the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006; and

**Sec. 13. 26 MRSA §3304, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §32, is further amended to read:

B. Create an industry partnership to advise the collaborative, the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006 and the boards of the local workforce investment areas designated pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128 on aligning state policies and leveraging resources across systems, including workforce development, education and economic development;

**Sec. 14. 26 MRSA §3308**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1, is amended to read:

**§3308. Rulemaking**

The Commissioner of Labor shall adopt rules for the operation of industry partnerships funded in whole or in part under this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are ~~major substantive~~ routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 15. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §22, is further amended to read:

**9. Coordination with other entities.** Consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable laws, the board shall coordinate with the activities and programs of state agencies and authorities that relate to the purposes of this chapter in order to align such activities and programs with the plans and programs of the trust. For purposes of this subsection, activities and programs of state agencies and authorities that relate to the purposes of this chapter include but are not limited to energy efficiency programs relating to state facilities administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, the adoption, amendment and maintenance of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A within the Department of Public Safety, energy efficiency or green energy workforce development activities of the Department of Labor or the State Workforce Development Board established in Title 26, section 2006, energy efficiency and weatherization programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and the activities of

the nonwires alternative coordinator established pursuant to section 1701, subsection 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 155**

**H.P. 137 - L.D. 214**

**An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is further amended to read:

B. A passenger on board a vessel captained by an individual who possesses a valid ~~recreational fishing for-hire charter boat operator's~~ license pursuant to ~~subsection 5~~ section 6313;

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3, ¶H**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is amended to read:

H. A person who has employed the guiding services of an individual who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853 and a valid ~~recreational fishing for-hire charter boat operator's~~ license pursuant to ~~subsection 5~~ section 6313;

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Registration required for fishing for halibut.** Notwithstanding subsection 3, an individual fishing for halibut in the coastal waters of the State is required to register and obtain recreational halibut tags.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Recreational fishing operator's license.** The following persons are eligible to hold a recreational fishing operator's license issued by the commissioner:

~~A. A captain of a vessel licensed to carry passengers for hire for saltwater recreational fishing;~~

B. A person operating a business that rents smelt fishing camps for saltwater recreational smelt fishing; and

C. A person who owns a private dock, pier or wharf and makes that wharf available to customers for the purpose of recreational fishing as part of a commercial enterprise; ~~and.~~

~~D. An individual who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853.~~

A person who holds a recreational fishing operator's license shall collect data from persons who engage in saltwater recreational fishing and report the data to the commissioner as specified by the commissioner by rule.

There is no fee for a recreational fishing operator's license.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6313** is enacted to read:

**§6313. For-hire charter boat operator's license**

**1. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current for-hire charter boat operator's license.

**2. Licensed activity.** The holder of a for-hire charter boat operator's license may take paying passengers recreationally fishing for fish in the coastal waters of the State on the vessel identified on that for-hire charter boat operator's license. The license does not authorize the holder or the holder's passengers to sell any fish taken under this license.

**3. Agent fees.** A fee may not be charged for a for-hire charter boat operator's license under this section. A person seeking a license through an agent may be charged an agent fee of \$2. A person seeking a license through a publicly accessible online electronic system for licensing may be charged an agent fee of \$1. A person seeking a license at an office of the department from a department employee may be charged an agent fee of \$1.

**4. Eligibility.** A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued only to an individual. A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued to an individual only if the individual:

A. Possesses a valid United States merchant marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard for an operator of uninspected passenger vessel or master or mate captain's license; or

B. Holds a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853.

**5. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 156  
H.P. 473 - L.D. 731**

**An Act to Prohibit  
Municipalities from Barring  
the Creation of Homeless  
Shelters**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4357-B** is enacted to read:

**§4357-B. Homeless shelters**

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, "homeless shelter" means a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.

**2. Homeless shelters may not be prohibited.** A municipality may not prohibit homeless shelters in the municipality. This prohibition does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 157  
H.P. 516 - L.D. 809**

**An Act to Allow a Motion to  
Extend a Protection from  
Abuse Order After Expiration  
of the Original Order**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4110, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

A. A final protection order issued under this chapter must be for a fixed period not to exceed 2 years, unless extended or reinstated by the court pursuant to section 4111.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4111, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Extension after expiration.** The court may reinstate and extend a final protection order issued under this chapter after expiration, upon motion of the plaintiff, only if the court finds:

A. That the plaintiff has shown good cause for filing the motion to extend a final protection order after expiration of the order, which may include that the filing was not timely due to a dismissal of a

prior motion to extend because of an inability to serve the defendant; and

B. That the filing under this subsection was made within a reasonable amount of time based upon the underlying circumstances.

If the court makes findings for the plaintiff under paragraphs A and B, the court may reinstate the final protection order that has expired until a hearing under section 4109, subsection 1 on the motion to extend and shall apply the standard in subsection 1 to determine whether an extension of the final protection order is necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor child from abuse or conduct specified in section 4103.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 158  
S.P. 405 - L.D. 950**

**An Act to Increase Access to Protection from Abuse Orders by Allowing Children to File Protection from Abuse Orders on Their Own Behalf**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 298, §§4 to 6, is further amended to read:

**2. ~~Minor child~~ Child.** A child, a person responsible for a child, as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 9, or a representative of the department when a ~~minor~~ child has been:

A. A victim of abuse as defined in section 4102, subsection 1 by a family or household member, a dating partner or an individual related by consanguinity or affinity; or

B. A victim of conduct:

- (1) Described as stalking in Title 17-A, section 210-A;
- (2) Constituting any crime described in Title 17-A, chapter 11;
- (3) Described as unauthorized dissemination of certain private images in Title 17-A, section 511-A;
- (4) Described as aggravated sex trafficking or sex trafficking in Title 17-A, section 852 or 853, respectively;
- (5) Described as sexual exploitation of a minor or dissemination of sexually explicit material in Title 17-A, section 282 or 283, respectively;

(6) Described as harassment by telephone or by electronic communication device in Title 17-A, section 506, subsection 1, paragraph A-1 or A-2; or

(7) Constituting a civil cause of action under Title 14, section 8305.

For purposes of this paragraph, the conduct need not have been perpetrated by a family or household member, a dating partner or an individual related by consanguinity or affinity;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 159  
H.P. 748 - L.D. 1129**

**An Act to Clarify Standards for Defendants' Post-judgment Motions for Relief from Protection from Abuse Orders**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4111, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Action by defendant.** A defendant may not file a motion to extinguish a final order issued under this chapter. The court may dismiss a motion to extinguish filed by a defendant without a hearing and before opposition is filed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 160  
H.P. 828 - L.D. 1253**

**An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Add Limited-access Area Fishing Days During the Scallop Season**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§3,** as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §35, is amended to read:

**3. Emergency rules.** The commissioner may adopt or amend rules under the emergency procedures provided in Title 5, chapter 375 in the following circumstances:

A. Immediate action is necessary to protect or conserve any marine organism from unusual damage or imminent depletion;

B. An unusually large concentration of persons who fish might deplete the supply of any marine organism;

C. Immediate action is necessary to comply with changes to federal or interstate fisheries management plans; ~~or~~

D. Immediate action is necessary pursuant to section 6302-B, subsection 4 to prohibit elver fishing; ~~or~~

E. Immediate action is necessary to add up to a total of 5 limited-access area days during the scallop season under section 6722 if the commissioner determines that additional days are necessary to counteract the inability to fish for or take scallops on certain days due to inclement weather and that the scallop population is sufficient to allow additional fishing for or taking of scallops in those limited-access areas.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 161**

**S.P. 502 - L.D. 1213**

**An Act Regarding  
Apportionment of Stipends to  
Agricultural Fairs**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §81, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**10. Premium.** "Premium" means a ribbon, trophy or monetary amount or a service or object with monetary value awarded as a prize in a competition or event.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §85, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

The Treasurer of State shall establish the Fair Fund and shall annually credit a sum of money equal to 5% of the total amount designated as state share in accordance with Title 8, section 286 to the Fair Fund. The commissioner shall make distributions from the Fair Fund only to licensees eligible for a stipend under section 86, subsections 5 and 6. Distributions are prorated according to the amount of premiums ~~and gratuities~~ actually paid by those licensees in full and in cash or valuable equivalent. Restrictions on premiums ~~and gratuities~~ used to determine apportionment of a stipend under section 86, subsection 5 apply to distribution from the Fair Fund.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**5. Distribution to all eligible licensees.** The amount remaining in the Stipend Fund after distributions in accordance with subsections 2, 3 and 4 must be divided among fair licensees meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection 6, prorated according to the amount of premiums ~~and gratuities~~ actually paid by those licensees in full and in cash or valuable equivalent.

In determining distribution under this subsection, ~~no an~~ allowance ~~is~~ may not be made on premiums offered and paid by a licensee at any competition or event held other than during the period ~~at in~~ which its annual fair is held. Allowance may not be made or consideration given for lump sums, payments or premiums previously arranged and agreed upon for the presentation and display of any animals or products without regard to competition or event.

Premiums ~~and gratuities~~ used to determine apportionment under this subsection are limited to those paid for:

- A. Livestock and poultry;
- B. Vegetables, grains, fruits and flowers;
- C. Products derived from livestock and dairy products;
- D. Home-canned, home-cooked and home-baked goods;
- E. Grange and farm exhibits;
- ~~F. Boys' and girls' club exhibits;~~
- F-1. Youth agriculture events;
- G. Mechanical arts exhibits;
- H. ~~Domestic and fancy articles~~ Arts and crafts produced in the home;
- I. Pulling contests for equines and oxen; ~~and~~
- J. Pulling contests for farm tractors and pickup trucks;
- K. Educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations; and
- L. Any other agricultural event approved by the commissioner.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Maximum allowed distribution from Stipend Fund.** A licensee may not receive a stipend from the Stipend Fund greater than the amount actually raised and spent by the licensee on premiums ~~and gratuities~~ in the classes provided in subsection 5. A licensee may not receive a stipend from the Stipend Fund in excess of \$10,000, except that this limitation does not apply to any additional stipend provided for by Title 8, section 287 or to funds distributed from the Fair Fund in accordance with section 85, the Agricultural Fair Support Fund in accordance with section 91 or the Agricultural Fair Promotion Fund in accordance with section 103.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner submits a certificate to the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission stating that the commissioner has examined the claim of the licensee and determined that the licensee has complied with sections 86 and 87 and has awarded and paid as premiums and gratuities a sum equal to or greater than the stipend received by the licensee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 162

S.P. 555 - L.D. 1340

An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4210-H is enacted to read:

§4210-H. Municipal Stream Crossing Fund; grant program

1. Fund established. The Municipal Stream Crossing Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within and is administered by the department to issue grants in accordance with this section. The fund consists of proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to subsection 2 and funds received as appropriations, allocations and contributions from public and private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

2. Grants. The department shall establish a competitive grant program to provide grants to eligible project sponsors for stream crossing replacements on municipal roads. Eligible project sponsors include local governments, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts and private non-profit organizations.

3. Fund proceeds; uses. The department may award grants based on the extent to which the proposed project allows communities to more effectively prepare for storm and flood events and advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native brook trout, and wildlife. In awarding grants, the department shall consider:

A. The priority status of the stream crossing replacement for native brook trout and sea-run fish

restoration, based on available stream survey data, statewide prioritization for aquatic connectivity and presence in priority watersheds of salmon, river herring and other diadromous fish;

B. The extent to which the proposed stream crossing replacement is sized to be 1.2 times the stream's bankfull width, and the stream crossing replacement is sized to meet the department's 100-year flood standards;

C. The degree of urgency of the proposed project, including whether a stream crossing is at high risk of failure due to age, condition or location within a watershed or reach with high flood risk or severe flood history;

D. The expected contribution to reducing the frequency or severity of flooding to upstream and downstream communities and improving storm water management within the proposed project area; and

E. The extent to which the proposed project represents an efficient and cost-effective investment, including the proportion of total project funding provided from other sources and the potential avoided costs associated with the proposed project.

4. Grant proceeds; prohibited uses. Grants awarded under subsection 3 may not be used:

A. To cover all of the costs associated with a proposed project; or

B. For a stream crossing replacement on a state road or private road.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Municipal Stream Crossing Fund N529

Initiative: Establishes the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund within the Department of Transportation with base Other Special Revenue Funds allocations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations.

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See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 163  
H.P. 883 - L.D. 1360**

**An Act to Preserve Traditional  
Driver's Licenses and  
Nondriver Identification Cards**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1260**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 27, §1 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

**§1260. REAL ID compliant driver's license or nondriver identification card**

The Secretary of State may issue, upon request of the applicant, a driver's license under this subchapter or a nondriver identification card under section 1410 that meets the standards of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13. A person may not hold a REAL ID compliant driver's license simultaneously with another license with the same class or restriction indicated on the license. The Secretary of State shall provide an option for the applicant to be issued a driver's license under this subchapter or a nondriver identification card under section 1410 that does not meet the standards of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and that is valid for all state identification requirements.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 164  
H.P. 913 - L.D. 1391**

**An Act to Update the Maine  
Self-service Storage Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1372, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 376, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1-A. Abandoned leased space.** "Abandoned leased space" means a leased space that:

- A. The operator finds unlocked and empty;
- B. The operator finds unlocked and containing personal property with a value less than \$750;
- C. The possession of and all rights to which and any personal property within which have been surrendered to the operator by the occupant; or
- D. Contains personal property more than 15 days after the termination or nonrenewal of the rental agreement subsequent to written notice of termination or nonrenewal of the rental agreement.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1372, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 62, is amended to read:

**7. Rental agreement.** "Rental agreement" means any written agreement, which may be delivered and accepted electronically, that establishes or modifies the terms, conditions or rules concerning the use and occupancy of a self-service storage facility.

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1373, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 62, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) Notify the occupant of the condition by e-mail or by regular mail at the occupant's last known address or other address set forth by the occupant in the rental agreement;

**Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1373-A** is enacted to read:  
**§1373-A. Constructive acceptance of rental agreement**

An operator shall provide an occupant with a rental agreement. If, within 30 days of the delivery of the rental agreement from the operator to the occupant by hand delivery, first-class mail or e-mail, the occupant fails to sign the rental agreement, the occupant's payment of rent or continued use of the leased space is deemed an acceptance of the rental agreement, which is enforceable against the occupant as if the rental agreement had been signed by the occupant.

**Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1374, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 62, is amended to read:

C. That a sale ~~shall~~ will be held at the self-service storage facility where the personal property is stored or at the nearest suitable location or online.

**Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1375, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 62, is amended to read:

**4. Location of sale.** A sale under this section ~~shall~~ may be held at the self-service storage facility or at the nearest suitable place to where the personal property is stored or online.

**Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §1375, sub-§10, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 376, §10, is further amended to read:

A. Notices sent to the operator must be sent to the self-service storage facility where the occupant's property is stored unless another address to send notices to the operator is specified in the rental agreement. Notices to the occupant must be sent to the occupant at the occupant's last known address. Notices are deemed delivered when deposited with the United States Postal Service, properly addressed as provided in subsection 2, with postage paid.

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**CHAPTER 165  
H.P. 933 - L.D. 1411**

**An Act to Modify the Laws  
Regarding Driver's License  
Applications**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1251, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 687, §14, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Residents required to obtain license.** Within 30 days of becoming a resident of this State, a person shall apply to obtain a license in accordance with section 1301. Except as provided in section 510, subsection 1, a person who fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection and operates a motor vehicle on a public way or parking area commits a traffic infraction. If the person has been a resident for at least 90 days the penalty is a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$500.

~~A. A traffic infraction if the person has been a resident for less than 90 days; or~~

~~B. A Class E crime if the person has been a resident for at least 90 days.~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 250, §2, is amended to read:

**6. Social security number.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the social security number of any applicant for a license or nondriver identification card must be recorded on the application, and the Secretary of State may not issue a license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not possess and provide a valid social security number. The Secretary of State shall collect, store and verify the social security number of an applicant for a license or nondriver identification card and may use that number to establish a permanent license number or nondriver identification number. This subsection does not apply to a person who ~~provides written proof to the Secretary of State that the person is~~ legally ineligible to receive a social security number.

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**CHAPTER 166  
S.P. 552 - L.D. 1413**

**An Act to Amend Laws  
Governing Hearing Aid  
Dealers to Allow an Exception  
to Certain Hearing  
Examination Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §17305, sub-§6, ¶K**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 369, Pt. C, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

~~K. A~~ Except as authorized in this paragraph, a dealer-licensee may not sell or furnish a hearing aid to a person 18 years of age or younger without a written statement, signed by a physician with specialized training in the field of otolaryngology, that the person has had an ear or hearing examination within 90 days of the purchase or furnishing of the hearing aid and that a hearing aid is recommended for the person. The board shall adopt rules for the requirements for reexamination. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

The board shall by rule list and define certain medical conditions affecting hearing. If a dealer has notice of the existence of one or more of the conditions in the case of a prospective purchaser of a hearing aid, whether by the dealer-licensee's observation of the prospective purchaser or by information furnished by the prospective purchaser, fitting of the hearing aid must be delayed until the purchaser has had an ear or hearing examination administered by a physician with specialized training in the field of otolaryngology or by an audiologist who, as a result of such an examination, recommends in writing a hearing aid for the prospective purchaser. Unless prohibited by federal law or regulation, a dealer-licensee may sell or furnish a replacement hearing aid of the same specifications as the original hearing aid to a prospective purchaser of any age without evidence that the prospective purchaser has had a recent ear or hearing examination if the prospective purchaser typically wears or is currently using a hearing aid; is seeking to replace a recently lost, stolen, broken or failing hearing aid; and is unable to attend a hearing examination because the prospective purchaser is too ill or infirm to do so safely.

~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter may not be construed to require an ear or hearing examination by a physician or audiologist of a person who objects to the examination on the grounds that the examination conflicts with the tenets and practices of a church

or religious denomination of which the person is a member or adherent.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 167**

**H.P. 945 - L.D. 1436**

**An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§74-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 566, §1, is further amended to read:

**74-A.**

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**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §509, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 430, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The person knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to a law enforcement officer, an emergency communications center or the ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services established in Title 25, chapter 352 with the intent of inducing the officer, the emergency communications center or any other emergency services personnel to believe that a crime has been committed or that another has committed a crime, knowing the information to be false;

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §509, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 430, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The person knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to a law enforcement officer, a member of a firefighting agency, including a volunteer fire department, an emergency communications center, the ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services established in Title 25, chapter 352 or any other person knowing that the other person is likely to communicate the information to a law enforcement officer, a member of a firefighting agency, an emergency communications center or any other emergency services personnel concerning a fire, explosive or other similar substance that is capable of endangering the safety of persons, knowing that the information is false, or knowing that the person has no information relating to the fire, explosive or other similar substance; or

**Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §509, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 430, §1, is further amended to read:

C. The person knowingly gives or causes to be given false information concerning an emergency to an ambulance service, an emergency communications center, the ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services established in Title 25, chapter 352, any other emergency services personnel or a government agency or public utility that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property, with the intent of inducing the service, personnel, agency, center or utility to respond to the reported emergency, knowing the information to be false.

**Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Automatic location identification.** "Automatic location identification" means ~~an enhanced~~ a 9-1-1 service capability that enables the automatic display of information defining the geographical location of the telephone used to place a 9-1-1 call.

**Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 840, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Automatic number identification.** "Automatic number identification" means ~~an enhanced~~ a 9-1-1 service capability that enables the automatic display of the 7-digit number used to place a 9-1-1 call.

**Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 359, §1, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission, which is responsible for the statewide implementation and management of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1.

**Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2-B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 68, §1, is amended to read:

**2-B. Cellular or wireless telecommunications service.** "Cellular or wireless telecommunications service" means commercial mobile service as defined in 47 United States Code, Section 332(d), regardless of when payment is required for that service.

**Sec. 9. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 226, §1, is amended to read:

**5-A. Enhanced 9-1-1 access-only service.** "~~Enhanced~~ 9-1-1 access-only service" or "~~E-9-1-1~~ access-only service" means the provision of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 access to a residential telephone customer's premises when telephone service to the premises has been otherwise suspended or disconnected.

**Sec. 10. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 119, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**6. 9-1-1 services.** "9-1-1 services" or "9-1-1" means the delivery of 9-1-1 calls to the proper public safety answering points with the automatic location

identification and automatic number identification of an entity requesting emergency services. "9-1-1 services" or "9-1-1" includes Internet protocol enabled services.

**Sec. 11. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§6-D** is enacted to read:

**6-D. Originating service provider.** "Originating service provider" means an entity that provides service to an end user that may be used to originate voice or nonvoice 9-1-1 calls for assistance and that connects to the 9-1-1 system for the purposes of delivering 9-1-1 services, including, but not limited to, the delivery of wireline, wireless and voice over Internet protocol services, to a public safety answering point.

**Sec. 12. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 566, §3, is further amended to read:

**7. Public safety answering point.** "Public safety answering point" means ~~a facility with enhanced 9-1-1 capability, operated on a 24-hour basis, assigned the responsibility of receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, the physical or virtual entity where 9-1-1 calls are received that is responsible for directly dispatching emergency services or, through transfer routing or relay routing, passing 9-1-1 calls to public or private safety agencies.~~

**Sec. 13. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 400, §1 and affected by c. 400, §15, is further amended to read:

**13. Prepaid wireless telecommunications service.** "Prepaid wireless telecommunications service" means a cellular or wireless telecommunications service that allows a caller to dial 9-1-1 to access the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, which service must be paid for in advance and is sold in predetermined units or dollars that declines with use in a known amount.

**Sec. 14. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§17**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 339, §4, is amended to read:

**17. 9-1-1 call.** "9-1-1 call" means any use of ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services initiated by any means or medium, including, but not limited to, voice calls and text messaging.

**Sec. 15. 25 MRSA §2923-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 505, §3, is further amended to read:

**§2923-A. Requirements of municipalities, plantations, counties or unorganized territories**

Each municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory that does not have a public safety answering point shall contract with an entity that does have a public safety answering point, which may be the department, for receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, directly dispatching emergency services or, through transfer routing or relay routing, passing 9-1-1 calls to public or private safety agencies that dispatch emergency services. If a municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory without a public safety answering

point does not enter into such an agreement, the department shall serve as the public safety answering point for that municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory and the municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory shall pay the department for the provision of those services. Fees received by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Consolidated Emergency Communications Fund established in section 1534. If a fee assessed to a municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory for services provided pursuant to an agreement under this section or by the department is based in whole or in part on population, the population of the municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory may not include persons held at a correctional facility, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6, within the municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory.

**Sec. 16. 25 MRSA §2923-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 186, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Notice.** A public safety answering point shall provide notice to the bureau prior to discontinuing service to a municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory. A public safety answering point may not provide the notice under this subsection less than one year prior to the date that the public safety answering point discontinues service, unless the bureau finds reasonable grounds to authorize a shorter period of time for the notification. If appropriate, the bureau shall notify the department of the notice of discontinuing service received by the bureau from a public safety answering point.

**Sec. 17. 25 MRSA §2923-C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 609, §3, is amended to read:

**§2923-C. Cost reporting**

**1. Reporting requirements.** Annually, on a date prescribed by the ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission by rule, a public safety answering point and dispatch center shall each provide the bureau with a report of the costs incurred by the public safety answering point or dispatch center for the provision of ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services.

**2. Rules.** The ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules must establish requirements for the report provided by a public safety answering point and dispatch center pursuant to subsection 1, including, at a minimum:

- A. The manner by which the report must be submitted to the bureau;
- B. The specific cost components for the provision of ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services to be included in the report; and
- C. The date by which the report must be submitted.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 18. 25 MRSA §2925**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §37, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2925. ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 Council**

**Sec. 19. 25 MRSA §2925, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 566, §8, is further amended to read:

The ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 Council, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-A, and referred to in this section as "the council," shall advise and assist the bureau in the implementation of the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

**Sec. 20. 25 MRSA §2925, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §37, is further amended to read:

**1. Membership.** The ~~E-9-1-1 Council~~ council is composed of 17 members; one appointed by the Public Utilities Commission; one appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety; and 15 appointed by the Governor, including one who is a municipal official nominated by the statewide association of municipalities, one county official nominated by a statewide association of county commissioners, one who is a chief of a municipal police department nominated by the statewide association of chiefs of police, one who is the chief of a municipal fire department nominated by the statewide association of fire chiefs, one who is a county sheriff nominated by the statewide association of sheriffs, one who represents small telephone companies, one who represents the largest provider of local exchange telephone services, one who represents cellular or wireless service providers, one who represents a direct provider of emergency medical services, one who is a dispatcher nominated by the statewide association of dispatchers, one who is a member of a volunteer fire department, one to represent persons who are deaf and hard of hearing and 3 to represent the public-at-large. Each member may name a designee who may attend meetings of the council and act on that member's behalf in council proceedings.

**Sec. 21. 25 MRSA §2925, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 219, §1, is further amended to read:

**6. Duties.** The council has the following duties.

A. The council shall advise the bureau on activities relating to the establishment of an ~~E-9-1-1~~ a 9-1-1 system.

B. The council shall review and comment on rules proposed by the ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission under this chapter.

C. The council shall assist the bureau in providing public information about the implementation and operation of the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

D. The council shall assist the bureau in responding to and resolving service-related complaints and issues regarding the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

**Sec. 22. 25 MRSA §2926**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 186, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2926. Emergency Services Communication Bureau**

**1. Bureau established.** The Emergency Services Communication Bureau is established within the Public Utilities Commission to implement and manage ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1, including the deployment of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 service using emerging communications technologies, including, but not limited to, Internet protocol enabled services, that are capable of connecting users to public safety answering points.

**1-A. Quality assurance.** The bureau shall develop and implement a quality assurance program to audit and monitor compliance with emergency dispatching standards, practices and procedures of public safety answering points.

**2. System design.** In consultation with the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 Council, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-A, the bureau shall develop all necessary system elements, standards and cost estimates necessary to provide for the installation and operation of a statewide ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Development of network design specifications;

B. Development of minimum public safety answering point requirements including 24-hour operation; emergency backup power; secured communication areas; separate administrative phone lines for nonemergency calls; call recording and playback equipment; TDD equipment, as defined in Title 35-A, section 8702, subsection 6; maximum call handling times; and minimum mandatory staff training requirements for 9-1-1 call answering and dispatching;

C. After consultation with the affected public and private safety agency officials, identification of appropriate public safety answering point sites based on consideration of the existing dispatching capabilities of public and private safety agencies, the expressed preferences of municipalities throughout the State and overall system cost;

D. Identification of appropriate technology for system networks, public safety answering point equipment and ~~data-base~~ database requirements;

E. Procedures for developing and maintaining address and routing ~~data-bases~~ database;

F. Procedures for cooperation and coordination with telephone utilities and municipalities for implementation and maintenance;

G. Standards and procedures to establish the confidentiality and prevent the dissemination of reports and records handled by public safety answering points and of the bureau;

H. Estimates of the cost of establishing an operational ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system;

I. Procedures for collecting and administering the necessary funds for ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1; and

J. Standards and procedures for developing and maintaining the system databases and for ensuring the confidentiality of those databases pursuant to section 2929.

**2-A. Goal.** To the extent possible, the bureau shall establish a total of between 16 and 24 public safety answering points. The bureau shall seek to coordinate any reduction in the number of public safety answering points to achieve this goal with any contractual obligations it may have or may enter into that are or could be affected by that reduction. Prior to implementing a reduction in the number of public safety answering points, the bureau shall make a finding regarding the need for the reduction based on an evaluation of the costs and benefits of the reduction, taking into account impacts on ratepayers, each of the affected ~~municipalities~~ municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory and the State.

**2-B. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 2-A, the bureau may authorize the establishment of a public safety answering point on a determination that a public safety answering point is necessary to ensure public safety and access to ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 services.

**3. Rulemaking.** ~~The bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission shall adopt by rule ~~its~~ the bureau's standards, specifications and procedures developed under subsection 2, ~~paragraphs A to F~~ after consultation with the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 Council and following at least 3 public hearings geographically dispersed throughout the State.

**4. Technical assistance.** The bureau may provide support for the development of street address information sufficient to support ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 services. The bureau shall provide technical assistance to any municipality in the development of street address information at the request of the interested municipality, plantation, county or unorganized territory.

~~**5. Call answering coverage.** The bureau is not required to provide call answering coverage in counties or municipalities that choose not to participate in the E-9-1-1 system.~~

**6. System databases.** The system databases, wherever located or stored, are the property of the bureau and their confidentiality is governed by section 2929.

**Sec. 23. 25 MRSA §2927**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 609, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 24. 25 MRSA §2927-A** is enacted to read:  
**§2927-A. 9-1-1 funding**

**1. Funding.** The activities authorized under this chapter are funded through:

A. The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 2 levied on:

(1) Each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines;

(2) Semipublic coin and public access lines;

(3) Customers of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service; and

(4) Customers of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is not a prepaid wireless telecommunications service. A surcharge may not be levied under this subparagraph with respect to customers of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is supported by federal universal service support funds pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 54; and

B. The statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service 9-1-1 surcharge under subsection 3 levied on prepaid wireless telecommunications service customers. A surcharge may not be levied under this paragraph with respect to prepaid wireless telecommunications service supported by federal universal service support funds pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 54, except that a surcharge may be levied under this paragraph on transactions in which the customer directly purchases optional services that are not supported by federal universal service support funds.

**2. Statewide 9-1-1 surcharge.** The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge is governed by this subsection.

A. The Public Utilities Commission shall establish the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge, except that the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge may not exceed 35¢ per month per line or number. The commission shall establish the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge by rule or through other commission proceedings. The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

B. The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge must be collected from the customer according to subsection 1, paragraph A on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider and be shown separately as a statewide 9-1-1 surcharge on the customer's bill, when practicable. In circumstances in which separately showing the statewide

9-1-1 surcharge on a customer's bill is not practicable, the local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider must make the information regarding the amount of the 9-1-1 surcharge available to the customer in another manner.

C. The place of residence of cellular or wireless telecommunications service customers who are not prepaid wireless telecommunications service customers must be determined according to the sourcing rules for mobile telecommunications services as set forth in Title 36, section 2556.

**3. Statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service 9-1-1 surcharge.** The statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service 9-1-1 surcharge, referred to in this subsection as "the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge," is governed by this subsection.

The Public Utilities Commission shall establish the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge, except that the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge may not exceed 35¢ per retail transaction. The commission shall establish the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge by rule or through other commission proceedings.

**4. 9-1-1 funding obligation; limitation.** The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge imposed by subsection 2 and the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharge imposed by subsection 3 are the only 9-1-1 funding obligations imposed with respect to telecommunications service in this State, and another tax, fee, surcharge or other charge may not be imposed by this State, a political subdivision of this State or an intergovernmental agency for funding 9-1-1 purposes on any telecommunications service with respect to the sale, purchase, use or provision of that telecommunications service.

**5. Surcharge remittance.** Each local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider shall remit the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge revenues collected from customers pursuant to subsection 1 on a monthly basis and within one month of the month collected, except that a utility or provider whose average monthly surcharge remittance payment for the prior calendar year is less than \$5,000 shall remit the 9-1-1 surcharge revenues on a quarterly basis, to the Treasurer of State for deposit in a separate account known as and referred to in this section as "the 9-1-1 fund." Each telephone utility or service provider required to remit statewide 9-1-1 surcharge revenues shall provide, on a form approved by the bureau, supporting data, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. The calculation used to arrive at the surcharge remittance amount;

B. The calculation used to arrive at the uncollectible amount of surcharge;

C. The total surcharge;

D. The month and year or the quarter and year for which a surcharge is remitted;

E. The legal name and telephone number of the telephone utility or service provider and, if applicable, the parent company name, address and telephone number; and

F. The name and telephone number of the person who prepared the form.

Prepaid wireless 9-1-1 surcharges collected by sellers must be remitted to the State Tax Assessor in accordance with Title 35-A, section 7104-C.

**6. Expenditure of funds.** All costs incurred by the bureau under this subsection must be paid from the 9-1-1 fund.

A. The bureau may use the revenues in the 9-1-1 fund to:

(1) Fund staff;

(2) Defray the costs associated with the implementation, operation and management of 9-1-1, including the deployment of 9-1-1 service using emerging communications technologies, including, but not limited to, Internet protocol enabled services, that are capable of connecting users to public safety answering points; and

(3) Defray the costs, including necessary staffing costs, of the Emergency Medical Services' Board in implementing the requirements of Title 32, section 85-A through the transfer of funds to the Other Special Revenue Funds, Emergency Medical Services account within the Department of Public Safety.

B. The bureau shall use the revenues in the 9-1-1 fund to:

(1) Provide free training courses for emergency medical dispatchers, as defined in Title 32, section 85-A, subsection 1, paragraph D, to assist public safety answering points in meeting the requirements of Title 32, section 85-A;

(2) Provide each public safety answering point a sufficient number of approved Emergency Medical Dispatch Priority Reference System documents in printed or electronic format, as determined by the bureau pursuant to Title 32, section 85-A;

(3) Provide public safety answering points dispatcher training consistent with the protocols, necessary software and printed support materials to assist public safety answering points in the adoption and implementation of standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls;

(4) Provide quality assurance training and software to assist public safety answering points in ensuring compliance with the standardized dispatch protocols for answering fire 9-1-1 calls;

(5) Provide, subject to available funds not to exceed \$1,000,000 per biennium, grants for nonrecurring costs to:

(a) Dispatch centers associated with the consolidation of the dispatch centers into public safety answering points;

(b) Consolidate 2 or more public safety answering points and dispatch centers into a new regional public safety answering point and dispatch center; or

(c) Transfer a public safety answering point and all of its dispatch services to another existing public safety answering point; and

(6) Contract with one or more 3rd-party vendors to provide quality assurance review in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 11 and Title 32, section 85-A, subsection 2 related to the provision of emergency medical dispatch services and answering fire 9-1-1 calls by public safety answering points.

**7. Unexpended funds; interest.** The amount of the 9-1-1 fund not expended by the end of the fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be expended for the purposes specified in this chapter in succeeding fiscal years. The Treasurer of State shall credit all interest on fund balances to the 9-1-1 fund.

**8. Legislative annual report.** The bureau shall include in the Public Utilities Commission's annual report pursuant to Title 35-A, section 120, subsection 7 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters:

A. The bureau's planned expenditures for the year and use of funds for the previous year;

B. The statewide 9-1-1 surcharge collected under this section;

C. The bureau's recommended statewide 9-1-1 surcharge for the coming year;

D. The bureau's recommendations for amending existing and enacting new laws to improve the 9-1-1 system; and

E. The performance of each of the public safety answering points in the State during the previous calendar year, including the results of the bureau's quality assurance program audits under section 2926, subsection 1-A and any recommendations of the bureau relating to the emergency dispatching

standards, practices and procedures of public safety answering points.

**9. Committee recommendations; budget.** The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs regarding all expenditures from the 9-1-1 fund.

**10. Violations.** A telephone utility, a cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider, including a prepaid wireless telephone service provider, or an interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider subject to this section that intentionally and knowingly fails to remit the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge revenues collected under this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each day that payment is not made after the due date.

**11. Rules.** The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 25. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 291, §3, is amended to read:

A. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons listed in ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 databases;

**Sec. 26. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 153, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Personally identifying information of and any medical information about a person receiving emergency services through the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system; or

**Sec. 27. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§2, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 291, §3, is amended to read:

D. The bureau director may disclose confidential information to public safety answering points, public or private safety agencies, emergency responders or others within the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system to the extent necessary to implement and manage the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

**Sec. 28. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 291, §3, is amended to read:

A. To persons within the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system to the extent necessary to implement and manage the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system;

**Sec. 29. 25 MRSA §2929, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 291, §3, is amended to read:

**5. Unlisted telephone numbers.** The name and address associated with the number of a telephone company customer with an unlisted telephone number may

be furnished to the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system for processing a request for ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 services from that number and for the provision of emergency services resulting from the request.

**Sec. 30. 25 MRSA §2930**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 504, §1, is further amended to read:

**§2930. Immunity**

**1. Governmental entity.** Subject to all the limitations and exceptions provided under the Maine Tort Claims Act, Title 14, chapter 741, a ~~government gov-~~ governmental entity is immune from tort liability for property damages, bodily injury or death resulting from acts or omissions occurring in developing, establishing, implementing, maintaining or operating the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

**2. Telecommunications providers.** A telecommunications provider assisting in the implementation and operation of the statewide ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, including, but not limited to, the development, establishment and maintenance of the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, is subject to tort liability:

A. For property damages, bodily injury or death resulting from any defect in the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system or inadequacy in the provision of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 service caused by the telecommunications provider's negligent acts or omissions in developing, establishing, implementing, maintaining or operating the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, up to a maximum amount for ~~any and all~~ claims arising out of a single occurrence not to exceed \$300,000 or the dollar amount that appears in Title 14, section 8105, subsection 1, whichever is greater; and

B. For property damages, bodily injury or death resulting from any defect in the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system or inadequacy in the provision of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 service caused by the telecommunications provider's intentional, willful or reckless acts or omissions in developing, establishing, implementing, maintaining or operating the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system, without limitation on the amount.

For purposes of this subsection, ~~the term~~ "telecommunications provider" means a local exchange carrier, a commercial mobile service provider, as defined in 47 United States Code, Section 332(d), or ~~an intercon-~~ interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider an originating service provider; an employee of a local exchange carrier, commercial mobile service provider or ~~interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider~~ interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider originating service provider acting within the scope of the employee's employment; or an agent of a local exchange carrier, commercial mobile service provider or ~~interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider~~ interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider originating service provider acting within the scope of the agent's agency.

For purposes of this subsection, ~~the term~~ "~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system" includes, but is not limited to, the networks, databases and call processing services necessary to provide ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services or ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 access-only services in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

**Sec. 31. 25 MRSA §2931**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 339, §9, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2931. Misuse of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system**

**Sec. 32. 25 MRSA §2931, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 339, §9, is further amended to read:

**1. Prohibited use.** A person is guilty of misuse of the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system if without reasonable cause the person, after having been forbidden to do so by a public safety answering point manager or administrator or a law enforcement officer:

- A. Makes repeated 9-1-1 calls to make nonemergency reports or inquiries;
- B. Causes 9-1-1 calls to be made using an alarm or other alerting device that automatically contacts 9-1-1 and transmits a prerecorded signal or message; or
- C. Violates paragraph B after having previously violated paragraph B.

**Sec. 33. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §38, is further amended to read:

**1. Designated emergency telephone number.** The primary telephone number to be used in a telephone exchange to request emergency services following the activation of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 services for that exchange, including the number for telecommunications devices for communication for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, is 9-1-1. A person may not advertise or promote for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1.

**Sec. 34. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 62, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 35. 25 MRSA §2933**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 505, §§5 and 6, is further amended to read:

**§2933. Local exchange carrier and originating service provider participation**

**1. Implementation of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 by local exchange carrier.** Each local exchange carrier offering service over the public switched telephone network, in accordance with rules and procedures adopted by the ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission, shall implement the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system and provide the universal emergency telephone number 9-1-1 for use by the public in seeking emergency services assistance through the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system.

**2. Required information for ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 database.** Each ~~local exchange carrier~~ originating service provider shall provide to the bureau or its designee the automatic number identification, automatic location identification and any other information required to establish and maintain the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 database and ~~service~~ services in accordance with the rules adopted by the ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission.

**3. Coordination of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 service; coordinator.** Each ~~local exchange carrier and cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider~~ originating service provider within the State shall coordinate all implementation, operation and maintenance directly relating to ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 through the bureau and shall designate a primary contact person, who may delegate the authority to one or more other persons, to coordinate with and provide all relevant information to the bureau to carry out the purposes of the chapter.

**4. Penalties.** ~~On petition by the bureau, the~~ The Public Utilities Commission, in an adjudicatory proceeding, may impose the following administrative penalties for a violation by a local exchange carrier ~~or an originating service provider~~ of subsection 1 or 2 or any rules adopted by the ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission implementing subsection 1 or 2:

A. An administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day of the violation; and

B. In extraordinary cases, as determined by the Public Utilities Commission, revocation of the commission's authorization of the ~~local exchange carrier's~~ originating service provider's authority to provide ~~local exchange~~ service in this State.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 36. 25 MRSA §2934**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 339, §10, is further amended to read:

**§2934. Multiline telephone systems**

**1. Requirements.** The ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission may by rule establish requirements for locating 9-1-1 calls, and initiating emergency responses to such calls, made from within multiline telephone systems, including network-based or premises-based systems and voice over Internet protocol systems, whether owned or leased by a public or private entity, such as private branch exchanges or Centrex systems. Rules adopted pursuant to this section:

A. May not require any local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues;

B. Apply only to multiline telephone systems installed, introduced, established or replaced after the effective date of the rules;

C. Must provide for appropriate standards, exemptions and waivers that balance the benefits of improved methods of locating 9-1-1 calls, and initiating emergency responses to such calls, made from within multiline telephone systems and the cost of achieving those improvements. The rules must allow, in appropriate circumstances, for methods that do not utilize automatic location identification and automatic number identification standards used in processing 9-1-1 calls; and

D. May establish appropriate technical, procedural or any other standards relating to multiline telephone systems, telecommunications carrier interconnectivity, databases, dialing instructions, signaling or other matters necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

**2. Rules.** Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. ~~The bureau may not provisionally adopt any rule under this section that has not been approved by the Public Utilities Commission.~~

**Sec. 37. 25 MRSA §2935**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 226, §2, is amended to read:

**§2935. ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 access-only service**

**1. Provision of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 access-only service.** It is the policy of this State that ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 be broadly available where it is economically and technologically practical. The ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission shall, by rule, establish requirements for the provision of ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 access-only service, including, but not limited to, the circumstances in which ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 access-only service is and is not required and which telephone service providers are and are not subject to the requirements.

**2. Rulemaking.** The ~~bureau~~ Public Utilities Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are ~~major substantive~~ routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 38. 30-A MRSA §3110**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 477, §1, is amended to read:

**§3110. Road-naming disputes**

Unless otherwise provided by local ordinance or charter, when there is a dispute over the naming of a town way, private way or private road for ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 purposes, the decision of the municipal officers is final.

**Sec. 39. 30-A MRSA §7062**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 409, §2, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§7062. ~~Enhanced~~ 9-1-1 addressing standards**

**Sec. 40. 30-A MRSA §7062, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 409, §2, is amended to read:

A plantation may enact an ordinance to establish ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 addressing standards and, pursuant to that ordinance, may:

**Sec. 41. 30-A MRSA §7501, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 106, §2, is further amended to read:

**8. Enhanced 9-1-1 service.** Assigning and maintaining physical addresses specifically for the purpose of statewide ~~enhanced~~ 9-1-1 service. The county commissioners may enact an ordinance to establish the addressing standards and, pursuant to that ordinance, may assign road names to existing and proposed roads and property numbers to existing and proposed year-round and seasonal dwellings or structures and may install signs designating road names; and

**Sec. 42. 32 MRSA §85-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 271, §12, is further amended to read:

**4. Licensing actions.** A license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of sections 90-A and 91-A. Before the board or its subcommittee or staff takes any final action to suspend or revoke an emergency medical dispatch center license or to refuse to re-issue an emergency medical dispatch center license, the board shall contact the bureau for input on the effect of such an action on the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system and, notwithstanding section 91-B, may, to the extent necessary for this purpose, disclose to the bureau information that is designated as confidential under section 91-B.

**Sec. 43. 32 MRSA §98, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. GGGGG, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Historical activations" means the number of times an emergency medical services entity was dispatched by the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system within a defined period of time.

**Sec. 44. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 77, §4, is amended to read:

A. Title 25, section ~~2927~~ 2927-A, subsection 5 §;

**Sec. 45. 35-A MRSA §7104-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 600, §7 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

C. The statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 surcharge levied on prepaid wireless telecommunications service consumers pursuant to Title 25, section ~~2927~~ 2927-A, subsection ~~1-F~~ 3.

**Sec. 46. 35-A MRSA §7104-C, sub-§2, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §59, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The portion of the remitted prepaid wireless fees attributable to the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 surcharge imposed by Title 25, section ~~2927~~

~~2927-A~~, subsection ~~1-F~~ 3 is deposited in a separate account;

**Sec. 47. 35-A MRSA §7201, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 623, Pt. A, §18, is amended to read:

**2. Access to emergency services.** "Access to emergency services" means access to emergency services, as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 5, through 9-1-1 ~~or enhanced~~ 9-1-1 service, as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 6, to the extent a local government in the service area of a provider of last resort service provides 9-1-1 ~~or enhanced~~ 9-1-1 services.

**Sec. 48. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶JJJ**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. E, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §56, is amended to read:

JJJ. The disclosure of information to an authorized representative of the Public Utilities Commission for use in the commission's administration and oversight of the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 funding under Title 25, section ~~2927~~ 2927-A, the state universal service fund under Title 35-A, section 7104 and the telecommunications education access fund under Title 35-A, section 7104-B. The assessor shall apprise the authorized representative of the provisions regarding confidentiality of such information and of the continuing confidential nature of the disclosed information.

**Sec. 49. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§3-A, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §143, is further amended to read:

B. The employee is a law enforcement officer, corrections officer, ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 dispatcher, firefighter or emergency medical services person and is diagnosed by an allopathic physician or an osteopathic physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 48 or chapter 36, respectively, with a specialization in psychiatry or a psychologist licensed under Title 32, chapter 56 as having post-traumatic stress disorder that resulted from work stress, that the work stress was extraordinary and unusual compared with that experienced by the average employee and the work stress and not some other source of stress was the predominant cause of the post-traumatic stress disorder, in which case the post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the worker's employment. This presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. For purposes of this paragraph, "law enforcement officer," "corrections officer," "firefighter" and "emergency medical services person" have the same meaning as in section 328-A, subsection 1. For the purposes of this paragraph, "~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 dispatcher" means a person who receives calls made to the ~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 system and dispatches emergency services. "~~E-9-1-1~~ 9-1-1 dispatcher" includes an emergency

medical dispatcher as defined in Title 32, chapter 2-B, section 85-A, subsection 1, paragraph D.

Each time the Legislature amends this paragraph to provide for a rebuttable presumption for a new category of employees, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters no later than the January 1st after the 5th year of the addition of the category of employees and no later than the January 1st after the 10th year of the addition of the category of employees. The reports must include an analysis of the number of claims brought under this paragraph, the portion of those claims that resulted in a settlement or award of benefits and the effect of the provisions of this paragraph on costs to the State and its subdivisions. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the Department of Public Safety shall assist the board in developing the reports, and the board shall seek the input of an association whose membership consists exclusively of counties, municipalities and other political or administrative subdivisions in the development of the report.

This paragraph is repealed October 1, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 168**

**H.P. 949 - L.D. 1440**

**An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §202**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

**§202. Oaths and acknowledgments**

All oaths required to be taken by personal representatives, trustees, guardians, conservators, or of any other persons in relation to any proceeding in the probate court, or to perpetuate the evidence of the publication of any order of notice, may be administered by the judge or register of probate or any notary public. A certificate thereof, when taken out of court, shall ~~must~~ be returned into the registry of probate and there filed. When any person of whom such oath is required, ~~including~~ excluding any parent ~~acknowledging consent to an adoption~~ executing a surrender and release or a consent under Title 18-C, section 9-202, resides temporarily or permanently ~~without~~ outside the State, the oath or acknowledgment may be taken before and be certified by a notary public ~~without~~ outside the State, a commissioner for the State of Maine or a United States Consul.

**Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §2-201, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**3. Marriage.** "Marriage," as it relates to a transfer by the decedent during marriage, "Marriage" or "married" means any marriage of the decedent to the decedent's surviving spouse and includes a registered domestic partnership and a legal union that was validly formed in any state or jurisdiction and that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage.

**Sec. 3. 18-C MRSA §3-108, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 4, §7, is further amended to read:

D. Regardless of whether the decedent dies before, on or after the effective date of this Code, an informal testacy or appointment proceeding or a formal testacy or appointment proceeding may be commenced more than 3 years after the decedent's death if no proceeding concerning the succession or estate administration has occurred within the 3-year period after the decedent's death, ~~but the personal representative has no right to possess estate assets as provided in section 3-709 beyond that necessary to confirm title in the successors to the estate, and claims other than expenses of administration may not be presented against the estate;~~ The following conditions apply to a proceeding commenced under this paragraph:

(1) The personal representative has no right to possess estate assets as provided in section 3-709 beyond that necessary to confirm title in the successors to the estate;

(2) Claims other than expenses of administration may not be presented against the estate; and

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the personal representative may not satisfy the homestead allowance described in section 2-402, exempt property described in section 2-403 or the family allowance described in section 2-404;

**Sec. 4. 18-C MRSA §3-203, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 18-C MRSA §5-319**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended by enacting at the beginning a new paragraph to read:

The authority and responsibility of a guardian terminates upon the death of the adult subject to guardianship. The following provisions govern the process for terminating or modifying a guardianship in circumstances other than death of the adult subject to guardianship.

**Sec. 6. 18-C MRSA §9-202, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**8. Surrender and release or consent by court of comparable jurisdiction from another state.** The court shall accept a surrender and release or a consent by a court of comparable jurisdiction in another state if the court receives an affidavit from a member of that state's bar or a certificate from that court of comparable jurisdiction stating that:

- A. The party executing the surrender and release or the consent followed the procedure required to make a surrender and release or a consent valid in the state in which it was executed; and
- B. The court of comparable jurisdiction advised the person executing the surrender and release or the consent of the consequences of the surrender and release or the consent under the laws of the state in which the surrender and release or the consent was executed.

The court shall accept a waiver of notice by a putative parent that meets the requirements of section 9-201, subsection 3.

**Sec. 7. 18-C MRSA §9-202, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Surrender and release or consent from another state without court of comparable jurisdiction.** If a parent of a child resides in another state and the laws of that state do not provide for a court of comparable jurisdiction to advise the parent of the consequences of the surrender and release or the consent, the surrender and release or the consent must be approved pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 in person or, after a motion, the court may approve a remote appearance by videoconference.

**Sec. 8. Maine Comments.** Comments submitted by the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission are acknowledged by the Legislature as Maine Comments, and the Revisor of Statutes shall submit the comments for inclusion in the publication of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 169**

**H.P. 987 - L.D. 1503**

**An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶W**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 296, §4, is further amended to read:

W. A commercial green crab only license issued under section 6808 expires on April 30th of each year; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶X**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 296, §5, is amended to read:

X. An aquaculture license issued under section 6810-B expires on April 30th of each year; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2, ¶Y** is enacted to read:

Y. A green crab only wholesale dealer license issued under section 6866 expires on March 31st of each year.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6866** is enacted to read:

**§6866. Green crab only wholesale dealer license**

**1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, "green crab" means the species *Carcinus maenas*.

**2. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current:

- A. Green crab only wholesale dealer license established by this section; or
- B. Wholesale seafood license pursuant to section 6851.

**3. License activities.** The holder of a green crab only wholesale dealer license may, in wholesale trade, buy, sell, process, ship or transport green crabs purchased directly from harvesters in this State. A holder of a green crab only wholesale dealer license when buying directly from a harvester may buy only from a harvester who possesses a license or permit to harvest green crabs required under this Part. The harvester shall make the applicable marine resources license or permit available for inspection upon the green crab only wholesale dealer license holder's request.

**4. License fee.** The fee for a green crab only wholesale dealer license is \$50. The license fee must be deposited in the Green Crab Management Fund established in section 6809.

**5. License limited.** A license under this section authorizes activities at only one establishment or with only one vehicle.

**6. Violation.** A person who engages in activities authorized under subsection 3 without a license specified in subsection 2 is subject to a penalty established by the department. The department may revoke or suspend a green crab only wholesale dealer license for violation of this section.

**7. Sunset.** This section is repealed January 1, 2031.

**8. Review.** Prior to the repeal of this section pursuant to subsection 6, the department shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of the green crab only wholesale dealer license and submit a report to the 134th Legislature in 2030. The report must include the department's recommendations concerning possible continuation or modification of the green crab only wholesale dealer license.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 170  
H.P. 1010 - L.D. 1525**

**An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1849, sub-§1, ¶B** is enacted to read:

B. Upon written request from a firewood bank, the bureau may donate timber for use as firewood to the firewood bank if the following conditions are met:

(1) The director determines that sufficient funds are available in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in subsection 2;

(2) Any harvest and trucking fees are paid for or reimbursed by the firewood bank; and

(3) All contractual requirements of the harvest operation from which timber is donated are met.

For purposes of this paragraph, "firewood bank" means an organization that purchases or accepts donations of firewood and makes available firewood free of charge to individuals and families in need of heating assistance.

**Sec. 2. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to promote firewood banks.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry shall promote the development and public awareness of firewood banks in this State. For purposes of this section, "firewood bank" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1849, subsection 1, paragraph B. The bureau shall develop and dispense informational resources to promote the successful operation of firewood banks in this State. In fulfilling its obligations under this section, the bureau may collaborate with the University of Maine System. The bureau shall:

1. Provide information to the public for the purpose of increasing awareness of the resources available

at firewood banks and the charitable efforts needed to maintain firewood banks in this State; and

2. Develop and maintain on the bureau's publicly accessible website a list of all firewood banks operating in the State.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 171  
H.P. 1056 - L.D. 1598**

**An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Crime Victims**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 79, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Eligible expenses and losses.** "Eligible expenses and losses" means expenses and losses resulting from a personal injury sustained by an individual as a direct result of a crime specified in subsection 3 and may include medical and medically related expenses, psychological or mental health counseling expenses, lost wages, funeral, burial and other homicide-related expenses and travel expenses and loss of income of a claimant or family member for providing or obtaining care for the personal injury of a minor or incapacitated victim. "Eligible expenses and losses" may include costs of eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures or other prosthetic devices taken, lost, destroyed or damaged as a result of the crime, costs to repair, replace or install locks or security devices, costs of crime scene cleanup and ~~security deposits~~ relocation expenses. Expenses and losses claimed under this subsection must be expenses or losses actually and reasonably incurred.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 172  
S.P. 641 - L.D. 1604**

**An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §413, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

**13. Landfill leachate; reporting.** Notwithstanding section 414-A or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person licensed by the department to discharge wastewater to groundwater or any waters of the

State shall maintain a record of and annually report to the department in a manner determined by the department regarding the origin, volume and final disposition of leachate collected from a solid waste landfill delivered to or otherwise accepted by the licensee for treatment or other management.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§19-F** is enacted to read:

**19-F. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.** "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in section 1614, subsection 1, paragraph F.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§10-A** is enacted to read:

**10-A. Testing of landfill leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.** In accordance with a schedule approved by the department, a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate shall integrate into the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan the sampling and analysis of leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. A solid waste landfill shall provide the results from leachate testing conducted pursuant to this subsection to the department in accordance with the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan and as part of the landfill's annual report. On an annual basis, the department shall make results from leachate testing conducted by solid waste landfills pursuant to this subsection available on its publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§10-B** is enacted to read:

**10-B. Testing of private water supplies for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.** Upon written request to the department from the owner of a property abutting a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate, the department shall require the landfill to conduct a one-time sampling and analysis for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of a private water supply well used by the owner for drinking water purposes. If the analysis indicates possible perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination of the private water supply well from the solid waste landfill, the department shall require the solid waste landfill to conduct additional sampling and analysis of the private water supply well for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in a manner directed by the department. For purposes of this subsection, a property is considered to be abutting a solid waste landfill if the property is contiguous to property on which the landfill is located, including directly across a public or private right-of-way from the landfill, and is located within one mile of property on which the landfill is located.

A. Sampling and analysis for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances pursuant to this subsection

tion must be conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the solid waste landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan.

B. The laboratory performing the sampling and analysis pursuant to this subsection shall provide written copies of the results to the solid waste landfill, the property owner and the department.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 173**

**H.P. 1070 - L.D. 1616**

**An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §48 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

**3. Disposition for violation of section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph E or F.** When a juvenile has been adjudicated as having committed the juvenile crime under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph E or F, the court may impose any of the dispositional alternatives contained in subsection 1. Any incarceration that is imposed may be part of a disposition pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph F or H. Any incarceration in a detention facility must be in a facility designated in subsection 1, paragraph H.

A. For an adjudication under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F, the juvenile's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license must be suspended by the court for a period of 180 days. The period of suspension may not be suspended by the court. The court shall give notice of the suspension and take physical custody of an operator's license or permit as provided in Title 29-A, section 2434. The court shall immediately transmit a certified abstract of the suspension to the Secretary of State. A further suspension may be imposed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2451, subsection 3.

**Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3-A**, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 2, §36 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The court shall give notice of suspension and take physical custody of an operator's license or permit as pro-

vided in Title 29-A, section 2434. The court shall immediately forward the operator's license and a certified abstract of suspension to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3-B**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 328, §13, is amended to read:

**3-B. Operator's license suspension for drug trafficking.** If a juvenile uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the trafficking of a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the juvenile's operator's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed one year. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a juvenile's operator's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the juvenile's operator's license.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the juvenile's operator's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the juvenile demonstrates that after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the juvenile has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1103, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 674, §2, is amended to read:

**6.** If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the trafficking of a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §1104, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 674, §4, is amended to read:

**3.** If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the trafficking or furnishing of a counterfeit drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to

apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §1105-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

**2.** If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the aggravated trafficking in a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §1105-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

**3.** If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the aggravated trafficking in or furnishing of a counterfeit drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §1105-C, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

2. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the aggravated furnishing of a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 9. 17-A MRSA §1105-D, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 383, §119 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

2. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the aggravated cultivating of marijuana, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 10. 17-A MRSA §1106, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 674, §6, is amended to read:

5. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the unlawful furnishing of a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or

right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 11. 17-A MRSA §1118-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 485, §3, is amended to read:

2. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the aggravated illegal importation of a scheduled drug, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 12. 17-A MRSA §1124, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 346, §7, is amended to read:

3. If a person uses a motor vehicle to facilitate the unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory, the court may, in addition to other authorized penalties, suspend the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A suspension may not begin until after any period of incarceration is served. If the court suspends a person's driver's license or permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license, the court shall notify the Secretary of State of the suspension ~~and the court shall take physical custody of the person's license or permit.~~ The Secretary of State may not reinstate the person's driver's license or permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license unless the person demonstrates that, after having been released and discharged from any period of incarceration that may have been ordered, the person has served the period of suspension ordered by the court.

**Sec. 13. 28-A MRSA §2053, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §80 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The court shall immediately forward ~~the license~~ to the Secretary of State ~~together with~~ the record of adjudication on the form furnished for reporting convictions and adjudications for violations of Title 29-A.

**Sec. 14. 28-A MRSA §2053, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 160, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The court shall immediately forward the operator's license to the Secretary of State together with the record of adjudication on the form furnished for reporting convictions and adjudications for violations of Title 29-A.

**Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §2102, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 493, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §2102, sub-§1-C**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 493, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §2102, sub-§1-D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 493, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §2102, sub-§1-E**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 493, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §2102, last ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 493, §2, is further amended to read:

Violation of subsection 1, 1-A, ~~1-B, 1-D~~ or 3 is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

**Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §2411, sub-§5-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 99, §1, is further amended to read:

**5-A. Notice and custody.** The court shall give notice of a license suspension and shall take physical custody of the driver's license, except when the defendant demonstrates that the defendant's license was previously restored by the Secretary of State following an administrative suspension under section 2453 or 2453-A for operating under the influence based on the same facts and circumstances giving rise to the court ordered suspension.

**Sec. 21. 29-A MRSA §2412-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. AAA, §12, is amended to read:

A. The court shall give notice of the suspension and shall take physical custody of an operator's license or permit as provided in section 2434.

**Sec. 22. 29-A MRSA §2413, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**5. Notice.** The court shall give notice of the suspension and take physical custody of a driver's license as provided in section 2434.

**Sec. 23. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 158, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Physical custody of license.** Unless the defendant appeals and a stay of execution of the suspension is granted, the court shall take physical custody of a li-

ense issued by this State or another state, foreign country or province if that person is residing or employed in this State. The court may take physical custody of a license issued by another state, foreign country or province if the person is not residing or employed in this State. If the court is unable to take physical custody of the license at the time of sentencing, either because the suspension has been stayed pursuant to subsection 4 or for any other reason, the license is void at such time as is specified in the court order.

**Sec. 24. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**5. Forward documents to Secretary of State.**

The court shall forward the license, a copy of the sentence and the acknowledgement of notice to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**8. Commencement of suspension.** Notwithstanding section 2482, subsection 4, the period of suspension commences immediately on announcement of sentence. ~~Two additional days of suspension must be added for each day after the license surrender day that a person fails to surrender the license to the court.~~

**Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §88 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

**10. Failure to sign acknowledgment of notice or surrender license.** A person commits a Class E crime if that person:

- A. Refuses to sign the acknowledgment of notice; ~~or~~
- B. ~~Without good cause, fails to surrender a license within the period of suspension.~~

Violation of this subsection is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

**Sec. 28. 29-A MRSA §2485, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 29. 29-A MRSA §2606**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 606, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

**§2606. Enforcement of suspension**

**1. Confiscation of license, certificate or plates.**

If a law enforcement officer, in the course of stopping or detaining a motor vehicle, obtains a suspended license or certificate of registration, or a license issued by another state, foreign country or province when that

~~person's license or certificate of registration is under suspension, the officer shall confiscate that license, the certificate or plates and transmit the confiscated items together with a report of the circumstances to the Secretary of State.~~

**2. Investigation.** On request of the Secretary of State, notification of the suspension must be served, and the certificate, license or plates must be confiscated. If the license, certificate or plates can not be confiscated, an investigation must be undertaken by the sheriff of the county in which that person resides, by a state or local law enforcement officer or by an employee of the Secretary of State.

~~**3. Confiscation of suspended licenses.** The Secretary of State shall take reasonable actions to confiscate suspended licenses.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 174**

**H.P. 1096 - L.D. 1655**

**An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property**

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

**Sec. 1.** 7 MRSA §219-D is enacted to read:

**§219-D. Keeping chickens on residential property**

A county or municipality may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that prohibits a person from keeping chickens on that person's residential property. For purposes of this section, "chicken" means a female domesticated bird that is raised for meat or eggs and does not include a fully mature domesticated male chicken. This section may not be construed to limit the home rule authority of a municipality.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 175**

**H.P. 1222 - L.D. 1827**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Requests**

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

**Sec. 1.** 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Refusals; denials.** If a body or an agency or official having custody or control of any public record refuses permission to inspect or copy or abstract a public record, the body or agency or official shall provide, within 5 working days of the receipt of the request for inspection or copying, written notice of the denial, stating the reason for the denial or the expectation that the request will be denied in full or in part following a review. A request or series of requests for inspection or copying may be denied, in whole or in part, on the basis that the request or series of requests is unduly burdensome or oppressive if the procedures established in subsection 4-A are followed. Failure to comply with this subsection is considered failure to allow inspection or copying and is subject to appeal as provided in section 409.

**Sec. 2.** 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§4-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 288, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

**4-A. Action for protection.** A body, an agency or an official may seek protection from a request or series of requests for inspection or copying that is unduly burdensome or oppressive by filing an action for an order of protection in the Superior Court for the county where the request or series of requests for records was made within ~~30~~ 60 days of receipt of the request or the date on which the body, agency or official notifies the requester that the series of requests is unduly burdensome or oppressive.

A. The following information must be included in the complaint if available or provided to the parties and filed with the court no more than 14 days from the filing of the complaint or such other period as the court may order:

- (1) The terms of the request or series of requests and any modifications agreed to by the requesting party;
- (2) A statement of the facts that demonstrate the burdensome or oppressive nature of the request or series of requests, with a good faith estimate of the time required to search for, retrieve, redact if necessary and compile the records responsive to the request or series of requests and the resulting costs calculated in accordance with subsection 8;
- (3) A description of the efforts made by the body, agency or official to inform the requesting party of the good faith estimate of costs and to discuss possible modifications of the request or series of requests that would reduce the burden of production; and
- (4) Proof that the body, agency or official has submitted a notice of intent to file an action under this subsection to the party requesting

the records, dated at least 10 days prior to filing the complaint for an order of protection under this subsection.

B. Any appeal that may be filed by the requesting party under section 409 may be consolidated with an action under this subsection.

C. An action for protection may be advanced on the docket and receive priority over other cases when the court determines that the interests of justice so require upon the request of any party.

D. If the court finds that the body, agency or official has demonstrated good cause to limit or deny the request or series of requests, the court shall enter an order making such findings and establishing the terms upon which production, if any, must be made. If the court finds that the body, agency or official has not demonstrated good cause to limit or deny the request or series of requests, the court shall establish a date by which the records must be provided to the requesting party.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 176  
S.P. 38 - L.D. 121**

**An Act to Amend the Maine  
Litter Control Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2263, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 510, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Litter.** "Litter" means all waste materials including, but not limited to, bottles; glass; crockery; cans; scrap metal; junk; paper; garbage; rubbish; brush and yard debris; offal, except waste parts or remains resulting from the normal field dressing of lawfully harvested wild game or the lawful use of waste parts or remains of wild game as bait; feathers, except feathers from live birds while being transported; abandoned ice-fishing shacks; old automobiles or parts of automobiles or similar refuse; or disposable packages or containers thrown or deposited as prohibited in this chapter, but not including the wastes of the primary processes of mining, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing. "Litter" includes waste materials resulting from or associated with the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarette butts; all waste materials resulting from the outdoor release or abandonment of a balloon; and all waste materials resulting from the use of consumer fireworks.

For the purposes of this subsection, "tobacco product" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1551, subsection 3 and "consumer fireworks" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 221-A, subsection 1-A.

For the purposes of this subsection, "brush and yard debris" does not include slash, as defined in Title 12, section 9331, generated by or on behalf of a public utility, as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 13.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2263-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 374, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Prohibited acts.** A person may not intentionally throw, drop, deposit, discard, dump or otherwise dispose of litter in any manner or amount:

A. In or on public highway, road, street, alley, public right-of-way or other public lands, except in a container or receptacle or on property that is designated for disposal of garbage and refuse by the State or its agencies or political subdivisions;

B. In freshwater lake, river, stream, tidal or coastal water or on ice over the water. When any litter is thrown or discarded from a watercraft, a person is in violation of this section if that person is:

- (1) The operator of the watercraft, unless it is a watercraft being used for the carriage of passengers for hire; or
- (2) The person actually disposing of the litter.

This paragraph does not prohibit persons who fish, lobster or otherwise harvest from the water from returning to the water harvested products, bait and similar materials that naturally originate in the water;

C. In or on any private property, unless:

- (1) Prior consent of the owner has been given; and
- (2) The litter is not a public nuisance or in violation of any state law or local rule;

D. From a trailer or vehicle that is constructed, loaded or uncovered in such a way that the load may drop, sift, leak or otherwise escape. This paragraph applies to vehicles or trailers carrying trash, rubbish or other materials that may be construed as "litter"; or

E. From a vehicle. When any litter is thrown or discarded from a vehicle, a person is in violation of this section if that person is:

- (1) The operator of the vehicle, unless it is a vehicle being used for the carriage of passengers for hire; or
- (2) The person actually disposing of the litter.

It is a violation of this chapter for a person to intentionally release outdoors a balloon that is inflated or filled with a gas that is lighter than air, except that it is not a violation of this chapter for a person to intentionally release outdoors a balloon carrying scientific instrumentation, a balloon used for meteorological observation by

a governmental or scientific organization or a hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.

In addition to any penalty under section 2264-A, violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction under Title 29-A, chapter 23, subchapter ~~VI~~ 6.

A record of a violation of this subsection must be forwarded to the Secretary of State who, in accordance with Title 29-A, section 2607, shall add the violation to the department's point system. The violation is counted in determining an individual's total points under the point system of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 177  
S.P. 71 - L.D. 135**

**An Act to Provide  
Compensation to Members of  
the Permanent Commission on  
the Status of Women to  
Enhance Equitable  
Commission Participation from  
Across the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7030-E**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §1, is amended to read:

**§7030-E. Meetings; compensation**

The commission shall meet at the call of the chair not less than 4 times each year. Mileage and toll reimbursement for commission members are authorized for up to 2 meetings per year.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§88-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §2, is amended to read:

**88-A.**

Women	Permanent	<del>Not Authorized</del>	5 MRSA
	Commission on the	<u>Mileage and toll</u>	§7029
	Status of Women	<u>reimbursement for</u>	
		<u>up to 2 meetings per</u>	
		<u>year</u>	

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides allocations to provide mileage and toll reimbursement for up to 2 meetings per year for members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,290	\$3,290
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,290	\$3,290

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**CHAPTER 178  
H.P. 170 - L.D. 267**

**An Act Regarding the Remote  
Appearance of Counsel in  
Pretrial Nontestimonial  
Criminal Matters**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §458** is enacted to read:

**§458. Appearance of counsel by remote methods**

Unless the court orders otherwise in the interests of justice, the court shall schedule pretrial nontestimonial criminal matters in a manner that permits the appearance of counsel by remote methods to the greatest extent possible. As used in this section, "remote methods" has the same meaning as in Title 1, section 403-B, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 179  
S.P. 247 - L.D. 567**

**An Act to Designate the 2nd  
Week of May and the 2nd  
Week of September as Dark  
Sky Week**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-W** is enacted to read:

**§150-W. Dark Sky Week**

The 2nd full week in May and the 2nd full week in September of each year is designated as Dark Sky Week to celebrate the dark skies of the State and to bring attention to the effects of artificial light on spring bird migration and the importance of curbing artificial light pollution. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging citizens and schools to observe each week with appropriate activities and study.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 180  
H.P. 419 - L.D. 651**

**An Act to Codify the Maine  
Health Care Provider Loan  
Repayment Pilot Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§18-G**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 346, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 441**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 441-A** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 441-A**

**MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN RE-  
PAYMENT PROGRAM**

**§12961. Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repay-  
ment Program**

**1. Program established.** The Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Finance Authority of Maine for certain health care professionals who commit to living and working in the State for at least 3 years. The authority may, as funds permit, make loan repayments on behalf of eligible program participants to address critical workforce shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the behavioral health and oral care sectors. Under the program, the authority shall pay up to \$25,000 per year and, in aggregate, the lesser of \$75,000 and 50% of the recipient's outstanding student loan balance.

**2. Fund established.** The Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund is established within the Finance Authority of Maine as a nonlapsing fund. The fund may accept appropriations, donations and other funds from various sources, including state, federal and private sources. Costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the program may be paid out of the fund.

**3. Rules.** The Finance Authority of Maine may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the program, including application requirements and program eligibility.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 181  
S.P. 176 - L.D. 390**

**An Act to Establish a Primary  
Election Period for Unenrolled  
Candidates in Order to Receive  
Campaign Contributions in  
Amounts Equal to Amounts  
Allowed for Enrolled  
Candidates in the Same Period**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Contributions to candidate seeking nomination by petition; primary election period.** For the purposes of contribution limits under subsections 1 and 2-B applicable to a candidate seeking nomination by petition, "any election," when referring to a primary election, includes the period beginning on the day after the most recent general election for the office that candidate is seeking and ending on the day of the primary election for that office.

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**CHAPTER 182  
H.P. 349 - L.D. 530**

**An Act to Eliminate a  
Rebuttable Presumption  
Against the Admission of  
Certain Applicants to the Bar**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 643, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Produces satisfactory evidence of good moral character;

~~(1) The fact that an applicant has been convicted as an adult of a crime that is punishable by imprisonment of one year or more in this State or in another state or jurisdiction of the United States raises a presumption that the applicant has not met this requirement. This presumption may be rebutted by proof that a lawful pardon has been obtained, that extraordinary circumstances surrounded the commission of the crime or that a reasonable amount of time has passed since the applicant's conviction and completion of sentence and there is evidence of complete rehabilitation based on the applicant's subsequent history.~~

~~(2) Nothing in subparagraph (1) precludes the board or the Supreme Judicial Court from considering a conviction as a basis for disqualification under this paragraph;~~

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**CHAPTER 183  
S.P. 202 - L.D. 550**

**An Act to Support Outdoor,  
Agricultural-based and Hands-  
on Experiential Learning in  
Public Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 M.R.S.A. c. 10-E is enacted to read:**

**CHAPTER 10-E**

**MAINE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION PRO-  
GRAM**

**§320-T. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Farm and sea to school learning program.** "Farm and sea to school learning program" means a program that incorporates agricultural-based education, hands-on learning through school gardens and increased access to local foods through local procurement by school meal programs; improves access to local seafood sourcing by school meal programs; and provides seafood education in schools.

**2. Fund.** "Fund" means the Maine Experiential Education Program Fund established in section 320-V.

**3. Program.** "Program" means the Maine Experiential Education Program established in section 320-U.

**4. Public school.** "Public school" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 24.

**5. School administrative unit.** "School administrative unit" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26.

**6. Student.** "Student" means an individual enrolled in prekindergarten to grade 12 in a public school or school administrative unit.

**§320-U. Maine Experiential Education Program**

The Maine Experiential Education Program is established to support the outdoor, experiential and farm and sea to school learning program needs of public schools and school administrative units.

**1. Program administration.** The department shall administer the program. In administering the program, the department may collaborate with the Department of Education and other state agencies and non-profit organizations that support farm and sea to school learning programs, local food procurement and other experiential learning initiatives in public schools and school administrative units.

**2. Purposes.** The program shall:

**A.** Develop and manage a grant program to help public schools and school administrative units create staff positions that support:

(1) The learning and academic development of students by ensuring that public schools and school administrative units interested in the program have the capacity necessary to provide experiential hands-on learning;

(2) The health and physical development of students by ensuring that public schools and school administrative units interested in the program have the capacity necessary to help students build connections between the food that students and their communities produce and the food that they prepare and eat; and

(3) The emotional and behavioral development of students by ensuring that public schools and school administrative units interested in the program have the capacity necessary to build, expand and maintain school gardens and other experiential learning spaces; and

**B.** Provide ongoing support to public school educators engaged in experiential hands-on education initiatives for continuing education and professional development opportunities.

**§320-V. Maine Experiential Education Program Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Maine Experiential Education Program Fund is established within the department. The fund is nonlapsing and may be invested in the same manner as permitted for investment of other state funds. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**2. Use of fund.** The department shall use money in the fund to:

**A.** Provide multiyear grants to public schools and school administrative units to help establish experiential education positions and outdoor educator positions within the public schools and school administrative units through a cost-sharing agreement in accordance with the following provisions.

(1) In the first grant year, the fund covers the full cost of salary and benefits, or stipend, of a position; in the 2nd grant year, the fund covers 2/3 of the cost of salary and benefits, or stipend, for the same position and the public school or school administrative unit covers 1/3 of the cost; in the 3rd grant year, the fund covers 1/3 of the cost of salary and benefits, or stipend, for the same position and the public school or school administrative unit covers 2/3 of the cost; and, in subsequent grant years, the public school or school administrative unit covers the full cost of salary and benefits, or stipend, for the same or similar position.

(2) Grants must be made to public schools and school administrative units in a manner that ensures the public schools and school administrative units create experiential education positions and outdoor educator positions that meet the outdoor, experiential or farm and sea to school education learning program needs of the public schools and school administrative units.

(3) Grants must be developed and dispersed so that public schools and school administrative units gradually assume full financial responsibility for the positions as described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) over a period not to exceed 3 years from the awarding of the grant for any individual public school or school administrative unit.

In dispersing grant money from the fund, the department shall prioritize opportunities to expand the range of positions funded by the fund, including such positions as stipend garden coaches, educational technicians and teachers; and

B. Provide for a staff position within the department to administer the program and the fund.

**3. Fund sources.** The following must be paid into the fund:

A. All money appropriated or allocated by the Legislature for inclusion in the fund;

B. All interest earned from investments of the fund; and

C. All money designated for deposit into the fund from any source, public or private.

**§320-W. Evaluation and reporting**

The department shall monitor and evaluate the program and submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having ju-

risdiction over education matters describing the successes and challenges of instituting experiential education in public schools and school administrative units.

**§320-X. Rules**

The department shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Maine Farm and Sea to School Institute support.** As part of the Maine Experiential Education Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 10-E, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may provide support to the Maine Farm and Sea to School Institute in collaboration with the Maine Farm and Sea to School Network, other appropriate state agencies and nonprofit organizations that support farm and sea to school learning programs as defined in Title 7, section 320-T, subsection 1 and local food procurement initiatives in the State's public schools and school administrative units. Support under this section includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that public schools and school administrative units, including those participating in the Maine Experiential Education Program, have access to professional learning opportunities and coaching designed to ensure the creation of achievable goals for the purposes of:

1. Enhancing the learning and academic development of students by ensuring that public schools and school administrative units have the capacity necessary to provide the deeper learning and knowledge gained through experiential hands-on learning; and

2. Enhancing access to high-quality products grown and harvested in the State through increased local procurement and connections between schools, students and local farms and fisheries.

**Sec. 3. First annual report.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit its first annual report pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 320-W within one year from the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 4. Contingent effective date.** This Act does not take effect unless:

1. The United States Congress, United States Department of Agriculture or other public or private entity creates an opportunity for the State to access funding for the purpose of implementing and managing the Maine Experiential Education Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 10-E; and

2. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry notifies the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Represent-

atives and the Revisor of Statutes that the funding opportunity under subsection 1 exists and that funding has been secured.

In no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 184  
H.P. 763 - L.D. 1158**

**An Act to Expand Appliance  
Energy and Water Standards**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1616, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. Except as provided in subsection 2, beginning January 1, 2027, a person may not sell or offer for sale in the State any of the following appliances and products manufactured on or after January 1, 2027 that are prohibited from sale in rules adopted by the department in accordance with subsection 3:

- (1) Commercial battery chargers;
- (2) Commercial dishwashers;
- (3) Commercial food steamers;
- (4) Commercial fryers;
- (5) Commercial ovens;
- (6) Computer server power supplies; and
- (7) Residential ventilating fans.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1616, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 433, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §135, is amended to read:

B. In determining a person's compliance with ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs A and A-1, the department shall, to the greatest extent practicable and where consistent with the requirements of this subsection, use information available from other states that regulate the same appliances and products.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1616, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 433, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §135, is amended to read:

C. A person who violates paragraph A or A-1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1616, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 433, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2,

Pt. A, §135, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Exclusions; federal preemption.** This section does not apply to any appliances and products:

- A. Listed in subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) to (8) that are manufactured before January 1, 2023;
- B. Listed in subsection 1, paragraph A-1, subparagraphs (1) to (7) that are manufactured before January 1, 2027; or
- C. Listed in subsection 1, paragraph A or A-1 that are sold or offered for sale in the State in used condition.

An appliance or product listed in subsection 1, paragraph A or A-1 is exempt from the prohibitions in this section and the rules adopted pursuant to this section if state regulation of the appliance or product is preempted by federal statute or regulation, for as long as that federal preemption remains in effect.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §1616, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 433, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §135, is amended to read:

**3. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to prohibit the sale or offering for sale in the State of appliances or products described in subsection 1, ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs A and A-1. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 185  
H.P. 1034 - L.D. 1576**

**An Act to Extend a One-year  
Lobbying Prohibition to  
Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff  
of the Legislature**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§318-B. Former executive branch or legislative branch employee lobbying prohibited**

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. "Former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch" means:

- (1) An employee who was employed in the executive branch of this State;

(a) In the unclassified service, as defined in Title 5, section 7032, subsection 6-A;

(b) In the classified service;

(c) In a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6; or

(d) In a major policy-influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71; and

(2) An employee who was employed in the Legislature, including a partisan legislative employee, nonpartisan legislative employee, committee clerk or employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House.

**Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Lobbying prohibited.** Beginning January 1, 2026, a former officer or former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch may not engage in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the employee's executive branch or legislative branch employment.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

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**CHAPTER 186**

**H.P. 1203 - L.D. 1797**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§4,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Refusals; denials.** If a body or an agency or official having custody or control of any public record refuses permission to inspect or copy or abstract a public record, the body or agency or official shall provide, within 5 working days of the receipt of the request for inspection or copying, written notice of the denial, stating the reason for the denial or the expectation that the request will be denied in full or in part following a review. A written notice of a denial must contain a citation to the statutory authority used as the basis for the denial. A request for inspection or copying may be denied, in whole or in part, on the basis that the request is

unduly burdensome or oppressive if the procedures established in subsection 4-A are followed. Failure to comply with this subsection is considered failure to allow inspection or copying and is subject to appeal as provided in section 409.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 187**

**H.P. 1214 - L.D. 1813**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning State Boards and Commissions**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §412,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 313, §§5 to 7, is further amended to read:

**§412. Public records and proceedings training for certain officials, board members and public access officers**

**1. Training required.** A public access officer, a board member and an official subject to this section shall complete a course of training on the requirements of this chapter relating to public records and proceedings. The official, board member or public access officer shall complete the training not later than the 120th day after the date the official or board member assumes the person's duties as an official or board member or the person is designated as a public access officer pursuant to section 413, subsection 1.

**2. Training course; minimum requirements.** The training course under subsection 1 must be designed to be completed by an official, a board member or a public access officer in less than 2 hours. At a minimum, the training must include instruction in:

- A. The general legal requirements of this chapter regarding public records and public proceedings;
- B. Procedures and requirements regarding complying with a request for a public record under this chapter; and
- C. Penalties and other consequences for failure to comply with this chapter.

An official, a board member or a public access officer meets the training requirements of this section by conducting a thorough review of all the information made available by the State on a publicly accessible website pursuant to section 411, subsection 6, paragraph C regarding specific guidance on how a member of the public can use the law to be a better informed and active participant in open government. To meet the requirements of this subsection, any other training course must

include all of this information and may include additional information.

**3. Certification of completion.** Upon completion of the training course required under subsection 1, the official, board member or public access officer shall make a written or an electronic record attesting to the fact that the training has been completed. The record must identify the training completed and the date of completion. The official or board member shall keep the record or file it with the public entity to which the official or board member was elected or appointed. A public access officer shall file the record with the agency or official that designated the public access officer.

**4. Application.** This section applies to a public access officer and the following officials:

- A. The Governor;
- B. The Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and State Auditor;
- C. Members of the Legislature elected after November 1, 2008;
- E. Commissioners, treasurers, district attorneys, sheriffs, registers of deeds, registers of probate and budget committee members of county governments;
- F. Municipal officers; municipal clerks, treasurers, managers or administrators, assessors and code enforcement officers and deputies for those positions; and planning board members and budget committee members of municipal governments;
- G. Superintendents, assistant superintendents and school board members of school administrative units; ~~and~~
- H. Officials of a regional or other political subdivision who, as part of the duties of their offices, exercise executive or legislative powers. For the purposes of this paragraph, "regional or other political subdivision" means an administrative entity or instrumentality created pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 115 or ~~chapter~~ 119 or a quasi-municipal corporation or special purpose district, including, but not limited to, a water district, sanitary district, hospital district, school district of any type, transit district as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 1 or regional transportation corporation as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 2-; and
- I. Members of a board or commission established under Title 5, chapter 379, referred to in this section as "board members."

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §413, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 317, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Designation; responsibility.** Each agency, county, municipality, board or commission established

under Title 5, chapter 379, school administrative unit and regional or other political subdivision shall designate an existing employee as its public access officer to serve as the contact person for that agency, county, municipality, board or commission, school administrative unit or regional or other political subdivision with regard to requests for public records under this subchapter. The public access officer is responsible for ensuring that each public record request is acknowledged within 5 working days of the receipt of the request by the office responsible for maintaining the public record requested and that a good faith estimate of when the response to the request will be complete is provided according to section 408-A. The public access officer shall serve as a resource within the agency, county, municipality, board or commission, school administrative unit and regional or other political subdivision concerning freedom of access questions and compliance. The public access officer may serve as the contact person for more than one board or commission if the boards or commissions are within the same office or agency.

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §413, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 662, §8, is amended to read:

**2. Acknowledgment and response required.** An agency, county, municipality, board or commission established under Title 5, chapter 379, school administrative unit and regional or other political subdivision that receives a request to inspect or copy a public record shall acknowledge and respond to the request regardless of whether the request was delivered to or directed to the public access officer.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 188**  
**H.P. 1221 - L.D. 1826**

**An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information in Records of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §25012** is enacted to read:  
**§25012. Confidentiality**

Personally identifiable information obtained in furtherance of the commission's duties pursuant to section 25007, subsection 1, paragraph A is confidential, except that the executive director may authorize disclosure of personally identifiable information if the executive director has obtained the consent of the individual to whom the personally identifiable information applies.

"Personally identifiable information" includes, but is not limited to, name, address, date of birth, e-mail address, Internet protocol address and any other information that permits the identity of an individual to whom the information applies to be able to be reasonably inferred or known by either direct or indirect means.

Notwithstanding section 95-C, subsection 1, paragraph C, personally identifiable information made confidential under this section must remain confidential until the relevant records have been in existence for 100 years.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 189**

**S.P. 635 - L.D. 1551**

**An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation is a way to support Maine's hospitality sector and businesses that cater to tourists, and the tourism season is crucial for the State's economy and public well-being; and

**Whereas,** the tourism season, which brings millions of visitors and significant revenue to the State, relies on a regulated and enjoyable environment, including accessible and responsible alcohol sales; and

**Whereas,** for these reasons, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** 28-A MRS §1051-A is enacted to read:

**§1051-A. Vendor operation on premises of host licensee**

**1. Definitions.** For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Host licensee" means an establishment licensed under this chapter to sell liquor for consumption on the premises and licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to prepare, serve, sell or offer for sale food that uses the services of a licensed vendor or unlicensed vendor.

B. "Licensed vendor" means a person that holds a license issued by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to prepare, serve, sell or offer for sale food.

C. "Unlicensed vendor" means a person that does not hold a license issued by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to prepare, serve, sell or offer for sale food.

D. "Vendor" means a licensed vendor or unlicensed vendor.

**2. Conditions.** A vendor may operate on the premises of a host licensee under the following conditions.

A. If an unlicensed vendor prepares, serves, sells or offers for sale any food on the premises of a host licensee, the host licensee is responsible for ensuring that the preparation, serving, selling or offering for sale of food complies with applicable food, health and safety rules.

B. If a licensed vendor prepares, serves, sells or offers for sale food, the licensed vendor is responsible for ensuring that its operations comply with food, health and safety rules applicable to the license to prepare, serve, sell or offer for sale food as issued by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

C. A vendor may serve alcoholic beverages on the premises of the host licensee only if those beverages are supplied exclusively by the host licensee and the host licensee or an employee of the host licensee who is authorized to serve liquor is present.

D. A vendor employee may serve alcohol only if the employee is authorized to serve liquor and the vendor employee has provided to the host licensee an affidavit stating that the vendor employee has not been convicted of a first offense of violating section 2078 or section 2081, subsection 1, paragraph A or B within 2 years of the date of the affidavit nor convicted of a second offense of violating section 2078 or section 2081, subsection 1, paragraph A or B within 5 years of the date of the affidavit. The affidavit must be executed prior to the vendor operating on the premises of a host licensee.

The bureau shall develop the affidavit form required by this paragraph and provide a copy of the affidavit to vendors.

E. A vendor employee who serves alcohol on the premises of the host licensee is considered a server of the host licensee for purposes of the Maine Liquor Liability Act.

F. The host licensee must maintain for a period of at least one year a written record of all operations involving vendors, including the name and contact information of the vendor, menus offered by the vendor and the dates and times of operation.

G. The vendor is responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable state and federal sales taxes on food and beverage sales conducted during its operations on the premises of the host licensee.

H. A host licensee is liable for any violation of the liquor laws or any rule adopted by the bureau committed by a vendor on the premises of the host licensee and is subject to any fine imposed for a violation. The license of the host licensee may be revoked or suspended and may be subject to the revocation or suspension of any other licenses that the host licensee holds.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 190**

**H.P. 1026 - L.D. 1568**

**An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation allows a municipality to authorize the use of a siren in a motor vehicle operated by a harbor master or deputy harbor master when responding to an emergency call; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative that this legislation take effect before the start of the boating season; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by amending subparagraph (22) to read:

(22) A University of Maine System vehicle operated by a University of Maine System police officer; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by amending subparagraph (23) to read:

(23) A life support transport vehicle when parked on a Department of Transportation ferry vessel and being used to transport a person who requires constant medical support to survive; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (24) to read:

(24) A municipal vehicle operated by a harbor master appointed by a municipal officer pursuant to Title 38, section 1 or a deputy harbor master appointed pursuant to Title 38, section 2.

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 131, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A municipality may authorize a harbor master or deputy harbor master appointed under Title 38, section 1 or 2, respectively, to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted in the windshield or on the dashboard at the front of a vehicle or 2 flashing red or combination red and white auxiliary lights mounted on the front of the vehicle above the front bumper and below the hood and one red auxiliary light mounted in the rear window area. The light or lights may be displayed but may be used only while the harbor master or deputy harbor master is responding to a watercraft emergency. A light mounted on the dashboard or in the windshield must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision. The authorization for the use of lights or a siren may be revoked at any time by the municipality.

A vehicle described in this subparagraph may be operated only when exercising emergency privileges by a person who has completed an emergency vehicle operation course provided by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. A municipality may authorize an authorized emergency vehicle owned by a municipality and operated by a harbor master or

deputy harbor master as described in subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (24) to be equipped with a siren in addition to authorized lights pursuant to this subparagraph.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 191  
S.P. 12 - L.D. 3**

**An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 268, §1, is amended to read:

**§151. Standard time**

**1. Standard time.** The standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15 United States Code, Sections 260 to 267 except that the standard time year-round for the State is the time commonly known as eastern daylight time or eastern daylight saving time, referred to in this section as "eastern daylight time," if federal law or regulation permits the year-round observation of daylight time.

~~A. Federal law permits the year round observation of eastern daylight time; and~~

~~B. All the states in the eastern time zone and the District of Columbia observe eastern daylight time year round.~~

**2. Secretary of State to monitor and provide public notice.** The Secretary of State shall monitor whether the conditions condition under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have has been met and provide public notice when each has been met. When both conditions the condition under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have has been met, the Secretary of State shall issue a public notice announcing the effective date of year-round eastern daylight time as established in subsection 3.

**3. Effective date.** Year-round eastern daylight time is effective immediately upon the fulfillment of both conditions the condition in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B if the State is observing eastern daylight time on the date both conditions are the condition is met. Year-round eastern daylight time is effective on the next start date of eastern daylight time after both conditions the condition in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have has been met if the State is not observing

eastern daylight time on the date ~~both of the conditions are~~ condition is met.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 192  
H.P. 30 - L.D. 66**

**An Act to Expand Access to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §632**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §21, is amended to read:

**§632. Fund for unpaid wages and certain liquidated damages**

**1. Fund established.** There is established the Maine Wage Assurance Fund to be used by the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for the purpose of assuring that all former employees of employers within the State receive payment for wages and liquidated damages, in an amount equal to the wages, for a maximum of ~~2~~ 4 weeks for the work they have performed. The Legislature intends that payment of earned wages and liquidated damages from the fund be limited to those cases when the employer has terminated the employer's business and there are no assets of the employer from which earned wages may be paid or when the employer has filed under any provision of the Federal Bankruptcy Act. An officer or director in the case of a corporation, partner in the case of a partnership or owner in the case of a sole proprietorship may not be considered an employee for purposes of this section.

**2. Administration.** The fund ~~shall~~ must be administered by the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards. Applications for payment from the fund and disbursements from the fund ~~shall~~ must be in accordance with ~~regulations promulgated~~ rules adopted by the director. The State ~~shall~~ must be subrogated to any claims against an employer for unpaid wages and liquidated damages, in an amount equal to the wages, by an employee who has received payment from the fund. Subrogation to these claims ~~shall~~ must be to the extent of payment from the fund to the employee.

**3. Amount in fund.** The Maine Wage Assurance Fund is a nonlapsing, revolving fund limited to a maximum of \$200,000. All money collected from an employer pursuant to a claim for unpaid wages and liquidated damages, in an amount equal to the wages, by an employee who has received payment from the fund, or by the State as the employee's subrogee, is credited to the fund.

The fund must be established and augmented periodically as necessary.

Money in the fund not needed currently to meet claims against the fund must be deposited with the Treasurer of State to be credited to the fund and may be invested in such manner as is provided for by statute. Interest received on that investment must be credited to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 193  
H.P. 52 - L.D. 88**

**An Act Regarding Penalties for  
Violating the Maine Weights  
and Measures Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2633** is enacted to read:

**§2633. Civil penalties; firewood**

A person who violates this subchapter as it relates to the sale of firewood commits a civil violation for which a fine must be adjudged in an amount not less than \$50 nor more than \$2,000.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2751**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 650, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2751. Offenses and penalties**

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §2751, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 650, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §2751-A** is enacted to read:

**§2751-A. Administrative penalties**

Except for any violation of subchapter 2-A or a violation of subchapter 7-A relating to the sale of firewood, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this section as "the commissioner," may assess administrative penalties, not to exceed \$5,000, for each violation of this chapter for which a specific penalty has not been prescribed.

**1. Amount of penalty.** In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed against a person under this section, the commissioner may consider one or more of the following:

- A. The degree of actual and potential impact on public health, safety and welfare resulting from the violation;
- B. The presence of mitigating or aggravating circumstances;
- C. Whether the person has been warned regarding a violation or found to be in violation of the same provision of law in the past;

D. The economic benefit, if any, gained by the violation;

E. The deterrent effect of the penalty; and

F. The financial condition of the person.

**2. Separate offenses; continuing violations; maximum total value of penalties.** The commissioner may consider each violation a separate offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, the commissioner may consider each day's continuance a separate offense. The total value of penalties assessed against a person under this section may not exceed \$50,000.

**3. Commissioner may recover costs of investigation.** In addition to the administrative penalties authorized by this section, the commissioner may recover the costs of investigation, which must be credited to a special fund and be made available to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to offset these costs.

**4. Enforcement of final administrative penalty.** The commissioner may enforce a final administrative penalty by filing a civil action in any District Court or Superior Court.

**5. Appeal.** Any party aggrieved by a final decision of the commissioner may appeal de novo to the Superior Court within 30 days of the final decision of the commissioner.

**Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §2751-B** is enacted to read:

**§2751-B. Administrative penalties; opportunity to request hearing; notice of alleged violation and rights; requesting or waiving hearing**

Before a final administrative penalty may be assessed against a person under section 2751-A, the person must be given an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice. Notwithstanding any provision of Title 5, section 9052 to the contrary, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this section as "the commissioner," shall use the following procedures in providing to a person notice of the violation or violations alleged and the opportunity to request a hearing.

**1. Notice.** Notice must be served by personal service or by certified mail sent to the last address of record of the person on file with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this section as "the department." If the person is not an applicant for or holder of a license, permit, registration or certification issued by the department, the notice must be served by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must include:

- A. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
- B. A statement of the matter at issue, including reference to the particular statute or administrative

rule allegedly violated and a factual description of the alleged violation;

C. The amount of the proposed administrative penalty and required corrective action, abatement or mitigation;

D. A warning that the decision will become final and the penalty will be imposed if a hearing is not requested within 15 days of service of the notice, which must specify the steps a person must take to avoid waiving the right to a hearing; and

E. Information regarding the manner of payment if the person elects to pay the penalty and waive the right to a hearing.

**2. Time for requesting hearing; written request required.** A person who receives notification pursuant to this section is deemed to have waived the right to a hearing unless, within 15 days of service of the notice, the person requests a hearing in writing.

**3. Waiver of right to hearing; final administrative penalty by default.** If a person waives the right to a hearing, the commissioner shall by default issue a final administrative penalty under section 2751-A against the person for the violations alleged and imposing the penalty and any required corrective action, abatement or mitigation. A copy of the final administrative penalty must be served upon the person by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §2751-C** is enacted to read:  
**§2751-C. Administrative penalties; holding of hearings**

When a person requests a hearing in a timely fashion consistent with section 2751-B, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall provide notice of and hold the hearing pursuant to Title 5, sections 9052 to 9064.

**Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §2751-D** is enacted to read:  
**§2751-D. Collections and enforcement of administrative penalties; interest**

The following provisions apply to the collection and enforcement of administrative penalties assessed under section 2751-A.

**1. Requirement to pay department.** A person who is assessed a penalty pursuant to section 2751-A is required to pay the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this section as "the department," the amount of the penalty.

**2. Appeal; collection stayed.** An appeal of the department's decision to assess a penalty stays the collection of the penalty.

**3. Interest on unpaid penalties.** Interest accrues on a penalty at the rate specified in Title 14, section 1602-B prior to the completion of an appeal. After the

completion of an appeal process or after an appeal period has passed, interest accrues pursuant to Title 14, section 1602-C.

**4. Require unpaid penalty prior to license renewal.** If the person has not fully paid any final administrative penalty of the commissioner by the time of an applicable license renewal, the department may require payment prior to renewing any license issued to the applicant by the department.

**5. Enforcement when person has no license issued by department.** For penalties assessed against a person who does not have a license issued by the department, a final administrative penalty may be enforced pursuant to Title 14, section 3138.

**Sec. 8. 10 MRSA §2751-E** is enacted to read:  
**§2751-E. Rulemaking**

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 194**  
**S.P. 31 - L.D. 119**

**An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments**

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §744, sub-§2-A,** as corrected by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. B, §47, is amended to read:

**2-A. Assistance to local governmental units.** Assistance to local governmental units ~~shall be~~ is governed as follows.

A. Whenever the President of the United States declares that an emergency or a major disaster exists in the State, the Governor may:

- (1) Apply for a public assistance grant from the Federal Government under Public Law 93-288 on behalf of both the State and local governmental units for the purposes of emergency work or repairing or replacing publicly owned facilities within the disaster area or relocating public facilities outside of the disaster area;
- (2) Obligate state financial resources, as a condition for receiving such a federal grant, up

to, but not in excess of, 25% of the total public assistance requested; and

(3) Enter into an agreement with the affected local governmental units to obligate local financial resources up to, but not in excess of, 10% of the total cost of damage to local public facilities, ~~provided that~~ as long as the local share ~~shall~~ does not exceed 10% of total local annual operating budget, exclusive of educational budgets.

B. If the President of the United States declares that an emergency or a major disaster exists in the State, the Governor may:

(1) Apply for a loan from the Federal Government on behalf of a unit of local government if the Governor determines that the unit will suffer a substantial loss of tax and other revenues as a result of an emergency or a major disaster and has demonstrated a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions;

(2) Receive and disburse the proceeds of any approved loan to an applicant local government;

(3) Determine the amount needed by any applicant local government to restore or resume its governmental functions and certify the amount to the Federal Government, except that no application amount may exceed 25% of the annual operating budget of the applicant for the fiscal year in which the emergency or major disaster occurs; and

(4) Recommend to the Federal Government, based upon the Governor's review, the cancellation of all or any part of repayment when, after 3 full fiscal years following the emergency or major disaster, the revenues of the local government are insufficient to meet its operating expenses, including additional municipal expenses related to the emergency or disaster.

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**CHAPTER 195  
S.P. 36 - L.D. 120**

**An Act to Expand the  
Membership of the Homeland  
Security Advisory Council**

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §708, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 529, §1 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Membership.** The council is composed of the following ~~9~~ 11 members:

A. The director or the director's designee;

B. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or the commissioner's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee;

E. The Chief of the State Police within the Department of Public Safety or the chief's designee;

F. A representative of the Governor;

G. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;

H. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the commissioner's designee; ~~and~~

I. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;

J. The Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the officer's designee; and

K. The director of the Maine School Safety Center established within the Department of Education or the director's designee.

The director is the chair of the council. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is the advisor of the council. Commissioner designees must be uniformed law enforcement personnel.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 196  
H.P. 119 - L.D. 186**

**An Act to Clarify the Public  
Utilities Commission's  
Authority to Establish Time-of-  
use Pricing for Standard-offer  
Service**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-B**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

**4-B. Demand response and energy efficiency.** The commission may incorporate cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency into the supply of standard-

offer service. The commission shall encourage entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service provider or its affiliate to participate in supplying cost-effective demand response or energy efficiency pursuant to this subsection.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

**4-C. Authority to establish various contract lengths and terms.** For the purpose of providing over a reasonable time period the lowest price for standard-offer service to residential and small commercial customers, the commission, with respect to residential and small commercial standard-offer service, may, in addition to incorporating cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency pursuant to subsection 4-B and to the extent authorized in section 3210-C, incorporating the energy portion of any contracts entered into pursuant to section 3210-C, establish various standard-offer service contract lengths and terms.

**Sec. 3. Public Utilities Commission; time-of-use rates updates.** The Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters that describes the process for participation in a commission proceeding and includes any other relevant information as determined by the commission:

1. Upon issuance of a report, if a report is issued, in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2024-00231; and

2. Prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212.

If the Public Utilities Commission submits a report in accordance with subsection 2 prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service, the report must include a description of how the Public Utilities Commission will consider the potential effects of time-of-use rates on the types of residential customers described in section 4.

**Sec. 4. Considerations; time-of-use rates proceeding.** In an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, the Public Utilities Commission shall consider the impact of time-of-use rates and seek to avoid negative impacts of time-of-use rates on:

1. Residential customers who rely on life support systems;

2. Residential customers who receive assistance from the State due to a medical condition and are participants in Central Maine Power's Electricity Lifeline

Program or Versant Power's LifeLight Program or successor programs;

3. Residential customers who are senior citizens; and

4. Economically vulnerable residential customers.

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**CHAPTER 197**

**S.P. 108 - L.D. 242**

**An Act to Extend the  
Maximum Time Period for  
Certain School Construction  
Bonds**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1311, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds ~~shall be~~ is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewals ~~shall~~ may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1490, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewal notes may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

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**CHAPTER 198**

**H.P. 201 - L.D. 301**

**An Act to Allow the Public  
Utilities Commission to Use  
Quantitative Metrics and Rate-  
adjustment Mechanisms in a  
Proceeding for a General Rate  
Increase**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. General increase in rates; rate-adjustment mechanisms; quantitative metrics.** The commission

may establish or authorize rate-adjustment mechanisms or quantitative metrics pertaining to a public utility's operations and activities in a proceeding for a general increase in rates.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 199  
H.P. 212 - L.D. 312**

**An Act Regarding the Rates of  
Speed at Which School Buses  
Travel**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. Twenty-five miles per hour in a business or residential district or built-up portion unless otherwise posted; and

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §30, is further amended to read:

D. Forty-five miles per hour on all other public ways unless otherwise posted; ~~and.~~

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 9, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 200  
H.P. 262 - L.D. 408**

**An Act to Allow  
Unaccompanied and  
Emancipated Minors to Access  
Their Vital Records At No Cost**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

**5-B. Disclosure of records regarding certain minors.** Certified or noncertified copies of vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor must be made available to the minor and other individuals in accordance with the requirements of subsection 5 or, with the written permission of the minor, to the director of an emergency shelter program, runaway or homeless youth services organization or continuum of care agency at which the minor is a client, or the director's designee, or to a social worker, school administrator or

teacher providing services to the minor. The state registrar shall make available the vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor to the minor at no cost. For the purposes of this subsection, "unaccompanied minor" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time that the minor makes the request to obtain the minor's vital records or gives written permission for a person authorized under this subsection to receive the records on the minor's behalf. For the purposes of this subsection, "emancipated minor" means an individual ordered emancipated in accordance with Title 15, section 3506-A.

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**CHAPTER 201  
S.P. 237 - L.D. 558**

**An Act to Strengthen  
Consumer Protections by  
Prohibiting the Report of  
Medical Debt on Consumer  
Reports**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Debt buyer.** "Debt buyer" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 5-A.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

**3-B. Debt collector.** "Debt collector" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 6.

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Medical creditor.** "Medical creditor" means an entity that provides health care services and to whom a consumer incurs medical debt or an entity that provided health care services to a consumer and to whom the consumer previously owed medical debt if the medical debt has been purchased by one or more debt buyers.

**Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-B** is enacted to read:

**4-B. Medical debt.** "Medical debt" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 7-A.

**Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1310-H, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 77, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Reporting of medical expenses debt on a consumer report.** Notwithstanding any provision of federal law, a consumer reporting agency shall comply

with the following provisions with respect to the reporting of medical ~~expenses~~ debt on a consumer report.

A. A consumer reporting agency may not report ~~debt from medical expenses~~ medical debt on a consumer's consumer report ~~when the date of the first delinquency on the debt is less than 180 days prior to the date that the debt is reported and a medical creditor, debt collector or debt buyer may not report a consumer's medical debt to a consumer reporting agency.~~

B. ~~Upon the receipt of reasonable evidence from the consumer, creditor or debt collector that a debt from medical expenses has been settled in full or paid in full, a consumer reporting agency:~~

- ~~(1) May not report that debt from medical expenses; and~~
- ~~(2) Shall remove or suppress the report of that debt from medical expenses on the consumer's consumer report.~~

C. ~~As long as the consumer is making regular, scheduled periodic payments toward the debt from medical expenses reported to the consumer reporting agency as agreed upon by the consumer and medical provider, the consumer reporting agency shall report that debt from medical expenses on the consumer's consumer report in the same manner as debt related to a consumer credit transaction is reported.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 202**

**S.P. 346 - L.D. 786**

**An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Converting the Maine Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund to a Nonlapsing Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3372, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 352, §1, is amended to read:

**16. Investment of program funds.** The board shall establish a program trust fund within which the funds paid into the program must be deposited. A participant shall select investments for the amounts credited to the participant's program account from a menu of investment options. Distributions of accrued service awards must be made from the program trust fund in accordance with the program provisions. The program

trust fund must be established and maintained in accordance with applicable sections of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Subject to review and approval by the Treasurer of State, the program trust fund investment options made available to participants must be selected by the board. Any unexpended balance in the program trust fund at the end of a year may not lapse and must be carried forward to be available for expenditure by the board in the subsequent year for program purposes.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 203**

**H.P. 553 - L.D. 867**

**An Act Regarding Pre-need Funeral Insurance**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2176**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 258, §1, is further amended to read:

**§2176. Funeral and burial service contracts ~~prohibited~~**

An insurer may not contract or agree with any funeral ~~director practitioner~~, funeral establishment, mortuary establishment, cemetery, cemetery corporation or association, crematorium, mausoleum or columbarium or any representative of any of these ~~directors practitioners~~ or establishments to the effect that the ~~director practitioner~~ or establishment shall must conduct the funeral, burial, or cremation or other disposal of the remains of any individual insured by the insurer. ~~An insurer may not retain, utilize or employ any director or establishment as a producer or agency of the insurer and a director or establishment may not act as or purport to be an insurance producer or engage in insurance producer activities. Nothing in this section prevents This section does not prevent~~ compliance with Title 39-A, section 216, or the use of an insurance policy, including, subject to the provisions of section 2420, the assignment of rights under life insurance contracts, to provide security for the payment for a funeral, burial or cremation or, subject to chapter 27, the naming of a funeral ~~home establishment~~ or funeral ~~director practitioner~~ as beneficiary under a life insurance policy to provide payment for a funeral, burial or cremation. ~~Nothing in this This section prohibits does not prohibit~~ the use of an insurance policy as an investment by a mortuary trustee pursuant to Title 32, section 1401.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2176-A** is enacted to read:

**§2176-A. Disclosures required for sale of pre-need insurance in connection with prearranged funerals**

**1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "pre-need insurance" means a type of life insurance policy designed to cover the costs of funeral and burial services selected in a statement of goods and services contract and for which the entire death benefit is paid directly to the funeral establishment.

**2. Disclosures.** At the time an application is made, and prior to accepting the applicant's initial premium or deposit for a pre-need insurance policy that is being sold in connection with a prearranged funeral service or plan as described in Title 32, section 1402, a producer shall adequately disclose the following information:

A. The fact that a pre-need insurance policy is involved or being used to fund a prearranged funeral service or plan;

B. The nature of the relationship among the soliciting producer, the provider of the funeral or cemetery merchandise or services, the administrator and any other person;

C. The relationship of the pre-need insurance policy to the funding of the prearranged funeral service or plan and the nature and existence of any guarantees relating to the prearranged funeral service or plan;

D. A list of the goods and services that are selected or contracted for in the prearranged funeral service or plan and all relevant information concerning the price of the funeral and burial services, including an indication that the purchase price is either guaranteed at the time of purchase or to be determined at the time of need;

E. The fact that the face amount of the pre-need insurance policy may not exceed the maximum amount of the goods and services that are contracted for in the prearranged funeral service or plan;

F. All relevant information concerning what occurs and whether any entitlements or obligations arise if there is a difference between the proceeds of the pre-need insurance policy and the amount actually needed to fund the prearranged funeral service or plan;

G. Any penalties or restrictions, including, but not limited to, geographic restrictions or the inability of the provider to perform, on the delivery of merchandise or services or the prearranged funeral service or plan guarantee; and

H. Whether a sales commission or other form of compensation is being paid for the sale of the pre-need insurance policy and the identity of the individual or entity to whom it is paid.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1401, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. J, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Plan requirements.** Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections 1-A and 1-B, any a prearranged funeral or burial plan contracted or undertaken within this State must comply with the following.

A. All money paid during a person's lifetime to any individual, firm, association, partnership or corporation, by that person or by someone on behalf of that person, under an agreement that services will be performed or personal property will be delivered in connection with the disposition of that person's body after death must be deposited by the payee within 10 days after receipt of the money in a separate account in a financial institution or credit union authorized to do business in this State, as defined in Title 9-B, section 131, subsections 12-A and 17-A, in the name of the payee as mortuary trustee for the person for whose benefit the payment was made and must be held in that account together with interest if any. If money is paid by check, share draft or money order, the payee shall instruct the payor to make the instrument payable to the financial institution or credit union into which it is to be deposited and to include on the instrument the name of the mortuary trustee and the person for whose benefit the payment was made.

B. The payee shall deposit the money in either a federally insured deposit or share account or a trust account; the type of account must be disclosed to the payor or the payor's representative and a deposit in a trust account may be invested in or used to purchase only the following:

- (1) Federally insured deposit or share accounts;
- (2) Securities issued, insured or guaranteed by the United States or by any agency or corporate or other instrumentality of the United States;
- (3) Municipal securities that are exempt from registration under Title 32, section 16201, subsection 1; and
- (4) Permanent life insurance, other than variable life insurance and annuities, from an insurer authorized to transact insurance in this State, subject to the provisions of Title 24-A, chapter 27. ~~A payee or mortuary trustee may not receive any commission, fee or other consideration from an insurer in connection with the procurement or purchase of insurance permitted by this subparagraph.~~

Except for fees allowed by this section, all investments made with trust assets remain trust assets.

C. Within 30 days after the deposit of funds by the payee, the financial institution or credit union shall provide a written confirmation of the deposit, including the amount deposited, to the payor or the

payor's legal representative. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section may not be construed to prevent the direct transfer of these funds to another financial institution or credit union by payee transfer, by financial institution or credit union merger or consolidation or by operation of law, ~~provided that as long as~~ within 30 days after the direct transfer of the funds, the recipient financial institution or credit union ~~shall provide~~ provides a written confirmation of the deposit, including the amount deposited, to the payor or the payor's legal representative.

D. The agreement must be in writing and a copy must be furnished to the payor or the payor's legal representative by the payee when the agreement is executed. The agreement may be revocable or irrevocable; however, if irrevocable, there must be a provision to allow for the transfer of the account by the appointment of successor trustees. The agreement must clearly state the name of the initial financial institution or credit union into which the money will be deposited and must direct the payor to send a copy of the agreement to the named financial institution or credit union. The agreement must clearly state terms providing for disposition of excess funds after funeral goods and services have been provided. The agreement must clearly state any fees that may be charged against the account; fees must be reasonable, as defined by the board, and may be charged only:

- (1) Upon transfer of the account by the appointment of a successor trustee;
- (2) Upon revocation of the agreement if the agreement is revocable; and
- (3) For the actual financial and tax administration of the account.

The payee shall maintain a complete record of the deposit of all funds, including principal and interest. The record must be available for inspection by the payor, the payor's legal representative, the commissioner's designee or an inspector for the board and must contain the name and address of the financial institution or credit union currently in possession of the funds and the dates and amounts of deposits.

E. The funds may be directed by the payee to another financial institution or credit union or directed back to the payor or the payor's legal representative, if otherwise lawful and permitted by contract, on written instructions of the payor or the payor's legal representative. The funds may only be withdrawn by the payee on presentation of a certified copy of the death certificate of the person for whose benefit the funds were paid, in which event they must be used in accordance with the agreement.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1401, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 109, §3, is amended to read:

**1-A. Plan funded with mortuary trust agreement and proceeds of life insurance policy.** A prearranged funeral or burial plan agreement may be funded with a mortuary trust agreement that receives the proceeds of a life insurance policy in accordance with this subsection.

A. During a person's lifetime, a person or that person's legal representative may enter into an agreement that services will be performed or personal property will be delivered in connection with the disposition of that person's body after death by:

- (1) Assigning the mortuary trustee as owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy payable to the mortuary trustee upon that person's death; or
- (2) Designating the mortuary trustee as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy payable to the mortuary trustee upon that person's death.

B. An agreement under paragraph A must be in writing and a copy must be furnished to the person or the person's legal representative by the mortuary trustee when the agreement is executed. The agreement may be revocable or irrevocable; however, if the agreement is irrevocable, there must be a provision to allow for the transfer of the trust account by the appointment of successor trustees. The agreement must clearly state terms providing for disposition of excess funds after funeral goods and services have been provided. The agreement must clearly state any fees that may be charged against the trust account. Fees must be reasonable, as defined by the board, and may be charged only:

- (1) Upon transfer of a trust account by the appointment of a successor trustee;
- (2) Upon revocation of the agreement if the agreement is revocable; and
- (3) For the actual financial and tax administration of the trust account.

C. The mortuary trustee shall maintain a complete record of a trust account established under this subsection. The record must be available for inspection by the person, the person's legal representative, the commissioner's designee or an inspector for the board.

This subsection may not be construed to alter the terms of a life insurance policy or supersede any law governing the regulation of life insurance policies.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1401, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Plan funded with proceeds of pre-need life insurance policy.** A prearranged funeral service or

plan may be funded with proceeds of a pre-need insurance policy in accordance with this subsection. For the purposes of this section, "pre-need insurance" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 2176-A, subsection 1.

A. During a person's lifetime, a person or that person's legal representative may enter into an agreement that services will be performed or personal property will be delivered in connection with the disposition of that person's body after death by the assignment of proceeds of a pre-need insurance policy to the funeral establishment upon that person's death.

B. The face amount of a pre-need insurance policy sold in connection with a prearranged funeral service or plan as described in section 1402 may not exceed the maximum amount of the goods and services that are contracted for in the prearranged funeral service or plan.

C. An agreement under paragraph A must be in writing and a copy must be furnished to the person or the person's legal representative by the funeral establishment when the agreement is executed. The agreement must identify the parties to the agreement and must be signed by an authorized representative of the funeral establishment.

The receipt of a commission for the sale of pre-need insurance by a licensee that is also licensed as an insurance producer does not constitute a violation of section 1455-B, subsection 5.

This subsection may not be construed to alter the terms of an insurance policy or supersede any law governing the regulation of insurance policies.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §1401, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 258, §2 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

**2. Rulemaking.** The board shall adopt rules regarding prearranged funeral agreements, including, but not limited to:

A. The form, format and content of trust agreements;

B. Standards regarding when service contracts are required in conjunction with trust agreements and the form, format and content of the service contracts;

C. The establishment of reasonable fees that may be charged only pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph D; ~~and~~

D. Inspection of trust agreements, account information and any related documentation; ~~and~~

E. The form, format and content of agreements for prearranged funeral services or plans as described in section 1402 funded by pre-need insurance.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules under ~~the Maine Revised Statutes~~, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

**Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §1402, first ¶** is amended to read:

~~No~~ A funeral home, funeral establishment or person holding a license under this chapter ~~shall~~ may not as, or through, an agent or principal solicit a prearranged funeral service or plan for any person or persons. "Prearranged funeral service or plan" ~~shall mean~~ means any funeral service or plan ~~which that~~ is arranged, planned or determined prior to the demise of a person or persons for whom the funeral service is to be performed. Funeral homes, funeral establishments and licensees under this chapter may enter into contracts or agreements for prearranged funeral services or plans ~~provided that, as long as they do not in any manner either as, or through, principals or agents solicit such that contract or agreement. This section does not prohibit the sale of insurance, in compliance with section 1401, subsection 1-B and Title 24-A, section 2176-A, to a consumer who has contacted a funeral home, funeral establishment or licensee under this chapter to prearrange a funeral.~~

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**CHAPTER 204**

**H.P. 605 - L.D. 940**

**An Act to Increase the Maximum Cash Prize for the Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12504, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 358, §5, is further amended to read:

B. Fixing the maximum total value of prizes that may be awarded at each derby, except that for a ~~derby~~ 2 derbies, one held on Sebago Lake in Cumberland County and ~~in conjunction with the department's fisheries management objectives~~ the Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby held in northern Aroostook County, the maximum total value of prizes at each derby may not exceed \$100,000. These derbies must be conducted in such a manner as to be consistent with the department's fisheries management objectives.

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**CHAPTER 205  
H.P. 631 - L.D. 971**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Regarding the Checking of  
Baitfish Traps**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12555, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §265 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**1. Prohibition Checking baitfish traps.** While trapping for baitfish in the inland waters with the use of a baitfish trap as defined in section 10001, subsection 7 from April 2nd to October 31st, a person shall check the baitfish trap or cause the baitfish trap to be checked at least once in every 7 calendar days. While trapping for baitfish in the inland waters with the use of a baitfish trap from November 1st to April 1st, a person shall check the baitfish trap or cause the baitfish trap to be checked at least once in every 21 calendar days.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report related to the baitfish trap checking requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12555, subsection 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 1, 2029. The report must include information on whether increasing the time permitted between baitfish trap checks from November 1st to April 1st has led to any biological consequences or enforcement challenges. The report must also include information on reported complaints and accidents, if any, and may include recommendations for suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

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**CHAPTER 206  
S.P. 443 - L.D. 1025**

**An Act to Allow Federal Civil  
Service to Count for Purposes  
of Maine Public Employees  
Retirement System Benefits**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17759-A** is enacted to read:  
**§17759-A. Nonmilitary public employee of the  
United States Government service**

**1. Service before becoming member.** Notwithstanding section 17759, a member who served as a nonmilitary public employee of the United States Government service before becoming a member is entitled under this subsection to purchase service credit for the period of time that the member served as a nonmilitary public employee of the United States Government service by complying with the applicable provisions of subsection 2. Service credit purchased under this section is limited to 5 years.

**2. Members qualified for credit at actuarial cost.** A member qualified under subsection 1 to purchase service credit at the cost set forth in this subsection is entitled to service credit if the member pays an amount that, together with regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the retirement benefit, of the portion of the retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.

A. Payment must be made before any retirement benefit becomes effective for that member.

B. Payment may be made to the retirement system by a single direct payment or by annual direct payments in accordance with section 17701, subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18364** is enacted to read:

**§18364. Nonmilitary public employee of the United States Government service**

**1. Service before becoming member.** A member who served as a nonmilitary public employee of the United States Government before becoming a member is entitled under this subsection to purchase service credit for the period of time that the member served as a nonmilitary public employee of the United States Government by complying with the applicable provisions of subsection 2. Service credit purchased under this section is limited to 5 years.

**2. Members qualified for credit at actuarial cost.** A member qualified under subsection 1 to purchase service credit at the cost set forth in this subsection is entitled to service credit if the member pays an amount that, together with regular interest on that amount, is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the retirement benefit, of the portion of the retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service.

A. Payment must be made before any retirement benefit becomes effective for that member.

B. Payment may be made to the retirement system by a single direct payment or by annual direct payments in accordance with section 18301, subsection 4.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 207**  
**H.P. 696 - L.D. 1074**

**An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §152-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §58, is further amended to read:

**2.** Aggravated attempted murder is a Class A crime except that, notwithstanding section 1604, subsection 1, paragraph A, the sentence for aggravated attempted murder is imprisonment for life or a definite period of imprisonment for any term of years. The existence of an aggravating circumstance serves only as a precondition for the court to consider a life sentence. The court also may impose as part of the sentence a period of probation of any term of years pursuant to section 1804, subsection 4-A.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Limit on length of probation.** Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, ~~4-A~~, 5 and 6, the period of probation for a person may not exceed:

- A. For a Class A crime, 4 years;
- B. For a Class B crime, 3 years;
- C. For a Class C crime, 2 years; and
- D. For a Class D or Class E crime, one year.

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Exception to limits when person sentenced as repeat sexual assault offender.** The period of probation for a person sentenced as a repeat sexual assault offender pursuant to section 253-A, subsection 1 ~~is~~ may be any term of years.

**Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Exception to limits when person sentenced for aggravated attempted murder.** The period of probation for a person sentenced for aggravated attempted murder pursuant to section 152-A, subsection 2 may be any term of years.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 208**  
**S.P. 466 - L.D. 1103**

**An Act Regarding Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit School Budget**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-B, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 213, §1, is further amended to read:

**6. Balance of allocations.** Notwithstanding any other law, general operating fund balances at the end of a school administrative unit's fiscal year must be carried forward to meet the unit's needs in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years. Unallocated balances ~~in excess of 5% of the previous fiscal year's school budget must be used to reduce the state and local share of the total allocation for the purpose of computing state subsidy. School boards may carry forward unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the previous year's school budget and disburse these funds in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years. For fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 only, unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the previous fiscal year's school budget must be used to reduce the state and local share of the total allocation for the purpose of computing state subsidy and school. School boards may carry forward unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the previous fiscal year's school budget and disburse these funds in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years.~~

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**CHAPTER 209**  
**H.P. 764 - L.D. 1159**

**An Act to Prohibit Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 239**  
**PAYMENT BY CASH**

**§1500-Y. Payment by cash**

A municipality or other governmental entity offering goods or services for sale at retail that charges a customer a fee on purchases made by credit card may not

refuse payment in the form of cash for the goods or services.

For purposes of this section, "sale at retail" means any retail transaction conducted in person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the Internet.

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**CHAPTER 210**

**H.P. 809 - L.D. 1234**

**An Act Regarding Cellular Telephones in Public Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§23** is enacted to read:

**23. Cellular telephone policy.** By August 1, 2026, a school board shall adopt and implement a policy related to use of personal electronic devices during the school day. The policy must include, but is not limited to, provisions related to student use of cellular telephones and wearable electronic devices with Internet or cellular network connectivity capabilities.

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**CHAPTER 211**

**S.P. 520 - L.D. 1290**

**An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14352, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.** "Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer" means the national credentialing organization for the entry-level athletic training profession or its successor organization approved by the department.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Student athletic trainer Athletic training student.** A person fulfilling the requirements for licensure or pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in athletic training at an accredited or approved educational program if the person is designated by a title that indicates that person's status as a student or trainee;

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Visiting team.** A person performing athletic training services in the State for an out-of-state team that is in the State for competition at which an athletic trainer licensed under this chapter or a physician is available if these services are performed for no more than 4 14 days at a time or for no more than 30 days a year.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §14357, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §§4 and 5, is further amended to read:

**1. Qualifications.** To qualify for a license as an athletic trainer an applicant must:

A. Demonstrate that the applicant is trustworthy and competent to engage in practice as an athletic trainer in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public;

~~B. Be a graduate of a college or university approved by the department and have successfully completed that college's or university's curriculum in athletic training or other curricula acceptable to the department and have completed an athletic training education program approved by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department or a program of practical training in athletic training acceptable to the department; and~~

~~C. Have passed the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification examination or be currently certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department.~~

D. Have passed the examination of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; and

E. Hold a current credential from the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §14359, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §7, is further amended to read:

For the purposes of satisfying the continuing education requirements, each application for license renewal must include current certification by the ~~National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §14360**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §14361-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §10, is amended to read:

~~**4. Unethical conduct.** A finding by the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Ethics Committee of a violation of the National Athletic Trainers' Associa-~~

tion's Code of Ethics or a finding by the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Board of Certification's Professional Practice and Discipline Committee of a violation of the Board of Certification's Standards of Professional Practice the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer of a violation of that board's practice standards and code of professional responsibility or findings by successor or other organizations with respect to codes of ethics approved by the department.

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**CHAPTER 212**

**S.P. 532 - L.D. 1302**

**An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Deorganization of That Municipality**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7202, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 297, §1, is further amended to read:

The voters of any municipality may petition for consideration of deorganization of the municipality by following the petition procedure of section 2528, subsection 5. On the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, ~~but in no case less than 10~~, requesting a municipal meeting for the purpose of discussing and determining whether the municipality should deorganize, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special meeting in the manner provided for the calling and holding of town meetings or city elections to discuss deorganization of the municipality and to decide whether to develop a deorganization procedure.

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**CHAPTER 213**

**S.P. 540 - L.D. 1310**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Insurance Coverage of Preventive and Primary Health Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-A, sub-§3-B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 638, §3, is amended to read:

**3-B. Parity in cost sharing for primary care and behavioral health office visits; group health plan.** A group health plan, other than a small group health plan subject to subsection 3-A, with an effective date on or after January 1, 2023 must provide coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care office visit and first behavioral health office visit in each plan year. After the first behavioral health office visit, a health plan may not apply a copayment amount to a behavioral health office visit that is greater than the copayment for a primary care office visit. For the purposes of this subsection, "behavioral health office visit" means an office visit to address mental health and substance use conditions. This subsection does not apply to a plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits required by this section are permissible benefits in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2) or to a health plan that has no deductible, no coinsurance and out-of-pocket limits that meet the applicable federal requirements. The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to address the coordination of the requirements of this subsection for coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care visit and the requirements of this section with respect to coverage of an annual well visit. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 214**

**H.P. 934 - L.D. 1412**

**An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3503, sub-§5, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §87 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) To provide for a contingency reserve fund, 1/2 of which may be used for capital purposes, to reflect up to a ~~25%~~ 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility, ~~not including purchased power supply costs, if any.~~ The commission may authorize a utility to establish rates to provide for a contingency reserve fund to reflect an amount greater than a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility. Any surplus in excess of this ~~25%~~ 35% or the

percentage authorized by the commission in accordance with this subparagraph must be used to offset future revenue requirements in the setting of rates. Any interest generated on these funds must be deposited into the contingency reserve fund. The balance in the contingency reserve fund at the close of the utility's fiscal year may not exceed 25% 35% or the percentage authorized by the commission of the yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility, not including purchased power supply costs, if any; and

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**CHAPTER 215**

**S.P. 586 - L.D. 1445**

**An Act to Prevent Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults**

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

**Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §162, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. AAAA, §3, is further amended to read:

**5. Disclosure to the Department of Health and Human Services upon suspicion of financial exploitation.** The financial records are disclosed to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 3479 because a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or its affiliate or a credit union authorized to do business in this State or its affiliate has reasonable cause to suspect that an incapacitated or dependent adult has been or is at substantial risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §162, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Disclosure upon suspicion of financial exploitation.** The financial records are disclosed to the Office of the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency pursuant to section 245 because a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or its affiliate or a credit union authorized to do business in this State or its affiliate has reasonable cause to believe that a disbursement requested by an individual 62 years of age or older may result in financial exploitation of that person;

**Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §162, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. AAAA, §4, is amended to read:

**6. Disclosure in response to a request by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.** The financial records are disclosed in response to a request for information by

the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services for purposes related to establishing, modifying or enforcing tax debts; ~~or~~

**Sec. 4. 9-B MRSA §245** is enacted to read:

**§245. Protection of eligible adults from financial exploitation**

**1. Definitions.** For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible adult" means:

- (1) An individual 65 years of age or older; or
- (2) An individual protected under the Adult Protective Services Act.

B. "Financial exploitation" means:

- (1) The wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation or use of money, assets or property of an eligible adult;
- (2) Any act or omission by a person to obtain control, through deception, intimidation or undue influence, over the eligible adult's money, assets or property to deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of the eligible adult's money, assets or property; or
- (3) Any act or omission by a person to obtain or exercise unauthorized control over the eligible adult's property with the intent to deprive the eligible adult of the property.

C. "Trusted contact person" means an individual whom an account holder identifies and authorizes a financial institution or credit union to contact and disclose information to about the account holder's account to address possible financial exploitation or to confirm the specifics of the account holder's current contact information or health status or the identity of any conservator, executor, trustee or holder of a power of attorney.

**2. Designation of trusted contact person.** A financial institution authorized to do business in this State or a credit union authorized to do business in this State may develop a written policy permitting a customer of the financial institution or member or the credit union to designate, upon each account wholly or partly owned by the customer or member:

A. At least one trusted contact person other than a co-owner, beneficiary or fiduciary on the account; and

B. Its procedure for communicating with the trusted contact person if the financial institution or credit union reasonably believes that financial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been attempted or is being attempted.

The financial institution or credit union shall provide a copy of any written policy developed in accordance with this subsection to the customer or member.

**3. Delay of account transactions.** A financial institution authorized to do business in this State or a credit union authorized to do business in this State may delay a disbursement from an account of an eligible adult if the financial institution or credit union reasonably believes that the requested disbursement may result in financial exploitation of an eligible adult and the financial institution or credit union:

A. Not more than 2 business days after the requested disbursement, provides notification of the delay, the reason for the delay and the name of the primary employee of the financial institution or credit union that should be contacted regarding the delay to the customer or member and all parties authorized to transact business on the account, unless any such party is reasonably believed to have engaged in suspected or attempted financial exploitation;

B. Provides notification of the delay to the Office of the Attorney General not more than 2 business days after the requested disbursement; and

C. Continues its internal review of the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of the eligible adult, as necessary, and reports the results of the review to the Office of the Attorney General within 7 business days after the day the financial institution or credit union first delayed disbursement of the funds.

In any communication regarding a delay under this subsection, the financial institution or credit union shall use any method of communication that may be consistent with other time-sensitive communications and that is reasonably calculated to ensure that the recipient is effectively alerted to the nature of the information.

A delay of a disbursement in accordance with this subsection may not continue past the time required by the financial institution or credit union to determine that the disbursement will not result in financial exploitation or 15 business days after the date on which the financial institution or credit union first delayed disbursement of the funds, whichever occurs earlier. A court of competent jurisdiction may enter an order extending the delay of the disbursement of funds or may order other protective relief upon the petition of the financial institution or credit union or another interested party.

**4. Immunity.** A financial institution authorized to do business in this State or a credit union authorized to do business in this State that, in good faith, takes any action pursuant to this section is immune from administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise from such an action or for any failure to take such an action.

**5. Report to law enforcement.** In addition to notifying the Office of the Attorney General, a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or a credit union authorized to do business in this State may make a referral to law enforcement agencies upon imposition of a delay pursuant to subsection 3. A financial institution or credit union may provide access to or copies of records that are relevant to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult to a law enforcement agency, either as part of a referral to law enforcement or upon request of a law enforcement agency pursuant to an investigation. The records may include historical records as well as records relating to the most recent transaction that may constitute financial exploitation of an eligible adult. Any records made available to a law enforcement agency under this section are confidential.

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**CHAPTER 216**

**S.P. 591 - L.D. 1450**

**An Act Regarding the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §60, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 301, §1, is amended to read:

B. Is limited to a term of not less than ~~20~~ 10 years.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §60-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 693, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Program.** ~~¶~~ The Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program is established in order to protect and support local farms, preserve farmland and reduce the potential tax burdens from new development fiscal burden for participating municipalities that results from new development in rural areas. Under this program, a municipality may enter into farm support arrangements with the owners of qualified farmland.

A. A farm support arrangement must be approved by majority vote of the municipality’s legislative body or municipal officers or by a municipal employee appointed by the municipal officers and designated to review and approve farm support arrangements.

B. Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the municipality’s legislative body, the municipality may not enter into farm support arrangements:

- (1) Affecting more than 3% of the total annual valuation of taxable land in the municipality; ~~and or~~

(2) In any calendar year, affecting more than 1% of the total annual valuation of taxable land in the municipality.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §60-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 301, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules governing farm support arrangements. Rules adopted under this subsection are ~~major substantive~~ routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 217**

**H.P. 965 - L.D. 1473**

**An Act to Require Gas Utilities to Assess for Natural Gas Leaks and to Require Reporting of Gas Leak Information**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4713** is enacted to read:

**§4713. Assessment and report of natural gas leaks**

**1. Gas utilities to assess for natural gas leaks.** A gas utility shall assess its natural gas system for natural gas leaks, including every natural gas main and meter under its jurisdiction, as frequently as may be required by the commission by rule, but no less frequently than every 3 years.

**2. Gas utility; reporting.** Each gas utility shall provide reports to the commission at a frequency as established by the commission by rule regarding the number of natural gas leaks identified by the gas utility and the actions taken by the gas utility to address the natural gas leaks. The reports must protect individually identifiable customer information by omitting customer names and addresses, except that the reports must include street location information for the identified natural gas leaks. The commission shall post the reports received from gas utilities in accordance with this subsection on the commission's publicly accessible website.

**3. Commission; reporting.** No later than April 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the commission shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters. The report must list each gas utility providing service in the State and the number of natural gas leaks identified by the gas utility in the prior calendar year by street location and must describe any action taken by the gas utility to address the natural gas leaks. The report must protect individually identifiable customer information by

omitting customer names and addresses. The commission shall post the reports required by this subsection on the commission's publicly accessible website.

**4. Compliance.** The commission shall periodically assess gas utility compliance with the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 at a frequency determined by the commission.

**5. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 218**

**H.P. 981 - L.D. 1497**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Primary Care Reporting by the Maine Quality Forum and to Establish the Primary Care Advisory Council**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§12,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 244, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**12-A. Primary care reporting.** Beginning January 15, 2026 and annually thereafter, the forum shall submit to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and health coverage and health insurance matters a report on at least one of the following key measures reflecting the status of primary care in the State:

A. Annual primary care expenditures as a percentage of overall health care spending and investment;

B. Annual utilization of primary care services as a percentage of overall utilization of health care services;

C. The capacity of the primary care provider workforce to care for all residents of the State;

D. The ability of residents of the State to have timely access to primary care services; and

E. The overall health of residents of the State using metrics that reflect the use of preventive and screening services.

This subsection is repealed January 15, 2031.

Sec. 3. **24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

**14. Primary Care Advisory Council.** The Primary Care Advisory Council, referred to in this subsection as "the advisory council," is established. The forum shall convene and staff the council.

For purposes of this subsection, "primary care" means physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants practicing in family medicine, general pediatric medicine, general internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and geriatric medicine.

A. The advisory council shall identify specific actions required to create a sustainable high-functioning primary care system in the State. The advisory council shall, at a minimum:

- (1) Assess the overall status of primary care in the State using available data, including, but not limited to, timely access to primary care services, utilization of services, quality of care, equity and the adequacy and sustainability of the State's primary care workforce;
- (2) Identify gaps in the status of primary care in the State and potential approaches to address those gaps; and
- (3) Make recommendations for specific policy changes to address identified gaps that will:
  - (a) Ensure sufficient investment in primary care services that will result in better health for residents of the State and lower overall health expenditures;
  - (b) Ensure a sufficient number and geographic distribution of primary care providers so that each resident of the State has a primary care provider near that resident's home, with a focus on ensuring equity in all counties;
  - (c) Ensure a resident's ability to access services from a primary care provider in a timely manner; and
  - (d) Improve the health of residents by ensuring adequate access to preventive and screening services.

Beginning January 15, 2026 and annually thereafter, the advisory council shall submit a report detailing its activities and recommendations under this paragraph to the Department of Health and Human Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage and health insurance matters.

B. The advisory council consists of the following 18 members:

- (1) Seven members representing primary care providers licensed in the State, appointed by

the board of directors of the Maine Health Data Organization established under Title 22, section 8703. At least 3 members must be actively practicing primary care clinicians, working at least 20 or more clinical hours per week, and at least one member must be a nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Appointments under this subparagraph must be made as follows:

- (a) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of physicians;
  - (b) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of osteopaths;
  - (c) One member must be a provider working in an independently owned practice setting;
  - (d) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of community health centers, and that member must be working at a federally qualified health center;
  - (e) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of nurse practitioners;
  - (f) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of physician assistants; and
  - (g) One member must be appointed from nominations provided by a statewide association of hospitals;
- (2) Five members must represent stakeholder groups with an interest in primary care as follows:
- (a) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors and must be appointed from a list of 3rd-party payors provided by a statewide association of health plans providing or administering health insurance coverage;
  - (b) One member must represent employers and must be appointed from a list of employers provided by a statewide association of health care purchasers; and
  - (c) Two members must represent consumers and must be appointed from a list provided by a statewide association that advocates for access to affordable health care. For the purposes of this division, "consumer" means a person who is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party payor, a provider or an association representing 3rd-party payors or providers; and

(3) Four members must be appointed as follows:

(a) Two members must be appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, one representing the office of MaineCare services and one representing the office of the commissioner;

(b) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(c) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's designee and the executive director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations or the executive director's designee serve as ex officio members.

In the event of a vacancy in the advisory council membership, the vacancy must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the term. For the purposes of reappointment, any partial term filled after a vacancy must be considered a full term.

C. Except for members who are Legislators and the ex officio members, members of the advisory council serve 3-year terms. A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The terms of Legislators serving as members of the advisory council coincide with those members' legislative terms of office.

D. Except for members who are Legislators, members of the advisory council are eligible for compensation as provided under Title 5, chapter 379.

E. A quorum is a majority of the members of the advisory council.

F. The advisory council shall choose one of its members to serve as chair for a 2-year term.

G. The advisory council shall meet at least 4 times a year at regular intervals and may meet at other times at the call of the chair. Meetings of the advisory council are public proceedings under Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

This subsection is repealed January 15, 2031.

**Sec. 4. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 6951, subsection 14, paragraph C, of the initial nonlegislative and non-ex officio appointments made to the Primary Care Advisory Council, 4 members must be appointed to one-year terms, 5 members must be appointed to 2-year

terms and 5 members must be appointed to 3-year terms.

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**CHAPTER 219  
H.P. 1061 - L.D. 1607**

**An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Compliance with Certain Constitutional Obligations Related to Disclosure of Evidence**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶N**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §8, is further amended to read:

N. Unannounced execution of search warrants; and

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §9, is amended to read:

O. By January 1, 2024, the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, which must include, at a minimum, processes to protect and ensure confidentiality of attorney-client communications and processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality;

**Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

P. By January 1, 2026, requirements for the law enforcement agency to assist a prosecuting agency in complying with the prosecuting agency's constitutional obligations under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972); and

**Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶Q** is enacted to read:

Q. By January 1, 2026, requirements for the law enforcement agency to comply with mandatory disclosures to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

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**CHAPTER 220**  
**H.P. 1175 - L.D. 1757**

**An Act to Update the Laws  
Governing Osteopathic  
Physician Licensing**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2562, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 50, §2, is further amended to read:

The board shall ~~meet in June of each year~~ hold regular monthly meetings and any additional special meetings at a time and place the chair may designate. The board shall elect one of its members as chair annually and one of its members as secretary-treasurer, to hold office at the pleasure of the board. The secretary-treasurer shall ensure proper management of the board's finances. Special meetings may be called at the pleasure of the chair and in case of the death or inability of the chair, the secretary-treasurer may call special meetings. The board shall cause a seal of suitable inscription to be procured and affixed to papers that may require the seal, shall keep a correct record of its proceedings and has power to make rules, not inconsistent with this chapter, it considers necessary for the successful enforcement of its authority and the performance of its duties. As part of the biennial relicensure process, the board shall prepare and distribute to each licensed osteopathic physician practicing in the State a copy of its code of ethics and current rules relative to continuing medical education. The chair and the secretary-treasurer may administer oaths in matters connected with the duties of the board. The records of the board must include a report of all money received and disbursed by the board and a list of all applicants for licenses, including the name and location of the school or college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association that granted the degree to each applicant and whether the applicant was granted or denied a license. These records, or duplicates, must always be open to inspection in the office of the Secretary of State during regular office hours. Four members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. ~~A license to practice osteopathic medicine may not be granted, except on an affirmative vote of a majority of the board.~~

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2571**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 492, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2571. Licensure; qualifications; fees**

Except as otherwise specified by this chapter, an applicant for licensure as an osteopathic physician in this State must satisfy the following requirements.

**1. Osteopathic education.** An applicant must graduate from an osteopathic medical school designated

as accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.

**2. Postgraduate training.** An applicant who has graduated from an accredited osteopathic medical school prior to January 1, 2026 must have satisfactorily completed at least 12 months in a medical graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association. An applicant who has graduated from an accredited osteopathic medical school on or after January 1, 2026 must have satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association.

The board may not require an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal as an osteopathic physician under this chapter to obtain certification from a specialty medical board or to complete maintenance of certification as a condition of licensure. For the purposes of this subsection, "maintenance of certification" means a program that requires a physician to engage in periodic examination, self-assessment, peer evaluation or other activities to maintain certification from a specialty medical board.

**3. Examination.** An applicant must achieve a passing score on each component of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States, known as the COMLEX-USA examination, or other examinations designated by the board as the qualifying examination or examinations for licensure.

**4. Fees.** An applicant must pay a fee up to \$600 plus the cost of the qualifying examination or examinations. Fees set in this chapter are nonrefundable application fees or administrative processing fees payable to the board at the time of application or at the time board action is requested.

**5. No cause for disciplinary action.** An applicant may not be licensed unless the board finds that the applicant is qualified and no cause exists, as set forth in section 2591-A, that may be considered grounds for disciplinary action against a licensed physician.

**6. Special license categories.** The board may issue a license limited to the practice of administrative medicine, or any other special license, as set forth by routine technical rule of the board adopted pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2572**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 50, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2573**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 492, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2573. Temporary licensure**

An osteopathic physician in good repute who is a graduate of a school or college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, serving as a fellow, an intern or resident physician in a hospital in this State, shall register with the board and must be issued a temporary license by the board evidencing the right to practice only under hospital control. Such a license may not be issued for a period in excess of one year but may be renewed from time to time, not to exceed an aggregate of 5 years. The license must be in a form prescribed by the board and may be revoked or suspended by the board with the suspension or revocation effective immediately when written notification from the board is received by the hospital. An examination may not be required for applicants for this temporary license. The fee for such a license may not be more than \$450.

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**CHAPTER 221**

**H.P. 1306 - L.D. 1947**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §805-A, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 137, §3, is amended to read:

B. Payment must be made after termination of service and not less than 22 days nor more than 60 days after receipt of the application and receipt of the last payroll upon which the name of the member appears;

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1201, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

**8-A. Duly acknowledged.** "Duly acknowledged" means acknowledged pursuant to chapter 39 or through an electronic identification process designated in a rule established by the board of trustees.

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §1201, sub-§19-A** is enacted to read:

**19-A. Survive or surviving.** "Survive" or "surviving" means to live, by clear and convincing evidence, for at least 120 hours after the death of the qualifying member or family member, as applicable.

**Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §1201, sub-§20,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 133, §20, is amended to read:

**20. Surviving spouse.** "Surviving spouse" means the spouse alive at the time of who survives the death of the member or former member.

**Sec. 5. 4 MRSA §1305-A, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 137, §7, is amended to read:

B. Payment must be made after termination of service and not less than 22 days nor more than 60 days after receipt of the application and receipt of the last payroll upon which the name of the member appears;

**Sec. 6. 4 MRSA §1353, sub-§1-A, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §49, is further amended to read:

A. A member with less than 5 years of continuous creditable service immediately preceding an application for a disability allowance that member's last date of service is not eligible for that a disability retirement allowance if that disability is the result of a physical or mental condition which that existed prior to the person's latest membership in a retirement program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, unless the disability is a result of, or has been substantially aggravated by, an injury or accident received in the line of duty.

**Sec. 7. 4 MRSA §1353, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §51, is further amended to read:

**5. Earnings.** The chief executive director officer may require each disability beneficiary to submit an annual statement of earnings received from any gainful occupation during that year. For any year during which the total of those earnings and the disability allowance exceeds the current salary of the position that the disabled beneficiary last held, the excess must be deducted from any disability retirement allowance payments made to the beneficiary during the next calendar year. These deductions are prorated on a monthly basis, in an equitable manner prescribed by the board of trustees, over the year or part of the year for which benefits are received in accordance with Title 5, section 17054, subsection 3. The beneficiary is responsible for reimbursing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for any excess earnings not so deducted.

If a beneficiary does not submit an earnings statement within 30 days of receiving a request from the chief executive director officer, the disability retirement allowance is discontinued until the statement is submitted. If the statement is not submitted within one year of receiving a request, all the beneficiary's rights to any further benefits cease.

**Sec. 8. 4 MRSA §1357, sub-§2,** as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Optional methods of payment.** In lieu of payment under subsection 1, a qualifying member may elect to receive a regular retirement allowance under one of the options set out in this subsection. The optional allowance is a reduced allowance computed actuarially on the basis of the option selected.

The qualifying member may elect one of the options by written request to and approval of the executive director prior to the commencement of payment of a regular retirement allowance. The election may be revoked by written notice to the executive director at any time before the regular retirement allowance commences.

For the purposes of this subsection, "qualifying member" means a member or a former member who has been receiving a disability retirement benefit and changes to service retirement under section 1353, subsection 7.

A. Under Option 1, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit paid to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the excess, if any, of the qualifying member's accumulated contributions at the time of retirement over the portion of the total retirement benefit payments actually made to the qualifying member while alive, which is the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions, paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary that the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly ~~notarized~~ acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System or, if no one has been nominated as beneficiary, to the qualifying member's estate.

B. Under Option 2, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary that the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly ~~notarized~~ acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

C. Under Option 3, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued at 1/2 the amount for the life of the beneficiary that the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

D. Under Option 4, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have some benefit other than that available under paragraph B or C payable to the beneficiary that the qualifying member has designated, if the beneficiary survives the

qualifying member. The total value of the benefit paid to the qualifying member during the qualifying member's life plus the benefit paid after the qualifying member's death is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The method used to determine the benefit must be approved by the board of trustees, and the beneficiary must be designated by written designation, duly ~~notarized~~ acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

E. Under Option 5, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable in part to the qualifying member and in part to the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, while both are alive and, at the death of either, to have the higher benefit paid to the survivor for the survivor's life. The total value of the benefit paid to the qualifying member and beneficiary, during the qualifying member's life, plus the benefit to be paid after the death of either is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The method used to determine the benefit must be approved by the board of trustees, and the beneficiary must be designated by written designation, duly ~~notarized~~ acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

F. Under Option 6, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and, at the qualifying member's death, to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, that the qualifying member has designated by written designation, duly ~~notarized~~ acknowledged and filed with the chief executive director officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member. If the qualifying member's beneficiary predeceases the qualifying member, the qualifying member's benefit must be changed, effective the first day of the month following the date of the beneficiary's death, to be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The reduced retirement benefit must be actuarially calculated to reflect the fact that the benefit may be changed to the larger amount should the beneficiary predecease the member.

G. Under Option 7, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and, at the

qualifying member's death, to have the benefit continued at 1/2 that amount for the life of the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, that the qualifying member has designated by written designation, ~~duly notarized~~ duly acknowledged and filed with the ~~chief executive director~~ officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member. If the qualifying member's beneficiary predeceases the qualifying member, the qualifying member's benefit must be changed, effective the first day of the month following the date of the beneficiary's death, to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The reduced retirement benefit must be actuarially calculated to reflect the fact that the benefit may be changed to the larger amount should the beneficiary predecease the member.

H. Under Option 8, the qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and, at the qualifying member's death, to have some benefit other than that available under paragraph B or C payable to the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, that the member has designated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member. The total value of the benefit paid to the qualifying member plus the benefit paid after the qualifying member's death is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. If the qualifying member's beneficiary predeceases the qualifying member, the qualifying member's benefit must be changed, effective the first day of the month following the date of the beneficiary's death, to be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The reduced retirement benefit must be actuarially calculated to reflect the fact that the benefit may be changed to the larger amount should the beneficiary predecease the member.

**Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

**12-B. Duly acknowledged.** "Duly acknowledged" means acknowledged pursuant to Title 4, chapter 39 or through an electronic identification process designated in a rule established by the board.

**Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§13, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 392, §1, is further amended to read:

B. For members other than members of the Participating Local District Retirement Program under

chapters 425 and 427, "earnable compensation" does not include:

(1) For any member who has 10 years of creditable service by July 1, 1993 or who has reached 60 years of age and has been in service for a minimum of one year immediately before that date, payment for more than 30 days of unused accumulated or accrued sick leave, payment for more than 30 days of unused vacation leave or payment for more than 30 days of a combination of both and, effective October 1, 1999, whether or not the member is in service on October 1, 1999, the 30-day limitation may not be decreased and the exclusion set out in subparagraph (2) may not be made applicable to such a member; or

(2) For any member who is not covered by subparagraph (1), payment for any unused accumulated or accrued sick leave or payment for any unused vacation leave; ~~or~~

~~(3) Any other payment that is not compensation for actual services rendered or that is not paid at the time the actual services are rendered.~~

A payment for unused sick leave or unused vacation leave may not be included as part of earnable compensation unless it is paid upon the member's last termination before the member applies for retirement benefits.

**Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§13, ¶B-1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 392, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B-1. "Earnable compensation" also does not include:

(1) Any exclusion in the plan provisions adopted by rule pursuant to section 18801; or

(2) Any other payment that is not compensation for actual services rendered or that is not paid at the time the actual services are rendered.

**Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§13, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 619, §2 and affected by §18, is amended to read:

E. "Earnable compensation" of a part-time, seasonal or temporary employee is the sum of amounts computed under paragraphs A, B, C and D adjusted to reflect the wages or salary that the member would have been paid if the member had been employed, at the member's rate of pay, for the number of days or hours that a permanent full-time employee of the same employer would have been employed unless the board has established by rule a benefit computation method that otherwise prevents overlapping reduction of benefits for part-

time, seasonal or temporary employees due to working less than full-time and earning less than full-time equivalent compensation.

**Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§40-A** is enacted to read:

**40-A. Survive or surviving.** "Survive" or "surviving" means to live, by clear and convincing evidence, for at least 120 hours after the death of the qualifying member or family member, as applicable.

**Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§41**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §5 and 7, is amended to read:

**41. Surviving spouse.** "Surviving spouse" means the spouse ~~alive at the time of~~ who survives the death of the member or former member.

**Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§42, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §7, is further amended to read:

B. Any employee of a public school or an education service center established pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 123 who fills any position function of which is to introduce new learning to students, except that a coach who is employed by a public school and who is not otherwise ~~covered by the definition of teacher in this subsection~~ a member of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program of the retirement system or an employee who is employed in adult education as defined in Title 20-A, section 8601-A, subsection 1 and who is not otherwise ~~covered by the definition of teacher in this subsection~~ a member of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program of the retirement system may not be considered a teacher for purposes of this Part;

**Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §17054, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 606, §9 and PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is further amended to read:

**3. Recovery of overpayments by the retirement system.** Any amounts due the retirement system as the result of overpayment or erroneous payment of benefits, an excess refund of contributions or overpayment or erroneous payment of life insurance benefits may be recovered from an individual's contributions, any benefits or life insurance benefits payable under this Part to the individual or the beneficiary of the individual or any combination of contributions and benefits. If the overpayment or excess refund of contributions resulted from a mistake of or incorrect information provided by an employee of the retirement system, or a mistake of the retiree or the recipient of the benefit or life insurance benefit, a penalty or interest may not be assessed by the retirement system. In all cases of recovery of overpayments through the reduction of a retirement benefit, whether with or without the assessment of interest by the retirement system, the recovery practices must be

reasonable and consider the personal economic stability of the retiree in the establishment of the recovery schedule. The chief executive officer may also take action to recover those amounts due from any amounts payable to the individual by any other state agency or by an action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Whenever the chief executive officer makes a decision to recover any amounts under this subsection, other than by an action in a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision is subject to appeal under section 17451.

Employers are responsible for enrolling employees in the correct retirement plan. The retirement system shall provide training, education and information to assist employers in the correct enrollment of employees. If an employee is enrolled in the incorrect retirement plan by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee may not lose any retirement benefits. The State is not responsible for the employer contribution when the employer is a school district, municipality or county and those contributions and assessed interest, if applicable, must be paid to the retirement system by the school district, municipality or county;

**Sec. 17. 5 MRSA §17107, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §82 and amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. D, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 5 MRSA §17705-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 137, §11, is amended to read:

B. Payment must be made after termination of service and not ~~less than 22 days nor~~ more than 60 days after receipt of the application and receipt of the last payroll upon which the name of the member appears;

**Sec. 19. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §109, is amended to read:

**2. Option 1.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit paid to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the excess, if any, of the qualifying member's accumulated contributions at the time of retirement over the portion of the total retirement benefit payments actually made to the qualifying member while alive, which is the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions, paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer on a form provided or specified by the retirement system or, if no one has been nominated as beneficiary, to the qualifying member's estate.

**Sec. 20. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§3**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §110, is amended to read:

**3. Option 2.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary the qualifying

member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. 21. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§4**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §111, is amended to read:

**4. Option 3.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued at 1/2 the amount for the life of the beneficiary the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. 22. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§5-E**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 118, §4, is further amended to read:

**5-E. Option 8.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have some benefit other than that available under subsection 3 or 4 payable to the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, that the member has designated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member. The total value of the benefit paid to the qualifying member plus the benefit paid after the qualifying member's death is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. If the qualifying member's beneficiary predeceases the qualifying member, the qualifying member's benefit must be changed, effective the first day of the month following the date of the beneficiary's death, to be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The reduced retirement benefit must be actuarially calculated to reflect the fact that the benefit may be changed to the larger amount should the beneficiary predecease the member.

**Sec. 23. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 548, §28, is amended to read:

**16. Member whose position is moved from one special plan to another special plan.** A member whose position is subject to subsection 4, 5-B, 6-B or 7; or section 17851-A or section, 17851-B or 17851-C and, due to a change in law, becomes subject to different benefit qualification requirements may retire under the former benefit qualification requirements and the associated benefit computation provisions if the mem-

ber remains in the position until the former requirements would have been met had the change in law not occurred.

**Sec. 24. 5 MRSA §17859, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Restoration to service.** Any state employee or teacher who has reached normal retirement age may be restored to service. The decision to hire a retired state employee or retired teacher under this section is at the discretion of the appointing authority. The retired state employee or retired teacher ~~must have had a bona fide termination of~~ shall terminate employment in accordance with state and federal laws and rules, may not return to employment after retirement with the same employer for at least 30 calendar days after the termination of employment and may not return to employment before the effective date of the person's retirement.

**Sec. 25. 5 MRSA §17859, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 436, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The retired classroom-based employee ~~must have had a bona fide termination of~~ shall terminate employment in accordance with state and federal laws and rules, may not return to employment after retirement with the same employer for at least 30 calendar days after the termination of employment and may not return to employment before the effective date of the person's retirement.

**Sec. 26. 5 MRSA §17924, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 322, §8, is further amended to read:

**2. Exception.** A member with fewer than 5 years of ~~continuous~~ creditable service preceding that member's last date in service is not eligible for a disability retirement benefit if the disability is the result of a physical or mental condition that existed before the member's membership in a retirement program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, unless the disability is a result of, or has been substantially aggravated by, an injury or accident received in the line of duty but from events or circumstances not usually encountered within the scope of the member's employment.

**Sec. 27. 5 MRSA §17930, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 443, §2 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

A. The excess must be deducted from the disability or service retirement benefits ~~during the next calendar year; the deductions to be prorated on a monthly basis in an equitable manner prescribed by the board over the year or part of the year for which the benefits are received~~ in accordance with section 17054, subsection 3;

**Sec. 28. 5 MRSA §17930, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 409, §§8 and 12, is amended to read:

A. The disability or service retirement benefits ~~will~~ must be reduced ~~during the next calendar year~~ by the amount that the total compensation exceeds the adjusted final compensation in accordance with section 17054, subsection 3;

**Sec. 29. 5 MRSA §18057, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 480, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Designated beneficiary.** First, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries whom the employee designated in writing, if the written designation was received in the retirement system office or postmarked before the employee's death.

**Sec. 30. 5 MRSA §18057, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 515, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Children.** Fourth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2 or 2-A, to the surviving child or children of the employee and descendants of deceased children by representation.

**Sec. 31. 5 MRSA §18057, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 515, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

**6. Next of kin.** Sixth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2, 2-A, 3 or 4, to other surviving next of kin of the employee entitled under the laws of domicile of that employee at the time of the employee's death.

**Sec. 32. 5 MRSA §18201, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Clarification of certified actions.** The chief administrative officer of the participating local district may clarify in writing any ambiguity in the certified action, and the retirement system may rely on that clarification.

**Sec. 33. 5 MRSA §18202, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Clarification of certified actions.** The chief administrative officer of the participating local district may clarify in writing any ambiguity in the certified action, and the retirement system may rely on that clarification.

**Sec. 34. 5 MRSA §18203, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Clarification of certified actions.** The chief administrative officer of the participating local district may clarify in writing any ambiguity in the certified action, and the retirement system may rely on that clarification.

**Sec. 35. 5 MRSA §18306-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 137, §21, is amended to read:

B. Payment must be made after termination of service and not ~~less than 22 days nor~~ more than 60 days after receipt of the application and receipt of

the last payroll upon which the name of the member appears;

**Sec. 36. 5 MRSA §18363, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 459, §3, is amended to read:

B. Payment may be made to the retirement system by a single direct payment or by annual direct payments in accordance with section ~~47704~~ 18301, subsection 4.

**Sec. 37. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §137, is amended to read:

**2. Option 1.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the excess, if any, of the qualifying member's accumulated contributions at the time of retirement over the portion of the total retirement benefit payments actually made to the qualifying member while alive, which is the actuarial equivalent amount to the accumulated contributions, paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer on a form provided or specified by the retirement system or, if no one has been nominated as beneficiary, to the qualifying member's estate. Contributions deducted from the compensation of a teacher before July 1, 1947 or required of a teacher for service credit before July 1, 1947 may not be included in the accumulated contributions.

**Sec. 38. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§3**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §138, is amended to read:

**3. Option 2.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. 39. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§4**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §139, is amended to read:

**4. Option 3.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued at 1/2 the amount for the life of the beneficiary the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. 40. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§5-E**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 118, §8, is further amended to read:

**5-E. Option 8.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have some benefit other than that available under subsection 3 or 4 payable to the beneficiary, who must be the sole beneficiary, that the member has designated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer on a form provided or specified by the retirement system, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member. The total value of the benefit paid to the qualifying member plus the benefit paid after the qualifying member's death is the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. If the qualifying member's beneficiary predeceases the qualifying member, the qualifying member's benefit must be changed, effective the first day of the month following the date of the beneficiary's death, to be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that the qualifying member would have received without optional modification. The reduced retirement benefit must be actuarially calculated to reflect the fact that the benefit may be changed to the larger amount should the beneficiary predecease the member.

**Sec. 41. 5 MRSA §18504, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 322, §9, is further amended to read:

**2. Exception.** A member with fewer than 5 years of ~~continuous~~ creditable service preceding that member's last date of service is not eligible for a disability retirement benefit if the disability is the result of a physical or mental condition that existed before the member's membership in a retirement program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, unless the disability is a result of, or has been substantially aggravated by, an injury or accident received in the line of duty but from events or circumstances not usually encountered within the scope of the member's employment.

**Sec. 42. 5 MRSA §18506, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 443, §3 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

A. The excess must be deducted from the disability or service retirement benefits ~~during the next calendar year, the deductions to be prorated on a monthly basis in an equitable manner prescribed by the board over the year or part of the year for which the benefits are received in accordance with section 17054, subsection 3;~~ and

**Sec. 43. 5 MRSA §18524, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 322, §11, is further amended to read:

**2. Exception.** A member with fewer than 5 years of ~~continuous~~ creditable service preceding that member's last date of service is not eligible for a disability retirement benefit if the disability is the result of a physical or mental condition that existed before the member's membership in a retirement program of the Maine

Public Employees Retirement System, unless the disability is a result of, or has been substantially aggravated by, an injury or accident received in the line of duty but from events or circumstances not usually encountered within the scope of the member's employment.

**Sec. 44. 5 MRSA §18530, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 443, §4 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

A. The excess must be deducted from the disability or service retirement benefits ~~during the next calendar year; the deductions to be prorated on a monthly basis in an equitable manner prescribed by the board over the year or part of the year for which the benefits are received in accordance with section 17054, subsection 3;~~

**Sec. 45. 5 MRSA §18530, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 409, §§11 and 12, is amended to read:

A. The disability or service retirement benefits ~~will~~ must be reduced ~~during the next calendar year~~ by the amount that the total compensation exceeds the adjusted final compensation in accordance with section 17054, subsection 3;

**Sec. 46. 5 MRSA §18657, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 480, §10, is further amended to read:

**1. Designated beneficiary.** First, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries whom the employee designated in writing, if the written designation was received in the retirement system office or postmarked before the employee's death.

**Sec. 47. 5 MRSA §18657, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 515, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Children.** Fourth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2 or 2-A, to the surviving child or children of the employee and descendants of deceased children by representation.

**Sec. 48. 5 MRSA §18657, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 515, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

**6. Next of kin.** Sixth, if no one qualifies under subsection 1, 2, 2-A, 3 or 4, to other surviving next of kin of the employee entitled under the laws of domicile of that employee at the time of the employee's death.

**Sec. 49. 5 MRSA §18662, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

**Sec. 50. 5 MRSA §18802-A, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 387, §13, is further amended to read:

A. ~~Seven~~ Six voting members, including at least 2 labor organization representatives and 2 participating local district representatives, constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 222**  
**H.P. 549 - L.D. 863**

**An Act to Allow a Person or  
Organization Conducting a  
Raffle to Use an Approved  
Payment Management System**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1837-C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 636, §3, is amended to read:

**§1837-C. Raffle entry by payment management system**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Geolocation technology" means a computer program or data collection system that can be used to identify the geographic location of ~~a person~~ an individual interacting with that computer program or data collection system through the Internet.

B. "Payment management system" means a mobile application or other digital platform and the accompanying computer software used to accept payment for a raffle chance or ticket through the Internet.

**2. Use of payment management system.** When conducting a raffle under section 1837-A that is not an Internet raffle, ~~an eligible a person or~~ organization may accept payment for a raffle chance or ticket from a payment management system if:

A. The payment management system is approved by the director under subsection 3;

B. The raffle chance or ticket is purchased by a ~~person~~ an individual who is at least 18 years of age; and

C. The raffle chance or ticket is purchased by a ~~person~~ an individual who is physically located in the State or another state where the purchase of that raffle chance or ticket would be legal under the laws of that state.

If the ~~eligible person or~~ organization determines that the purchase of a raffle chance or ticket is made in violation of paragraph B or C, the ~~person or~~ organization shall immediately refund the payment and void the raffle chance or ticket associated with the purchase.

If the ~~eligible person or~~ organization conducts a raffle in which a winner receives a firearm, the transfer of that firearm to the winner must be processed through a holder of a federal license for a dealer in firearms who is not a dealer in destructive devices under 18 United States Code, Section 923(a)(3)(B).

~~An eligible~~ A person or organization that fails to comply with this subsection commits a civil violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000.

**3. Approval of payment management system.** Upon request from ~~an eligible a person or~~ organization, the director may approve a payment management system for use by the ~~person or~~ organization in conducting a raffle that is not an Internet raffle only if the director determines that the payment management system:

A. Does not permit the extension of credit from the ~~eligible person or~~ organization to ~~a person~~ an individual who purchases a raffle chance or ticket;

B. Does not permit ~~a person~~ an individual to initiate a transaction to purchase a raffle chance or ticket and finalize the transaction by providing payment by mail;

C. Includes adequate measures to ensure that ~~a person~~ an individual who purchases a raffle chance or ticket is at least 18 years of age;

D. Includes geolocation technology to determine with a reasonable degree of certainty the state in which ~~a person~~ an individual who purchases a raffle chance or ticket is physically located at the time the purchase is made and allows ~~an eligible a person or~~ organization to prevent ~~a person~~ an individual from purchasing a raffle chance or ticket while the ~~person~~ individual is physically located in a state where the purchase of that raffle chance or ticket would not be legal under the laws of that state;

E. Provides for the immediate refund of any payment to purchase a raffle chance or ticket made by ~~a person~~ an individual who the ~~person or~~ organization discovers is under 18 years of age at the time of purchase or was physically located in a state where the raffle being conducted is not legally permitted at the time of purchase;

F. Includes adequate measures to protect the privacy and security of payment information submitted by ~~persons~~ individuals who purchase raffle chances or tickets during the purchase process; and

G. Enables the ~~eligible person or~~ organization to satisfy the record-keeping and reporting requirements in subsection 6 as well as any other requirements established by the Gambling Control Unit by rule.

**4. Payment; eligible organization.** A payment management system approved by the director under this

section may permit the use of a debit card or other payment method that ~~the~~ an eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 uses to accept membership dues from out-of-state members and may allow a member of the eligible organization to request that payment for a raffle chance or ticket be made using the member's funds already within the possession of the eligible organization.

**5. Guidance for raffle operators.** Upon receipt of a request to approve a payment management system under subsection 3, the director shall provide the eligible person or organization with a guidance document including any information the director determines necessary to assist the eligible person or organization in complying with the requirements of this section.

**6. Record-keeping and reporting requirements.** In addition to the record-keeping requirements under section 1839, ~~an eligible a person or organization~~ that uses a payment management system to conduct a raffle under section 1837-A for which a registration is required shall:

- A. Retain for a period of 3 years an electronic copy of each receipt for the sale of a raffle chance or ticket sold using the payment management system;
- B. Retain for a period of one year a physical copy of each raffle ticket stub generated by the sale of a chance or ticket for a raffle sold using the payment management system;
- C. Maintain raffle ticket stubs retained under paragraph A or B separately for each individual raffle;
- D. Provide receipts for raffle chances or tickets and raffle ticket stubs retained under this subsection to the Gambling Control Unit on request; and
- E. Submit an annual report to the Gambling Control Unit that includes the number of raffles conducted using a payment management system during the year covered by the report and the amount of gross receipts for each of those raffles.

~~An eligible~~ A person or organization that fails to comply with this subsection commits a civil violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Provides funding for one Office Specialist II position and associated costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,159	\$100,613

All Other	\$4,865	\$4,865
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$102,024	\$105,478
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 223**

**H.P. 1135 - L.D. 1700**

**An Act to Create a Direct Investment Pilot Project Under the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10129, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 600, §5, is further amended to read:

B. The accelerator may provide capital to qualified projects in the form of:

- (1) Debt financing;
- (2) Credit enhancements, including loan loss reserves and loan guarantees;
- (3) Aggregation and warehousing;
- (4) Equity capital;
- (5) Any other financial product approved by the board; ~~and~~
- (6) Leases; ~~and~~
- (7) Direct loans.

**Sec. 2. Renewable energy generation and grid technology pilot project.** The Efficiency Maine Trust shall establish and administer a renewable energy generation and grid technology pilot project, referred to in this section as "the pilot project," through the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator, referred to in this section as "the accelerator," as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10129, subsection 2.

1. Notwithstanding any provision of Title 35-A, section 10129 to the contrary, the pilot project must be designed to provide financing or investment from the accelerator to those qualified projects for renewable energy generation, as described in Title 35-A, section 10129, subsection 1, paragraph I, subparagraph (1), and grid technology such as storage to support clean energy distribution, including microgrids, as defined in Title 35-A, section 10129, subsection 1, paragraph H, and smart grid applications as described in Title 35-A, section 3143.

2. Within 24 months of the effective date of this Act, and as long as sufficient funds are available, the

Efficiency Maine Trust must use no less than \$1,000,000 of the funds held by the accelerator to provide debt financing credit enhancements; aggregation and warehousing; equity capital, including co-investments; leases; loans; or other financial products approved by the Efficiency Maine Trust Board to creditworthy projects described in subsection 1.

3. By January 29, 2028, the Efficiency Maine Trust shall provide a report regarding the status of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The report must include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot project including a description of each project that received finance and investment services. The trust may include recommendations regarding the continuation of the pilot project in its report. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 224**

**S.P. 22 - L.D. 9**

**An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1001, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Public communication.** "Public communication" means a communication to the public by means of broadcast, cable or satellite communication; newspapers, direct mail, handbills or other printed literature; campaign signs or other outdoor advertising facilities; and prerecorded automated telephone calls or other types of general public political advertising. For the purposes of this subsection, "general public political advertising" does not include communication over the Internet, except for communications placed or promoted for a fee on another person's website, digital device, application or advertising platform.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1004, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 334, §1, is further amended to read:

**4. Registration; political action committees.** A political action committee or ballot question committee required to be registered under section 1052-A ~~or 1056-B~~ may not operate in this State unless it is so registered.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1004-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Contribution in name of another person.** A person that makes a contribution in the name of another

person, that knowingly permits that person's name to be used to effect such a contribution or that knowingly accepts a contribution made by one person in the name of another person; may be assessed a penalty not to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ 500% of the amount of the contribution.

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1005**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 571, §7, is amended to read:

**§1005. Restrictions on commercial use of contributor information**

Information concerning contributors contained in campaign finance reports filed by candidates, political action committees ~~and~~, party committees ~~and reports filed under section 1056-B~~ and ballot question committees may not be used for any commercial purpose, including, but not limited to, the sales and marketing of products and services, or for solicitations of any kind not directly related to activities of a political party, so-called "get out the vote" efforts or activities directly related to a campaign as defined in section 1052. Any person obtaining contributor information from the reports is prohibited from selling or distributing it to others to use for commercial purposes and also is prohibited from making publicly available the mailing addresses of contributors. This section does not prohibit a political party, party committee, candidate committee, political action committee or any other organization that has obtained contributor information from the commission from providing access to such information to its members for purposes directly related to party activities, so-called "get out the vote" efforts or a campaign as defined in section 1052. A person who violates this section is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000. A person who knowingly violates this section commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1007** is enacted to read:

**§1007. Public communication placed or promoted for a fee**

A public communication is considered placed or promoted for a fee when a payment is made to a website, digital device, application or advertising platform in order to increase the circulation, prominence or availability of the public communication on that website, digital device, application or advertising platform.

**Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1012, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 483, §3, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

**Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1014**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §8, is further amended to read:

**§1014. Publication or distribution of political public communications**

**1. Authorized by candidate.** Whenever a person makes an expenditure to finance a public communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a

clearly identified candidate through broadcasting stations, cable television systems, newspapers, magazines, campaign signs or other outdoor advertising facilities, publicly accessible sites on the Internet, direct mails or other similar types of general public political advertising or through flyers, handbills, bumper stickers and other nonperiodical publications, the public communication, if authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or ~~their~~ a candidate's or a candidate's authorized political committee's agents, must clearly and conspicuously state that the public communication has been so authorized and must clearly state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication. A public communication financed by a candidate or the candidate's committee is not required to state the address of the candidate or committee that financed the public communication. If a public communication that is financed by someone other than the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee is broadcast by radio, only the city and state of the address of the person who financed the public communication must be stated.

**2. Not authorized by candidate.** If ~~the~~ a public communication described in subsection 1 is not authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or ~~their~~ a candidate's or a candidate's authorized political committee's agents, the public communication must clearly and conspicuously state that the public communication is not authorized by any candidate and state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication, except that a public communication broadcast by radio is only required to state the city and state of the address of the person that financed the public communication. If the public communication is in written form, the public communication must contain at the bottom of the public communication in print that is no smaller in size than 12-point bold print, Times New Roman font, the words "NOT PAID FOR OR AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE."

**2-A. Other public communications.** Whenever a person makes an expenditure to finance a public communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate and that is disseminated during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election, during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election or during the period of time from Labor Day to the election day for a general election through the media described in subsection 1, the public communication must state the name and address of the person who made or financed the public communication and a statement that the public communication was or was not authorized by the candidate, except that a public communication broadcast by radio is only required to state the city and state of the address of the person that financed the public communication. The disclosure is not required

if the public communication was not made for the purpose of influencing the candidate's nomination for election or election.

**2-B. Top 3 funders; independent expenditures.**

A public communication that is funded by an entity making an independent expenditure as defined in section 1019-B, subsection 1 must conspicuously include the following statement:

"The top 3 funders of (name of entity that made the independent expenditure) are (names of top 3 funders)."

The information required by this subsection may appear simultaneously with any statement required by subsection 2 or 2-A. A public communication that contains a visual aspect must include the statement in written text. A public communication that does not contain a visual aspect must include an audible statement. This statement is required only for public communications made through broadcast or cable television, broadcast radio, broadcast, cable or satellite systems; Internet audio and video programming; direct mail; or newspaper or other periodical publications.

A ~~cable television, broadcast television~~ broadcast, cable or satellite television communication or Internet video communication must include both an audible and a written statement. For a ~~cable television, broadcast television~~ broadcast, cable or satellite television communication or Internet video communication ~~30 60~~ seconds or less in duration, the audible statement may be ~~modified to include only the single top funder omitted.~~

The top funders named in the required statement consist of the funders providing the highest dollar amount of funding to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day.

A. For purposes of this subsection, "funder" includes:

(1) Any entity that has made a contribution as defined in section 1052, subsection 3 to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day; and

(2) Any entity that has given a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value, ~~including a promise or agreement to provide money or anything of value whether or not legally enforceable,~~ except for transactions in which a fair value is given in return, since the day following the most recent general election day.

B. If funders have given equal amounts, creating a tie in the ranking of the top 3 funders, the tie must be broken by naming the tying funders in chronological order of the receipt of funding until 3 funders are included in the statement. If the chrono-

logical order cannot be discerned, the entity making the independent expenditure may choose which of the tying funders to include in the statement. ~~In no case may a~~ A public communication may not be required to include the names of more than 3 funders.

C. The statement required under this subsection is not required to include the name of any funder who has provided less than \$1,000 to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day.

D. If only one or 2 funders must be included pursuant to this subsection, the public communication must identify the number of funders as "top funder" or "top 2 funders" as appropriate. If there are no funders required to be included under this subsection, no statement is required.

E. When compiling the list of top funders, an entity making an independent expenditure may disregard any funds that the entity can show were used for purposes unrelated to the candidate mentioned in the public communication on the basis that funds were either spent in the order received or were strictly segregated in other accounts.

F. ~~The statement required under this subsection is not required in any public communication consisting of an audio broadcast of 30 60 seconds or less or a print communication of 20 square inches or less, the requirements of this subsection are satisfied by including the name of the single highest funder only.~~

G. If the list of funders changes during the period in which a recurring public communication is aired or published, the statement appearing in the public communication must be updated at the time that any additional payments are made for that public communication.

H. The commission may establish by routine technical rule, adopted in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, forms and procedures for ensuring compliance with this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph must ensure that the information required by this subsection is effectively conveyed for a sufficient duration and in a sufficient font size or screen size ~~where~~ when applicable without undue burden on the ability of the entity to make the public communication. The rules must also provide an exemption for types of public communications for which the required statement would be impossible or impose an unusual hardship due to the unique format or medium of the public communication.

**3. Broadcasting prohibited without disclosure.** ~~No~~ A person operating a broadcasting station or cable television broadcast, cable or satellite system within this State may not broadcast any public communication,

as described in subsections 1 to 2-A, without an oral or written visual announcement of the disclosure required by this section.

**3-A. In-kind contributions of printed materials.**

A candidate, political committee or political action committee shall report on the campaign finance report as a contribution to the candidate, political committee or political action committee any contributions of in-kind printed materials to be used in the support of a candidate or in the support or defeat of a ballot question. Any in-kind contributions of printed materials used or distributed by a candidate, political committee or political action committee must include the name or title of that candidate, political committee or political action committee as the authorizing agent for the printing and distribution of the in-kind contribution.

**3-B. Newspapers.** A newspaper may not publish a public communication described in subsections 1 to 2-A without including the disclosure required by this section. For purposes of this subsection, "newspaper" includes any printed material intended for general circulation or to be read by the general public, including a version of the newspaper displayed on a website owned or operated by the newspaper. When necessary, a newspaper may seek the advice of the commission regarding whether or not ~~the~~ a communication requires the disclosure.

**4. Enforcement.** A violation of this section may result in a civil penalty of no more than 100% of the amount of the expenditure in violation, except that an expenditure for yard signs lacking the required information may result in a maximum civil penalty of \$200. In assessing a civil penalty, the commission shall consider, among other things, how widely the public communication was disseminated, whether the violation was intentional, whether the violation occurred as the result of an error by a printer or other paid vendor and whether the public communication conceals or misrepresents the identity of the person who financed it. If the person who financed the public communication or who committed the violation corrects the violation within 10 days after receiving notification of the violation from the commission by adding the missing information to the public communication, the commission may decide to assess no civil penalty.

~~**5. Telephone calls.** Prerecorded automated telephone calls and scripted live telephone communications that name a clearly identified candidate during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election, during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election or during the period of time from Labor Day to the general election day for a general election must clearly state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication and whether the communication was authorized by a candidate, except for prerecorded automated telephone calls paid for by the candidate that use the candidate's voice~~

~~in the telephone call and that are made in support of that candidate. Telephone surveys that meet generally accepted standards for polling research and that are not conducted for the purpose of influencing the voting position of call recipients are not required to include the disclosure.~~

**5-A. Text messages.** Text messages sent with the assistance of mass distribution technology that is paid for by a person must clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure if:

- A. The text message expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate; or
- B. The text message contains a link to a website that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate.

**5-B. Websites of candidate or political committee.** A website or other Internet application available to the general public that is established by a party committee or a person that is required to register with the commission as a candidate or political action committee and that expressly advocates for the election or defeat of a candidate or that names a clearly identified candidate during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election, during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election or during the period of time from Labor Day to the election day for a general election must state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the website or other Internet application and state that the website or other Internet application was or was not authorized by the candidate.

**6. Exclusions.** The requirements of this section do not apply to:

- A. Handbills or other literature produced and distributed at a cost not exceeding \$100 and prepared by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;
- B. Campaign signs produced and distributed at a cost not exceeding \$100, paid for by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized

campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;

C. Internet and e-mail activities costing less than \$100, as excluded by rule of the commission, paid for by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;

~~D. Communications~~ Public communications in which the name or address of the person who made or authorized the expenditure for the public communication would be so small as to be illegible or infeasible, including public communications on items such as ashtrays, badges and badge holders, balloons, campaign buttons, clothing, coasters, combs, emery boards, envelopes, erasers, glasses, key rings, letter openers, matchbooks, nail files, noisemakers, paper and plastic cups, pencils, pens, plastic tableware, 12-inch or shorter rulers, swizzle sticks, tickets to ~~fund-raisers~~ fundraisers and similar items determined by the commission to be too small and unnecessary for the disclosures required by this section and in electronic media advertisements where compliance with this section would be impractical due to size or character limitations; ~~and~~

E. Campaign signs that are financed by the candidate or candidate's authorized committee and that clearly identify the name of the candidate and are lettered or printed individually by hand;

F. Prerecorded automated telephone calls paid for by the candidate that use the candidate's voice in the telephone call and that are made in support of that candidate; and

G. Telephone surveys that meet generally accepted standards for polling research and that are not conducted for the purpose of influencing the voting position of call recipients.

**Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§7-A, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 138, §1, is further amended to read:

A. A candidate seeking election to a county or municipal office may, at the time the candidate registers under section 1013-A, notify the commission that the candidate and the candidate's agents, if any, will not personally accept contributions, make expenditures or incur obligations associated with that candidate's candidacy. The notification must be sworn and notarized made through an online or written form prescribed by the commission. A candidate who provides this notice to the commission

is not required to appoint a treasurer and is not subject to the filing requirements of this subchapter if the statement is true.

**Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§7-A, ¶A-1,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 350, §5, is amended to read:

A-1. A legislative candidate seeking the nomination of a party in an uncontested primary election may, at the time the candidate registers under section 1013-A, notify the commission that the candidate and the candidate's agents, if any, will not personally accept contributions, make expenditures or incur obligations associated with that candidate's candidacy through the 35th day after the primary election. The notification must be ~~sworn and notarized~~ made through an online or written form prescribed by the commission. A candidate who provides this notice to the commission is not required to appoint a treasurer or to file the campaign finance reports under subsection 3-A, paragraphs B and D with respect to the primary election.

**Sec. 10. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§8, ¶F,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 193, §1, is further amended to read:

F. Repaying any loans or retiring any other debts incurred ~~to defray campaign expenses of the candidate~~ in the course of the candidate's campaign activity;

**Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 132, §7, is further amended to read:

A. Is made to design, produce or disseminate any public communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; or

**Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §10, is further amended to read:

B. Unless the person, party committee or political action committee making the expenditure demonstrates under subsection 2 that the expenditure did not have a purpose or effect of influencing the nomination, election or defeat of the candidate, is made to design, produce or disseminate a public communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate and is disseminated during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election; during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election; or from Labor Day to a general election day.

**Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 334, §17, is further amended to read:

**6. Request for a commission determination.** ~~If the commission staff finds that a candidate or political~~

~~committee has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the commission staff shall mail a notice to the candidate or political committee within 3 business days following the filing deadline informing the candidate or political committee that a report was not received.~~ If a candidate or a political committee files a report required under this subchapter late, a notice of preliminary penalty must be sent to the candidate or political committee whose registration or campaign finance report was not received by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date, informing the candidate or political committee of the staff finding of violation and preliminary penalty calculated under subsection 4-A and providing the candidate or political committee with an opportunity to request a determination by the commission. Any request for a determination must be made within 14 calendar days of receipt of the commission's notice. A candidate or political committee requesting a determination may either appear in person or designate a representative to appear on the candidate's or political committee's behalf or submit a sworn statement explaining the mitigating circumstances for consideration by the commission. A final determination by the commission may be appealed to the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7 and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80C.

**Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §25, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Penalties for failure to file report.** If the commission staff finds that a candidate, party committee or other person has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the commission staff shall send by regular mail and e-mail a notice to the candidate, party committee or person within 3 business days following the filing deadline informing the candidate, party committee or person that the report has not been received. If the report remains unfiled after 10 days, the commission staff shall send another notice by regular mail and e-mail. If the candidate, party committee or person has not filed the report after these 2 notices, the commission staff may refer the violation to the commission, which may, after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard, determine whether a violation has occurred and, if so, the amount of any penalty. The penalty may not exceed the maximum penalties as provided in subsection 5-A. A candidate party committee or other person who fails to file a report as required by this subchapter after the commission has sent the first 2 notices required by this subsection is guilty of a Class E crime. As an alternative to assessing a penalty, the commission may refer the violation to the Office of the Attorney General for potential criminal prosecution.

**Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§8-A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

**Sec. 16. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§9,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 483, §15, is repealed.

**Sec. 17. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 217, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§4-B**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 389, §31, is amended to read:

**4-B. Initiate.** "Initiate" includes the collection of signatures on petitions and related activities to qualify a state or local initiative or referendum for the ballot.

**Sec. 19. 21-A MRSA §1053-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 314, §1, is further amended to read:

**§1053-A. Municipal elections**

If an organization qualifies as a committee under section 1052, subsection 2 and that organization receives contributions or makes expenditures to influence a municipal ~~campaign~~ election in towns or cities with a population of 15,000 or more, that organization ~~must~~ shall register and file reports with the municipal clerk as required by Title 30-A, section 2502. If an organization qualifies as a ballot question committee under section 1052, subsection 2-A and that organization ~~receives contributions or makes expenditures exceeding \$5,000 to influence a municipal referendum campaign~~ in a town or city with a population of less than 15,000, that organization ~~must~~ shall register and file reports with the commission using the electronic filing system pursuant to section 1059, subsection 5. The reports must be filed in accordance with the reporting schedule in section 1059 and must contain the information listed in section 1060. A committee registered with the commission and that receives contributions or makes expenditures relating to a municipal election shall file a copy of the report containing such contributions or expenditures with the clerk in the subject municipality. The commission retains the sole authority to prescribe the content of all reporting forms. The commission does not have responsibility to oversee the filing of registrations or campaign finance reports relating to municipal ~~campaigns~~ elections in towns or cities with a population of 15,000 or more. If a municipal clerk becomes aware of a potential violation of this subchapter that the clerk considers to be substantial, the clerk may refer the matter to the commission for enforcement. The commission may conduct an investigation if the information referred by the municipal clerk shows sufficient grounds for believing that a violation may have occurred. After conducting the investigation, if the commission determines that a violation of this subchapter has occurred, the commission may assess penalties provided in this subchapter.

**Sec. 20. 21-A MRSA §1055**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §31, is further amended to read:

**§1055. Publication or distribution of political public communications**

A political action committee that makes an expenditure to finance a public communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or that

names or depicts a clearly identified candidate is subject to the requirements of section 1014.

**Sec. 21. 21-A MRSA §1055-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §15, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1055-A. Political public communications to influence a ballot question**

**Sec. 22. 21-A MRSA §1055-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §15, is further amended to read:

**1. Communications Public communications to influence ballot question elections.** Whenever a person makes an expenditure exceeding \$500 for a public communication expressly advocating ~~through broadcasting stations, cable television systems, prerecorded automated telephone calls or scripted live telephone calls, newspapers, magazines, campaign signs or other outdoor advertising facilities, publicly accessible sites on the Internet, direct mails or other similar types of general public political advertising or through flyers, handbills, bumper stickers and other nonperiodical publications,~~ for or against an initiative or referendum that is on the ballot, the public communication must clearly and conspicuously state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication, except that telephone calls must clearly state only the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication. A digital public communication, including the transmission of text messages with the assistance of mass distribution technology, costing more than \$500 that expressly advocates for or against an initiative or referendum or that includes a link to a publicly accessible website expressly advocating for or against an initiative or referendum that is on the ballot containing express advocacy must clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure, unless the digital communication is excluded under subsection 2. A website established by a person required to register as a ballot question committee expressly advocating for or against an initiative or referendum must clearly and conspicuously state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the website. Telephone surveys that meet generally accepted standards for polling research and that are not conducted for the purpose of influencing the voting position of call recipients are not required to include the disclosure.

**Sec. 23. 21-A MRSA §1055-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 334, §24, is amended to read:

**2. Exceptions.** The following forms of political public communication do not require the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication because the name or address would be so small as to be illegible or infeasible:

ble: clothing, envelopes and stationery, small promotional items, tickets to fundraisers and electronic media advertisements where compliance with this section would be impracticable due to size or character limitations and similar items determined by the commission to be too small and unnecessary for the disclosures required by this section. "Small promotional items" includes but is not limited to ashtrays, badges and badge holders, balloons, campaign buttons, coasters, combs, emery boards, erasers, glasses, key rings, letter openers, matchbooks, nail files, noisemakers, paper and plastic cups, pencils, pens, plastic tableware, 12-inch or shorter rulers and swizzle sticks.

**Sec. 24. 21-A MRSA §1057, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 217, §9, is further amended to read:

**4. Account statements.** The treasurer of a committee shall keep account statements ~~relating to the deposit of funds of the committee~~ for the campaign account required by section 1054.

**Sec. 25. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 563, §20, is further amended to read:

**5. Request for a commission determination.** ~~If the commission staff finds that a committee has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the commission staff shall mail a notice to the treasurer of the committee within 3 business days following the filing deadline informing the treasurer that a report was not received.~~ If a committee files a report required under this subchapter late, a notice of preliminary penalty must be forwarded to the treasurer of the committee whose report is not received by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date, informing the treasurer of the commission staff finding of violation and preliminary penalty calculated under subsection 3 and providing the treasurer with an opportunity to request a determination by the commission. A request for determination must be made within 14 calendar days of receipt of the commission's notice. A principal officer or treasurer requesting a determination may either appear in person or designate a representative to appear on the principal officer's or treasurer's behalf or submit a sworn statement explaining the mitigating circumstances for consideration by the commission. A final determination by the commission may be appealed to the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7 and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80C.

**Sec. 26. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 563, §22, is repealed.

**Sec. 27. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Penalties for failure to file report.** If the commission staff finds that a committee or other person has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the

commission staff shall send by regular mail and e-mail a notice to the committee treasurer or other responsible officer within 3 business days following the filing deadline informing the committee treasurer or other responsible officer that the report has not been received. If the report remains unfiled after 10 days, the commission staff shall send another notice by regular mail and e-mail. If the committee or other person has not filed the report after these 2 notices, commission staff may refer the violation to the commission, which may, after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard, determine whether a violation has occurred and, if so, the amount of any penalty. The maximum penalty for failure to file a report required under section 1059 is \$10,000 or the amount of financial activity not reported, whichever is greater. A person who fails to file a report as required by this subchapter after the commission has sent the first 2 notices required in this subsection is guilty of a Class E crime, except that, if a penalty is assessed pursuant to this subsection and collected by the commission, the State may not prosecute a violation under this subsection.

**Sec. 28. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§8-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §49, is repealed.

**Sec. 29. 21-A MRSA §1064, sub-§1, ¶H**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 2, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 30. 30-A MRSA §2502**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 314, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2502. Campaign reports and registrations in municipal elections**

**1. Reports and registrations by candidates.** A candidate for municipal office of Financial activities by candidates and others to influence elections for municipal office in a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more is are governed by Title 21-A, sections 1001 to 1020-A, except that registrations and campaign finance reports must be filed with the municipal clerk instead of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. A town or city with a population of less than 15,000 may choose to be governed by Title 21-A, sections 1001 to 1020-A by vote of its legislative body at least 90 days before an election for office. A town or city that votes to adopt those provisions may revoke that decision, but it must do so at least 90 days before an election subject to those sections.

**2. Municipal referenda campaigns.** Municipal referenda campaign finance reporting is campaigns are governed by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4.

**3. Public access to records.** A town or city that receives registrations or reports pursuant to this section must keep them for 8 years.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 225

## H.P. 8 - L.D. 44

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Pertaining to Elver Fishing**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 485, §5, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 250, §4, is further amended to read:

F. Becomes eligible to obtain an elver fishing license pursuant to the elver lottery under subsection 2-C and who has completed any educational requirements established under section 6505-E.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§2-C**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 250, §6, is amended to read:

**2-C. Elver license lottery.** The commissioner shall establish an elver fishing license lottery under which a person may become eligible for that license under subsection 2, paragraph F. An applicant to the lottery must submit a lottery application together with a \$35 nonrefundable application fee no later than January 15th of the same calendar year as the lottery. An applicant may not submit more than 5 elver fishing license lottery applications per lottery year. In any year in which a lottery is held, the lottery must be held on or before ~~February~~ March 15th.

The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the elver fishing license lottery, including provisions for the method and administration of the lottery. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Twenty-five dollars of the application fee collected under this subsection must be deposited in the Eel and Elver Management Fund established in section 6505-D and used to fund a life-cycle study of the elver fishery. Ten dollars of the application fee may be used by the department to fund the costs of administering the elver fishing license lottery.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 131, §1, and PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Elver fishing quotas.** The commissioner may adopt rules to establish, implement and administer an elver individual fishing quota system in order to ensure that the elver fishery annual landings do not exceed the overall annual quota established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Prior to allocating any portion of the overall annual quota for the State established pursuant to paragraph A, the commissioner may withhold up to 1% of the available overall annual

quota. Except as provided in section 6575-L, a person issued a license under this section or section 6302-A, subsection 3, paragraph E, E-1, F or G may not take, possess or sell elvers in excess of the weight quota allocated to that person under the quota system. The rules must:

A. Establish an overall annual quota for the State;

B. Establish the amount of the overall annual quota under paragraph A that is allocated to persons licensed under this section and specify a formula to establish individual quotas for persons licensed under this section. The formula may take into account the amount of elvers a person licensed under this section lawfully harvested in previous seasons based on final harvesting reports. The rules must specify the date by which harvester reports are considered final for the purpose of determining individual quotas; and

C. Provide, in accordance with section 6302-B, that 21.9% of the overall annual quota under paragraph A is allocated to the federally recognized Indian tribes in the State and establish the amount of that portion of the overall annual quota allocated to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi'kmaq Nation.

If persons issued licenses under this section collectively exceed the overall annual quota allocated to those persons pursuant to paragraph B, the number of pounds by which the license holders exceeded that overall annual quota must be deducted from the following year's overall annual quota allocated to persons licensed under this section. If the overage exceeds the overall annual quota allocated to persons licensed under this section for the following year, the overage must be deducted from the overall annual quota allocated to persons licensed under this section in subsequent years until the entire overage has been accounted for.

The commissioner may adopt or amend rules on an emergency basis if immediate action is necessary to establish and implement the elver individual fishing quota in advance of the beginning of the elver fishing season.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6505-E** is enacted to read:

**§6505-E. Elver handling training course**

Prior to the issuance of an elver fishing license, the commissioner may require an applicant to complete an educational course that the commissioner determines appropriate to provide necessary information regarding the proper handling of elvers to ensure survivability.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 226  
H.P. 26 - L.D. 62**

**An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Release from Dam Ownership**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §901, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 630, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Petition.** The owner of a dam that is not licensed or exempted from licensure by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may petition the department to initiate proceedings for release from dam ownership or ~~water level~~ water level maintenance under this article. The petition must include the following information:

- A. The name, address and phone number of the dam owner;
- B. The location of the dam and related impoundment;
- C. ~~A plan~~ Plans of the dam and appurtenant features and brief descriptions of the condition of the dam and recent operation of the dam, including for all associated features used for operation, maintenance and water level management; and
- ~~D. Any other reasonable information the department determines necessary to implement this article.~~
- E. Documentation of the owner's title, right or interest in the dam;
- F. The location of or information regarding easements or deeded or contractual rights to the dam and appurtenant features or to water levels;
- G. A record of all state inspections of and all repairs and maintenance activities conducted on the dam over the 10-year period prior to the submission of the petition, including a record of any dam safety orders for the dam issued pursuant to Title 37-B, section 1119 and information regarding any necessary remedial measures undertaken pursuant to such orders;
- H. Operations and maintenance plans for the dam;
- I. An emergency action plan for the dam if the dam is assigned a high hazard potential or significant hazard potential pursuant to Title 37-B, section 1118;
- J. Documentation of the scope of work and related costs incurred for the operation and maintenance of

the dam over the 10-year period prior to the submission of the petition and of all estimates for necessary repairs to the dam that have not been completed;

K. A record of all federal, state and local permits and approvals issued for or relating to the dam;

L. Documentation of insurance policies for and information and associated costs for risk management of the dam;

M. Documentation of property tax obligations for the dam and appurtenant features;

N. If requested by the department, engineering reports relating to the dam and related impoundment, including, but not limited to, any geotechnical borings, soil test data, recommendation reports, topographic survey data, stream and lake cross sections and bathymetric surveys upstream and downstream of the dam and hydrologic and hydraulic studies and data;

O. If requested by the department, environmental reports relating to the dam and related impoundment, including, but not limited to, impact assessments relating to dam removal, dam configuration or dam abandonment, failure or breach;

P. Any other information necessary for the persons listed in section 902, subsection 3 to determine whether to assume ownership of the dam; and

Q. Any other information the department determines necessary for the purposes of this article.

The department shall notify the owner within 15 days of receipt of the petition if the department determines that the petition does not comply with the requirements of this section. If notice is not sent within 15 days, the petition is deemed to comply.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §902, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 630, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Consultation required.** Within ~~480~~ 210 days of filing a petition pursuant to section 901, a dam owner shall consult with the persons and entities listed in subsection 3 to determine whether any of them wish to assume ownership of the dam. During the consultation period, the dam owner must meet with the department, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Maine Emergency Management Agency to review the information provided in the petition submitted pursuant to section 901, subsection 1. During consultation with each person or group of persons, the owner shall explain the process set forth in this article and shall inform the person or group that the department may issue an order requiring release of the water impounded by the dam if a new owner is not located. A dam owner may meet the obligation to consult with property owners by holding a

public meeting and consulting with the persons who appear at that meeting, as long as notice has been sent to each property owner as required in section 901.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §902, sub-§1-A**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 2, §48, is amended to read:

**1-A. Extension of consultation period.** The consultation period under subsection 1 must be extended for an additional ~~180~~ 210 days if:

A. A municipality in which the dam or impoundment is located applies to the department for an extension and demonstrates that the municipality needs additional consultation time to facilitate an agreement for municipal ownership of the dam; or

B. The dam owner applies to the department for an extension.

If, pursuant to this subsection, the department approves an application for an extension of the consultation period under subsection 1 for an additional 210 days, the department may approve a 2nd application for an extension of the consultation period for an additional 210 days in accordance with this subsection if determined necessary by the department. The department may not extend the consultation period under subsection 1 ~~may not be extended~~ for more than ~~180~~ twice, for more than 420 days in total, regardless of the number of applications for extension under this subsection.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §902, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 630, §3 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency;

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §902, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 789, §2 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:

**4. Report on notice compliance.** The dam owner shall file a report with the department within ~~180~~ 210 days of filing a petition that includes:

A. Evidence that the owner complied with the notice requirements set forth in section 901; and

B. Names and addresses of persons notified under section 901.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §902, sub-§4-A**, as corrected by RR 1997, c. 2, §64, is amended to read:

**4-A. Report on consultation process.** The dam owner shall file a report with the department within ~~180~~ 210 days of filing a petition or before the conclusion of an extension to the consultation period granted pursuant to subsection 1-A that includes:

A. Names and addresses of parties consulted in accordance with this section; and

B. The results of the consultations and whether a new owner has been located.

**Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §903**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 630, §3 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

**§903. Assessment of public value of dam**

**1. Notification of agencies.** If a new owner was not located during the consultation process and the department has not rejected the petition, the department shall immediately notify the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Maine Emergency Management Agency that an assessment of public value for the dam may be required.

**2. Evaluation of fisheries and wildlife value.** Within ~~60~~ 90 days of receiving notice under subsection 1, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall review the following factors and determine whether the best interest of the public requires that department to assume ownership of the dam:

A. The cost of maintaining the dam, based on the information provided in the petition under section 901, subsection 1 or other available information;

B. The value to fisheries and wildlife of maintaining the dam; and

C. The value to fisheries and wildlife of releasing water from the dam.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall notify the department of its determination. If the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines, after considering these factors, that the best interest of the public requires it to assume ownership of the dam, the department shall issue an order directing the dam owner to transfer the dam to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife within a reasonable period of time. If the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines that it will not assume ownership, the department shall notify the Department of ~~Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry~~ Marine Resources.

**2-A. Evaluation of marine resources value.** Within 90 days of receiving notice under subsection 2, the Department of Marine Resources shall review the following factors and determine whether the best interest of the public requires that department to assume ownership of the dam:

A. The cost of maintaining the dam, based on the information provided in the petition under section 901, subsection 1 or other available information;

B. The value to marine resources of maintaining the dam; and

C. The value to marine resources of releasing water from the dam.

The Department of Marine Resources shall notify the department of its determination. If the Department of Marine Resources determines, after considering these factors, that the best interest of the public requires it to assume ownership of the dam, the department shall issue an order directing the dam owner to transfer the dam to the Department of Marine Resources within a reasonable period of time. If the Department of Marine Resources determines that it will not assume ownership, the department shall notify the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

**3. Evaluation of public recreational value.**

Within ~~60~~ 90 days of receiving notice under subsection ~~2~~ 2-A, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall review the following factors and determine whether the best interest of the public requires that department to assume ownership of the dam:

- A. The cost of maintaining the dam, based on the information provided in the petition under section 901, subsection 1 or other available information;
- B. The value to public recreation, conservation and public use of maintaining the dam; and
- C. The value to public recreation, conservation and public use of releasing water from the dam.

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall notify the department of its determination. If the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines, after considering these factors, that the best interest of the public requires it to assume ownership of the dam, the department shall issue an order directing the dam owner to transfer the property to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry within a reasonable period of time. If the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that it will not assume ownership of the dam, the department shall notify the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

**4. Evaluation of public safety value.** Within ~~60~~ 90 days of receipt of notice under subsection 3, the Maine Emergency Management Agency shall review the following factors and determine whether the best interest of the public requires that agency to assume ownership of the dam:

- A. The cost of maintaining the dam and the safety of the dam, based on the information provided in the petition under section 901, subsection 1 or other available information;
- B. The value to public safety, particularly flood protection, of maintaining the dam; and
- C. The value to public safety, particularly flood protection, of releasing water from the dam.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency shall notify the department of its determination. If that agency determines, after considering these factors, that the best interest of the public requires it to assume ownership of the dam, the department shall issue an order directing the dam owner to transfer ownership of the dam to the Maine Emergency Management Agency within a reasonable period of time.

**5. Additional consultations required.** If the Maine Emergency Management Agency pursuant to subsection 4 determines that the best interest of the public does not require it to assume ownership of the dam, within 60 days of receiving notice of that determination, the department shall notify the dam owner that, pursuant to subsections 2 to 4, no agency has determined that the best interest of the public requires it to assume ownership of the dam. Upon receipt of such notification from the department, the dam owner, as directed by the department, shall consult again with the parties listed in section 902, subsection 3, paragraphs A, C and D to determine whether any of those parties wish to assume ownership of the dam, ensuring that those parties are provided with information regarding the agency determinations under this section.

**Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §908, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 630, §3, is amended to read:

The municipal legislative body, as defined in Title 30-A, section 2001, of any municipality notified pursuant to section 901, subsection 2 must consider and act on the issue of dam ownership at a public meeting. The meeting must be held no later than ~~60~~ 180 days after the municipal officers receive notice under section 901 and the department determines the petition is complete for processing. County commissioners notified under section 901 must also hold a public meeting to act on the issue of dam ownership not later than ~~60~~ 180 days after receiving notification.

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**CHAPTER 227**

**H.P. 28 - L.D. 64**

**An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6073, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 876, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2-A. Cultchless American oysters; possession and tolerance.** A person may not take, possess or sell American oysters when 20% or more of a bulk pile is composed of cultchless American oysters, except that:

A. A person may take, possess or sell American oysters when 20% or more of a bulk pile is composed of cultchless American oysters if those oysters were legally taken under a municipal shellfish conservation ordinance authorized under section 6671 that includes regulation of American oysters and for which a transplant permit has been issued by the department;

B. A person who is licensed under section 6810-B may take, possess or sell cultchless American oysters when 20% or more of a bulk pile is composed of cultchless American oysters if those oysters are legally taken from an aquaculture lease or license site authorized under section 6072, 6072-A, 6072-B or 6072-C; and

C. A person who is licensed under section 6851 or 6852 may possess, buy and sell cultchless American oysters when 20% or more of a bulk pile is composed of cultchless American oysters.

This subsection does not apply to a person who holds a current aquaculture lease or license site authorized under section 6072, 6072-A, 6072-B or 6072-C, as long as the person is engaged in activity authorized under those sections.

The tolerance described under this subsection is determined by numerical count of not less than one peck nor more than 4 pecks taken at random from various parts of the bulk pile or by a count of the entire pile if it contains less than one peck.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6863**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 509, §10, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 228  
S.P. 130 - L.D. 280**

**An Act to Establish Lifetime Ferry Passes for Retired Maine State Ferry Service Employees**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4408** is enacted to read:

**§4408. Lifetime ferry passes for retired ferry service employees**

A former state employee who is receiving retirement benefits after at least 15 years of employment with the Maine State Ferry Service and who is a year-round resident of one of the served islands of the Maine State Ferry Service is eligible to receive a lifetime ferry pass and a waiver from any reservation fees if the lifetime ferry pass is presented when making the reservation. For the purposes of this section, "lifetime ferry pass"

means a nontransferable pass that provides on a ferry operated by the Maine State Ferry Service:

**1. Walk-on passage.** Unlimited walk-on passage for a passenger to and from the island on which the retiree resides; and

**2. Passenger and vehicle passage.** One round-trip passage per month for a passenger and that passenger's vehicle during peak season as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Transportation and 2 round-trip passages per month during off-peak season as determined by rules adopted by the department. A reservation for passage described in this subsection must follow rules adopted by the department. For the purposes of this subsection, "vehicle" means a noncommercial motor vehicle with 4 tires or fewer and an overall length of 20 feet or less.

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**CHAPTER 229  
H.P. 301 - L.D. 447**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing Ferry Service to Matinicus Isle**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4401**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 20, §1, is further amended to read:

**§4401. Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle, Swan's Island and Frenchboro**

It is the duty of the Department of Transportation to operate a ferry route or routes between the mainland and the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from these towns, and the department may operate the ferry route or routes to and from Frenchboro. Ferry service to Matinicus Isle must be at least 12 times per year and may be up to 36 times per year, with additional service authorized as agreed upon by the residents of Matinicus Isle and the department, and may be provided by state-owned or privately contracted vessels. These ferry routes are designated as the "Maine State Ferry Service." During periods of facility repair or maintenance or during periods of extraordinary demand, the department may carry out its responsibilities by utilizing privately contracted vessels to provide additional or substitute service to islands served by the Maine State Ferry Service as long as the use of privately contracted vessels is in accordance with an agreement between the

department and the State's collective bargaining agent as defined in Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 230**

**H.P. 323 - L.D. 494**

**An Act to Update and Clarify  
Certain Provisions of State  
Liquor and Lottery Laws**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** certain provisions in this legislation relate to businesses that cater to tourists, and the Legislature recognizes that the tourism season is crucial for the State's economy and public well-being; and

**Whereas,** the tourism season, which brings millions of visitors and significant revenue to the State, relies on a regulated and enjoyable environment, including accessible and responsible alcohol sales; and

**Whereas,** for these reasons, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶N-2** is enacted to read:

N-2. "Purveyor of spirits" means an agency liquor store licensed by the bureau under section 462 to conduct unlimited spirits taste-testing events on the agency liquor store's licensed premises.

**Sec. A-2. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§33-A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §32, is amended to read:

**33-A. Vessel.** "Vessel" means a ship, vessel or boat of any kind used for navigation of the coastal waters or for commercial navigation of inland waters and licensed for carrying no fewer than 25 12 passengers under the requirements of the Public Utilities Commission or the United States Coast Guard.

**Sec. A-3. 28-A MRSA §10, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §44, is further amended to read:

**1. Class A restaurant or restaurant and off-premises retail licensee on same premises not prohibited.** If a portion of the premises is licensed as an off-premises retail licensee, ~~no provision within this Title may not be construed to prohibit issuance of a Class III or Class IV license to the same licensee for a restaurant or Class A restaurant for the remaining portion of the premises, as long as necessary qualifications are maintained for each separately licensed area and food is available for free or purchase at all times that liquor is sold for on-premises consumption.~~

**Sec. A-4. 28-A MRSA §10, sub-§2-B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §§45 and 46, is further amended to read:

**2-B. Access exception.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, there may be access between the 2 licensed areas by the public as provided by this subsection.

A. There may be access between the 2 licensed areas when there is a clear delineation of space, by a wall or permanent barrier that separates the 2 licensed areas and allows only one clearly defined and controlled point of access for patrons between the licensed establishments. The controlled point of access is not required to include a door that must be physically opened and closed.

B. When access between the 2 licensed areas exists for patrons of either establishment, ~~all food must be available for free or purchase at all times that malt liquor and wine is sold for on-premises consumption must be served by an employee of the licensed on-premises establishment and:~~

~~(1) Must be accompanied by a full meal prepared in a separate and complete kitchen on the premises of the on-premises establishment if the on-premises establishment is a Class A restaurant; or~~

~~(2) Must be accompanied by a full meal or a hot or cold meal prepared in a separate and complete kitchen on the premises of the on-premises establishment if the on-premises establishment is a restaurant. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "hot or cold meal" means a meal consisting of food items that customarily appear on a restaurant menu, including, but not limited to, sandwiches, salads, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and pizza. A meal consisting solely of prepackaged snack foods such as popcorn, chips or pretzels is not a "hot or cold meal" within the meaning of this subparagraph.~~

C. Malt liquor or wine sold or served on the premises may not be transported by a patron ~~or employee of either establishment~~ from one licensed area to another. The licensee shall ensure that easily readable signs are conspicuously posted to inform the public that transfer of malt liquor or wine

from one licensed area to another is strictly prohibited.

**Sec. A-5. 28-A MRSA §13**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 658, §49, is amended to read:

**§13. Low-alcohol spirits products sold by malt liquor or wine licensees**

**1. Retail sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person licensed to sell malt liquor or wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption may also sell low-alcohol spirits products. All provisions of this Title applicable to wine, except chapters 65 and 67, apply to low-alcohol spirits products when sold by persons licensed to sell wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

**2. Wholesale sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person licensed under section 1401 as an in-state wholesaler of malt liquor or wine may also sell and distribute low-alcohol spirits products.

**Sec. A-6. 28-A MRSA §453-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §70, is further amended to read:

**1. License to resell spirits purchased from the bureau; fortified wine sale permitted.** An agency liquor store may not resell spirits purchased from the bureau to a retail licensee licensed for on-premises consumption unless the agency liquor store is licensed as a reselling agent under this section. A reselling agent is prohibited from reselling spirits to a retail licensee licensed for on-premises consumption unless the spirits are purchased from the bureau. A reselling agent may sell fortified wine to a retail licensee for on-premises consumption.

**Sec. A-7. 28-A MRSA §462** is enacted to read:  
**§462. Purveyor of spirits**

**1. License.** An agency liquor store may obtain a purveyor of spirits license to conduct unlimited taste-testing events as provided in this section.

**2. License fee.** The fee for a purveyor of spirits license is \$500.

**3. Eligibility.** An agency liquor store is eligible for a purveyor of spirits license if it meets the following criteria:

A. The agency liquor store has in stock a minimum of 1,500 different product codes. For the purposes of this paragraph, "product code" has the same meaning as in section 461; and

B. At least 50% of the agency liquor store sales are from the sale of liquor.

**4. Conditions for conducting taste-testing events.** The conditions under this subsection apply to taste-testing events under this section.

A. Spirits may not be served to a person who has not yet attained 21 years of age.

B. A person who is visibly intoxicated may not be served.

C. Spirits served at a taste-testing event under a purveyor of spirits license must be:

(1) Provided by the agency liquor store;

(2) Purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from existing stock available for purchase at the agency liquor store; or

(3) Provided by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event or a spirits supplier, including those licensed under section 1355-A, participating in the taste-testing event and purchased in the State at the retail price. The purveyor of spirits shall maintain and make available to the bureau a record of transactions under this subparagraph.

D. Spirits may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an employee of the agency liquor store, by a sales representative licensed under section 1502 or by the spirits supplier.

**5. Mixed drinks.** The purveyor of spirits licensee may provide mixed drinks containing spirits for a taste-testing event.

**6. Spirits containers used for taste-testing events.** Spirits containers that have been opened for a taste-testing event must be resealed and stored in an area not accessible by the public after the taste-testing event.

**7. Rules.** The bureau may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-8. 28-A MRSA §708, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 153, §1, is further amended to read:

**6. Marketing and mail-in promotions.** Upon approval by the commission, promotional materials designed to encourage a consumer to purchase a spirits product to be attached to or displayed near the spirits product where it is offered for sale for off-premises consumption may be offered by those whose spirits products are listed by the commission. Upon approval by the commission, a mail-in rebate may be provided to consumers through print or electronic media, attached to the spirits product or displayed near the spirits product where the spirits product is offered for sale for off-premises consumption. Mail-in rebates approved by the commission must be redeemed by the manufacturer and not by the retail licensee and may not exceed the purchase price of the spirits product. Mail-in rebates authorized by this subsection must require the inclusion of

the original dated sales receipt for the spirits product to which the rebate is applied. The commission may approve mail-in rebates that offer an incrementally greater discount based upon increased volume of purchased product. Mail-in rebates, certificates or merchandise included with a spirits product must be inserted in the package or attached to the package by the manufacturer or manufacturer's designated broker.

**Sec. A-9. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §104, is further amended to read:

I. Conducting taste testing under section 460, 462, 1051, 1205, 1207, 1368 or 1402;

**Sec. A-10. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 285, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Off-premises catering license.** A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor or a licensed Class A restaurant, licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed restaurant, licensed Class A lounge, licensed hotel, licensed bed and breakfast, licensed golf course, licensed auditorium, licensed civic auditorium or licensed performing arts center may obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering of the same type or types of liquor that the establishment may sell pursuant to the establishment's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, restaurant, Class A lounge, hotel, bed and breakfast, golf course, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center license as provided in section 1052. The fee for an off-premises catering license is \$10 per calendar day of the event or gathering.

**Sec. A-11. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 285, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Off-premises catering license for sale of liquor.** A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor or a licensed Class A restaurant, licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed restaurant, licensed Class A lounge, licensed hotel, licensed bed and breakfast, licensed golf course, licensed auditorium, licensed civic auditorium or licensed performing arts center may apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering at planned events or gatherings to be held at locations other than the licensee's premises under this section.

**Sec. A-12. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 285, §3, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Type of liquor.** An off-premises catering licensee may sell at an event described in subsection 3 only the type or types of liquor that the licensee is authorized to sell pursuant to the licensee's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, restaurant, Class A lounge, hotel, bed and breakfast, golf

course, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center license.

**Sec. A-13. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 270, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor to be consumed on the premises to hotels, ~~as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph H~~ as long as the hotel has a minimum of 4 guest rooms and is licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services, as required by rule.

**Sec. A-14. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 270, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. A-15. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Consumer transport of liquor within hotel.** A licensed hotel may permit consumers to transport spirits, wine or malt liquor purchased in areas designated for the consumption of spirits, wine or malt liquor to individual guest rooms.

**Sec. A-16. 28-A MRSA §1068**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §92, is repealed.

**Sec. A-17. 28-A MRSA §1069-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §93, is repealed.

**Sec. A-18. 28-A MRSA §1070**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §§185 and 186, is further amended to read:

**§1070. Civic Auditoriums; civic auditoriums; outdoor stadiums; and performing arts centers**

**1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses to auditoriums, civic auditoriums as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph C, outdoor stadiums and performing arts centers under this section for the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor. The license may be issued to the owner ~~of the civic auditorium~~, or the operator of the auditorium, civic auditorium, outdoor stadium or performing arts center or to the entity providing spirits, wine and malt liquor to the public in the auditorium, civic auditorium, outdoor stadium or performing arts center.

~~**2. Events on licensed premises only.** Licenses issued to civic auditoriums may be used only in conjunction with a function or event held on the licensed premises.~~

**3. No sales during events for minors.** Licensees may not sell spirits, wine or malt liquor during any school activities or events primarily attended by minors in the rooms where these activities are taking place.

**5. Bottle service of spirits; designated areas.** ~~A civic auditorium licensee under this section may sell spirits in original containers for service in a civic auditorium club suite under the following conditions:~~

A. Spirits to be consumed in the club suite must be provided exclusively by the ~~civic auditorium~~ licensee;

B. Spirits containers provided for consumption in the club suite must remain in the club suite for the duration of the event for which they were provided; and

~~C. The number of spirits containers provided for consumption in the club suite may not exceed 6; and~~

D. The registered tenant of the club suite or individual specifically granted access to the club suite by the ~~civic auditorium~~ licensee must sign a contract with the auditorium, civic auditorium, outdoor stadium or performing arts center agreeing that ~~no~~ any person under who has not attained 21 years of age will not be provided or served liquor in the club suite.

For the purposes of this subsection, "venue" means the licensed premises of an auditorium, civic auditorium, outdoor stadium or performing arts center. For purposes of this subsection, "club suite" means a designated area within a ~~civic auditorium~~ designed venue to provide premium viewing of an event in the auditorium venue and to which access is limited to registered tenants, invited guests and those who have been specifically granted access by the operator of the ~~civic auditorium~~ venue and is not accessible to the public or ~~civic auditorium~~ venue patrons with tickets that provide for general admission to that event at the auditorium venue. A club suite must have a clearly designated point of access for the registered tenant or person specifically granted access by the operator of the ~~civic auditorium~~ venue to ensure that persons present in the suite are limited to invited guests and employees providing services to the club suite.

**Sec. A-19. 28-A MRSA §1074**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §103, is repealed.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 8 MRSA §372, sub-§2, ¶K**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 13, §4, is amended to read:

K. Beginning February 15, 2020, submit a report annually, subject to the approval of the commission, to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters and appropriations and financial affairs. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters may submit to the Legislature legislation based on the report. The report must include:

- (1) A list of the decisions made by the commission and resulting actions for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year relevant to lottery operations;

(2) A complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements and expenses and appropriations from the General Fund, if any, for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year;

(3) A 5-year history of the account used to manage lottery operations, which must include the amount of revenues deposited into the State Lottery Fund and the amounts transferred to the General Fund;

(4) A detailed statement of the expenditures made to promote lottery sales through marketing, advertising and recruitment of agents for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year;

(5) A description of the lottery marketing and advertising activities for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year. The description must identify each radio station and television station, if any, that broadcast or distributed the advertising;

(6) For each radio station and television station identified pursuant to subparagraph (5), the format of advertising activity and amount of the expenditures for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year associated with each station; and

(7) Any recommendations for changes to this chapter.

**Sec. B-2. 28-A MRSA §84, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 13, §9, is amended to read:

**7. Annual report.** Beginning February 15, 2020, submit a report annually, subject to the approval of the commission, to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters and appropriations and financial affairs. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters may submit to the Legislature legislation based on the report. The report must include:

A. A complete statement of the revenues and expenses for the bureau for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year;

B. A complete statement of the information required by section 83-B, subsection 11 for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year;

C. A complete statement of the information required by section 83-C, subsection 7 for the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year;

D. The information required by section 83-C, subsection 9; and

E. Any recommendations for changes to this Title.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 28-A MRSA §707, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §30, is further amended to read:

**2. Licensee ~~must~~ may not receive anything of value or give things of value. ~~No~~ A licensee or applicant for a license may not receive, directly or indirectly, any money, credit, thing of value from any person within or without the State, cash or gift cards, indorsement of commercial paper, guarantee of credit or financial assistance of any sort from any person within or without the State or things of value aggregating in an amount that exceeds \$750 annually, if the person is:**

- A. Engaged, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, distribution, wholesale sale, storage or transportation of liquor; or
- B. Engaged in the manufacture, distribution, sale or transportation of any commodity, equipment, material or advertisement used in connection with the manufacture, distribution, wholesale sale, storage or transportation of liquor.

The bureau may not impose a limit on the amount of things of value that are in use by or in the possession of a licensee at any one time, as long as the things of value were given to a licensee within the annual limits established by this subsection.

A licensee may not give things of value with the intent to induce a retailer to purchase liquor from the licensee to the exclusion, in whole or in part, of liquor offered for sale by other persons.

~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection prevents ~~does not prevent~~ an affiliate of a licensee from receiving money for sponsorship of a transportation system for transporting the public or for sponsorship of specific sporting events and cultural events as long as the licensee does not receive any payment or thing of value from the public transportation system or the sporting and cultural events and as long as such an affiliate does not derive any portions of its revenues from the licensee. All sponsorships must have prior written approval of the bureau. ~~The bureau shall adopt rules implementing this paragraph.~~

**Sec. C-2. 28-A MRSA §707, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

- 7. Exceptions.** This section does not prohibit:
- A. A manufacturer or out-of-state wholesaler from extending the usual and customary credit to a wholesale licensee for the purchase of malt liquor or wine;
  - B. A manufacturer or out-of-state wholesaler from furnishing materials and equipment for the use of a wholesale licensee or the wholesale licensee's employees, including:
    - (1) Painting the wholesale licensee's vehicles;
    - (2) Supplying legal advertising signs used by the wholesale licensee in the course of the wholesale licensee's business; and

(3) Supplying uniforms for the employees of the wholesale licensee; ~~or~~

C. A manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A from selling and shipping its products to an individual in another state for personal use and not for resale, as long as the sale and shipment are authorized by and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the law of the state where the shipment is delivered; ~~;~~

D. A manufacturer, distributor or out-of-state wholesaler from engaging in the bona fide sale of goods to a licensee or applicant for a license, if the amount paid for those goods by the licensee or applicant for a license is of fair market value; or

E. A wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, from entering into a written agreement under section 707-B with an eligible licensee for:

- (1) The purchase of advertising space or time on or within the licensed premises, including, but not limited to, physical signage, digital media and naming rights to portions of the venue;
- (2) The sponsorship of events, event series or designated areas within the venue, including lounges, beverage stations and hospitality zones; and
- (3) The co-branding or cross-promotion of events in conjunction with the licensee, as long as co-branding or cross-promotion does not result in direct or indirect control over the operations of the licensee.

**Sec. C-3. 28-A MRSA §707, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Rules.** The bureau shall adopt rules implementing this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. C-4. 28-A MRSA §707-B** is enacted to read:

**§707-B. Advertising and sponsorship agreements at licensed venues**

**1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Brand" means a product name of malt liquor, wine or spirit authorized for sale in the State by a certificate of approval holder or wholesaler.
- B. "Venue" means the licensed premises of an auditorium, civic auditorium, outdoor stadium or performing arts center.

**2. Advertising permitted.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, may engage in advertising or sponsorship activities with a licensee described in subsection 3, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this section.

**3. Eligible licensees.** This section applies only to a venue licensee under section 1070.

**4. Permitted activities.** A wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, may enter into a written agreement with an eligible licensee in accordance with subsection 5 for:

A. The purchase of advertising space or time on or within the licensed premises, including, but not limited to, physical signage, digital media and naming rights to portions of the venue;

B. The sponsorship of events, event series or designated areas within the venue, including lounges, beverage stations and hospitality zones; and

C. The co-branding or cross-promotion of events in conjunction with the licensee, as long as the co-branding or cross-promotion does not result in direct or indirect control over the operations of the licensee.

**5. Conditions of authorization.** A written agreement under subsection 4 is permitted only if:

A. The agreement is in writing and retained by the licensee and made available to the bureau upon request;

B. The written agreement is not conditioned upon the purchase, placement, promotion or exclusion of a particular brand or product by the licensee;

C. The wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, does not exert, or attempt to exert, control over the retail operations, purchasing decisions or beverage menu of the licensee;

D. The written agreement complies with federal law; and

E. The written agreement does not result in the exclusion, in whole or in part, of another person's product.

**6. Reporting.** A licensee that enters into an agreement authorized by this section shall:

A. Submit to the bureau, upon request, a list of all agreements entered into pursuant to this section;

B. Retain a copy of the written agreement for a period of not less than 3 years and make the agreement available to the bureau;

C. Annually post a notice indicating that advertising and sponsorship opportunities are generally available to a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder and the brands the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures; and

D. Provide to the bureau, upon license renewal, a list of the licensee's sponsors.

**Sec. C-5. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §14, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Deliver more than 4 1/2 ounces of spirits over 15% alcohol by volume, a carafe containing more than one liter or 33.8 ounces of wine or any serving or pitcher containing more than one liter or 33.8 ounces of malt liquor to one person at one time;

**Sec. C-6. Effective date.** That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 707, subsection 2 takes effect January 1, 2026.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. 28-A MRSA §710, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §15, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

**Sec. D-2. 28-A MRSA §710, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §46, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

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**CHAPTER 231  
H.P. 345 - L.D. 526**

**An Act to Reduce the Time  
Period for Challenging the  
Validity of a Property Tax Lien  
on Commercial Real Estate**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §946-B, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Tax liens on commercial real estate.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may not commence an action against the validity of a governmental taking of commercial real estate for nonpayment of property

taxes upon the expiration of a 2-year period immediately following the expiration of the period of redemption. For the purposes of this subsection, "commercial real estate" means real estate that is either used or held for use primarily for a business purpose including, without limitation, apartment buildings with 5 or more rental or lease units, mobile home parks, office buildings and recreational facilities. This subsection applies to a tax lien recorded on commercial real estate after June 30, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 232  
S.P. 273 - L.D. 589**

**An Act to Establish a State  
Minimum Hourly Wage for  
Agricultural Workers**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 2-B** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 2-B**

**AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

**§651. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Employ.** "Employ" means to suffer or permit to work.

**2. Employee.** "Employee" means an individual employed to perform agricultural labor as defined in the Employment Security Law and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, except that members of the family of the employer who reside with and are dependent upon the employer are exempt from this subchapter.

**3. Employer.** "Employer" means a person or entity that directly or indirectly engages the services or permits the work of an individual employed to perform agricultural labor or an individual employed in certain activities related to agriculture.

**4. Wages.** "Wages" means compensation paid to an employee in the form of legal tender of the United States and checks on banks convertible into cash on demand and includes the reasonable cost to the employer that furnishes the employee board or lodging. "Wages" also includes compensation paid through a direct deposit system, automated teller machine card or other means of electronic transfer as long as the employee can make an initial withdrawal of the entire net pay without additional cost to the employee or the employee can

choose another means of payment that involves no additional cost to the employee.

**§652. Minimum hourly wage**

An employer may not employ an employee at a rate less than the rates required by this section.

Beginning January 1, 2026, the minimum hourly wage for an employee is \$14.65 per hour, increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living, measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of 2025 over August of 2024 in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum hourly wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢. On January 1, 2027 and each January 1st thereafter, the minimum hourly wage then in effect must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum hourly wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢. If the highest federal minimum hourly wage is increased in excess of the minimum hourly wage in effect under this section, the minimum hourly wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum hourly wage, and must be increased in accordance with this section thereafter.

**§653. Records; retention, examination, copies**

An employer subject to this subchapter shall keep a true and accurate record of the hours worked by each employee and of the wages paid, such records to be preserved by the employer for a period of at least 3 years, and shall furnish to each employee with each payment of wages a statement that clearly shows the date of the pay period, the hours, total earnings and itemized deductions. An employer making payment by direct deposit or other means of electronic transfer shall provide each employee with an accurate record of the transfer, including the date of the pay period, the hours, total earnings and itemized deductions, when the transfer is made. If the record is provided in an electronic format, the employer shall provide a method by which the employee may have ready access to the information and print it without cost to the employee. The director or the director's authorized representative may, and upon written complaint shall, enter the place of business or employment of an employer or employee for the purpose of examining and inspecting such records and copy any such records as the director or the director's

authorized representative determines necessary or appropriate. All information received is considered confidential and may not be divulged to any other person or agency, except as may be necessary for the enforcement of this subchapter.

**§654. Enforcement**

An employer is liable to an employee for the amount of any unpaid minimum hourly wages under this subchapter. Upon a judgment being rendered in favor of an employee in any action brought to recover unpaid minimum hourly wages under this subchapter, the judgment must include, in addition to the unpaid minimum hourly wages adjudged to be due, an additional amount equal to the unpaid minimum hourly wages as liquidated damages and costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

An employer that violates this subchapter is subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200.

An employer that discharges or in any other manner discriminates against an employee because the employee makes a complaint to the director or to a district attorney concerning a violation of this subchapter is subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200.

The Department of Labor has exclusive authority to bring an action for unpaid wages on behalf of an employee or employees under this section.

This section may not be construed to restrict or impair any existing right available to an employee under any other section of this chapter.

In the event of a violation of this subchapter, the Attorney General may bring an action in the Superior Court to enjoin further violation of this subchapter.

**§655. Unfair contracts**

An employer may not be exempted from this subchapter by special contract with an employee or by any other means.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 233**

**H.P. 391 - L.D. 623**

**An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3088-A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 488, §1, is amended to read:

**§3088-A. Support for underserved populations**

Within the limits of its available resources, the department may enter into contracts with dedicated brain injury organizations based in the State or with brain injury organizations representing individuals with a brain injury and their families, bringing together with an affiliate in the State established and directed by families, caregivers and individuals with an acquired brain injury residing in the State, to collaborate with the department on federal brain injury state partnership grants and bring together state and national expertise to provide core brain injury support for underserved populations of individuals with an acquired brain injury, including, but not limited to, individuals who experienced an opioid drug overdose resulting in anoxic or hypoxic brain injury, who are veterans, who are victims of domestic violence, who are experiencing homelessness, who are ineligible for MaineCare and who have a newly acquired brain injury. For the purposes of this section, "core brain injury support" includes, but is not limited to, resource facilitation, brain injury support groups, outreach designed for individuals who have a newly acquired brain injury, access to a joint state and national helpline, access to an online brain injury screening and support system, information and resource education and family caregiver training. The department may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 234**

**H.P. 394 - L.D. 626**

**An Act to Explicitly Allow the Department of Corrections to Charge Room and Board to Residents Who Perform Remote Work in Detention and Correctional Facilities and to Amend the Laws Governing Rehabilitative Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3035, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §88, is further amended to read:

The commissioner may adopt, implement and establish rules for rehabilitative programs, including, but not limited to, work release, education release, remote work, furlough and public service release and programs resulting in the payment of restitution, as authorized described by Title 17-A, ~~chapter 69~~ section 2016, ~~within~~ for residents of the facilities under the commissioner's control.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3035, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 80, §7, is further amended to read:

**1. ~~Work release and restitution, education release, remote work and public service release.~~** The chief administrative officer may permit any client resident under sentence to the department and any juvenile client residing at a facility under the commissioner's control considered to be worthy of trust to participate in activities outside the facility, including, but not limited to, work release, education release and public service release, or remote work activities within the facility under the following conditions.

- A. Activities may include training and employment.
- B. Activities are subject to rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the commissioner.
- C. Activities must, in the judgment of the chief administrative officer, contribute to the reformation of the client resident and assist in preparing the ~~client resident~~ client resident for eventual release.
- D. Transportation to ~~work release job sites in the community~~ work release job sites in the community must be approved by the chief administrative officer.
  - (1) ~~Clients Residents~~ Clients Residents participating in the work release program may be assessed an equitable share of the cost of the transportation, not to exceed 10% of a resident's work release earnings.
  - (2) Funds received from ~~clients residents~~ clients residents for work release transportation must be placed in the General Fund.
- E. Every client resident participating in the work release program or in remote work activities is liable for the cost of room and board in the facility.
  - (1) The reasonable cost of room and board for a client resident in a facility is fixed by the commissioner. In fixing the reasonable cost of the room and board to be paid, the commissioner shall take into consideration other state laws or judicial determinations that affect the client's resident's income. The cost of room and board may not exceed 10% of the resident's work release or remote work earnings.
  - (2) Funds received from ~~clients residents~~ clients residents for the room and board must be placed in the General Fund.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 235  
H.P. 445 - L.D. 706**

**An Act Regarding the Laws  
Relating to Unemployment  
Insurance**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 9, §1, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Alternate base period.** For benefit years effective on or after September 27, 1992 for any individual who fails to meet the eligibility requirements of section ~~1192, subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph F in the base period as defined in subsection 3, the Department of Labor shall make a redetermination of eligibility based on a base period that consists of the last 4 completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of the individual's benefit year. This base period is known as the "alternate base period." If wage information for the most recent quarter of the alternate base period is not available to the department from regular quarterly reports of wage information that is systematically accessible, the department shall gather the necessary data in accordance with rules established for this purpose.

If the department receives information from the employer that causes a revised monetary determination under this subsection, benefits received prior to that revision may not constitute an overpayment of benefits ~~provided as long as~~ the claimant did not knowingly misrepresent information requested by the department.

Wages that fall within the base period of claims established under this subsection are not available for reuse in qualifying for any subsequent benefit years under section ~~1192~~ 1192-A.

In the case of a combined-wage claim pursuant to the arrangement approved by the United States Secretary of Labor in accordance with section 1082, subsection 12, the base period is that base period applicable under the unemployment compensation law of the paying state.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§5, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 271, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§19, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 117, §3, is further amended to read:

B. For purposes of section 1191, subsection 2; section ~~1192, subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph F; and section 1221, the term "wages" does not include:

- (1) The amount of any payment, including any amount paid by an employer for insurance or annuities, or into a fund, to provide for any

such payment, made to, or on behalf of, an employee or any of the employee's dependents under a plan or system established by an employer that makes provision for the employer's employees generally, or for the employer's employees generally and their dependents, or for a class or classes of the employer's employees, or for a class or classes of the employer's employees and their dependents, on account of:

- (a) Sickness or accident disability, but, in the case of payments made to an employee or any of the employee's dependents, this subparagraph excludes from the term "wages" only payments that are received under a workers' compensation law;
- (b) Medical or hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or accident disability; or
- (c) Death;

(1-A) Any payment on account of sickness or accident disability, or medical or hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or accident disability, made by an employer or a 3rd party to, or on behalf of, an employee after the expiration of 6 calendar months following the last calendar month in which the employee worked for that employer;

(2) The payment by an employing unit, without deduction from the remuneration of the employee, of the tax imposed upon an employee under section 3101 of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, as amended, with respect to service performed after July 26, 1940, with respect to remuneration paid to an employee for domestic service in a private home of the employer or for agricultural labor;

(3) The amount of any payment, other than vacation or sick pay, to an individual after the month in which the individual attains the age of 62, if the individual did not perform services for the employing unit in the period for which such payment is made and is not expected to perform service in the future for the payment; or

(4) The amount of any nominal fee or stipend to a volunteer whose service is excluded from the definition of employment pursuant to subsection 11, paragraph F, subparagraph (35);

**Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §1051, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 645, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. False statement or representation.** A person is guilty of unemployment fraud if that person makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact or solicits another person to make a false statement knowing it to

be false or knowingly solicits another person to fail to disclose a material fact:

- A. To obtain or increase any benefit or other payment under this chapter or under an employment security law of any other state or of the Federal Government;
- B. To prevent or reduce the payment of unemployment benefits to any individual;
- C. To avoid becoming or remaining an employer under this chapter; or
- D. To avoid or reduce any contribution or other payment required from an employing unit under this chapter.

Each false statement or representation or failure to disclose a material fact constitutes a separate offense. Unemployment fraud is theft by deception under Title 17-A, section 354.

**Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §1051, sub-§6, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 434, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Upon receipt of an order to withhold issued by the Department of Labor, the employer or other payor shall immediately begin withholding from the income of the responsible individual 10% of gross wages, except that the amount withheld may not exceed an amount by which the individual's disposable earnings are reduced to a weekly equivalent of 40 times the ~~federal state~~ hourly minimum wage prescribed by ~~29 United States Code, Section 206(a)(1)~~ section 664, subsection 1. Sums withheld must be remitted to the Department of Labor within 10 days of the date the individual is paid. Any person who honors an order to withhold issued under this section is discharged from any liability or obligation to the individual for the amount of the wages withheld.

**Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §1051, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 464, §4, is amended to read:

**10. Application of benefit repayments.** Amounts received through any means to repay benefit payments owed to the commissioner must be applied first to any outstanding penalties, 2nd to any outstanding interest and 3rd to any benefit payments owed to the commissioner, except that if the repayment of benefit amounts owed to the commissioner is accomplished by offsetting subsequent benefit payments issued under this chapter, that repayment may be applied only to the principal amount.

**Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. Powers and duties of the commissioner.** Except as otherwise provided, it is the duty of the commissioner to administer this chapter, through an organization to be known as the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation. The commissioner may employ persons, make expenditures, require reports, make investigations and take other actions the commissioner determines necessary or suitable to that end. The commissioner is responsible and possesses the necessary authority for the operation and management of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation. The commissioner shall determine methods of operational procedures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may adopt rules in accordance with ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375;~~ to achieve this purpose. ~~The commissioner may adopt rules with respect to a self-employment assistance program as provided in section 1197. The commissioner shall determine methods of operational procedures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.~~ The commissioner shall make recommendations for amendments to this chapter that the commissioner determines proper. When the commissioner believes that a change in contribution or benefit rates is necessary to protect the solvency of the fund, the commissioner shall promptly inform the Governor and the Legislature and make recommendations with respect to the change in rates.

**Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §1085, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 644, §4, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) An employee of the bureau who has or will be given access to federal tax information as part of that employee's employment with the bureau and has not undergone a federal background investigation within the past ~~40~~ 5 years; or

**Sec. 9. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§4, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 271, §2, is further amended to read:

A. If a dislocated worker, as defined in section 1196, subsection 1, ~~who is in training approved under section 1192, subsection 6, 6-A, 6-C, 6-D or 6-E~~ qualifies for additional benefits under section ~~1043, subsection 5, paragraph B~~ 1196, subsection 1-A, or exhausts the worker's entitlement to benefits available to the worker under this subsection, the maximum amount under this subsection is the product of the worker's most recent weekly benefit amount multiplied by the number of weeks in which the worker thereafter attends an approved training program. ~~No~~ An increase may not be made under this paragraph, with respect to any benefit period, greater than 26 times the individual's weekly benefit amount.

(1) Benefits paid to an individual under this paragraph may not be charged against the experience rating record of any employer, but must be charged to the General Fund.

(2) ~~No benefits~~ Benefits may not be paid under this paragraph to ~~any person~~ an individual:

(b) Until the ~~person~~ individual has exhausted benefits for which the ~~person~~ individual is eligible under ~~any~~ an unemployment insurance benefit program funded in whole or in part by the State ~~Government~~ or the Federal Government; or

(c) Who is eligible for or who has exhausted, after ~~the effective date of this paragraph~~ March 20, 1986, trade adjustment allowances as provided by the United States Trade Act of 1974, Title II, Chapter 2, Public Law 93-617, 19 United States Code, Title 19, Section 2291, et seq. to 2294, and any amendments or additions thereto, or a similar successor provision of that Act, except that any individual who was eligible for and received less than 26 weeks of benefits under the United States Trade Act of 1974 may receive benefits for the number of weeks by which ~~their~~ that individual's benefits under that Act are less than 26 weeks.

**Sec. 10. 26 MRSA §1192,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §§89 to 92, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 26 MRSA §1192-A** is enacted to read:

**§1192-A. Eligibility conditions**

The following provisions govern an individual's eligibility to receive benefits under this chapter.

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Deputy" means a representative of the bureau designated by the commissioner.

B. "Educational service agency" means a governmental agency or governmental entity that is established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to one or more educational institutions.

C. "Good cause" means:

(1) The unemployed individual is ill;

(2) The presence of the unemployed individual is required due to an illness of the unemployed individual's spouse, child, parent, step-parent, sibling or relative who has been acting

in the capacity of a parent of either the unemployed individual or the unemployed individual's spouse;

(3) The unemployed individual is in attendance at the funeral of any of the persons described in subparagraph (2);

(4) The unemployed individual is observing a religious holiday as required by religious conviction;

(5) The unemployed individual is performing either a military or civil duty as required by law; and

(6) Another cause of a necessitous and compelling nature, including child care emergencies and transportation emergencies.

"Good cause" does not include incarceration as a result of a conviction for a felony or misdemeanor.

D. "Suitable employment" means, with respect to an individual, work of a substantially equal or higher skill level than the individual's past adversely affected employment, as defined for purposes of the United States Trade Act of 1974, and wages for that work at not less than 80% of the individual's average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of the United States Trade Act of 1974.

E. "Union hiring hall" means a service provided by a labor union or an entity associated with a labor union that places employees with an employer under a collective bargaining agreement or otherwise places employees with employers.

**2. Eligibility.** An unemployed individual is eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if:

A. The individual has made a claim for benefits with respect to the week or part thereof in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner;

B. The individual has registered for work at and continued to report at an employment office in accordance with rules the commissioner adopts, except that the commissioner may, by rule, waive or alter either or both of the requirements of this paragraph as to individuals attached to regular jobs and as to such other types of cases or situations with respect to which the commissioner finds that compliance with the requirements would be oppressive or would be inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter. A rule under this paragraph may not conflict with section 1191, subsection 1;

C. For each week in which a claim for benefits is filed, the individual is actively seeking work, unless the individual is participating in approved training under subsection 3 or the work search requirement has been waived in accordance with

rules adopted by the commissioner, and the individual provides evidence of work search efforts in a manner and form as prescribed by the Department of Labor. Failure to provide required work search documentation results in a denial of benefits in accordance with section 1194, subsection 2 for the week or weeks for which documentation was not provided unless the department determines there is good cause for the individual's failure to comply with this requirement.

Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph to the contrary, an individual is considered to be actively seeking work in accordance with this section if the individual is a member of, or represented by, a bona fide labor union, or is otherwise authorized to use the services of a bona fide union hiring hall, maintains contact with that union and uses and complies with the placement services of the union hiring hall in seeking work;

D. The individual is able to work and is available for work at the individual's usual or customary hours, commute, trade, occupation, profession or business or in such other trade, occupation, profession or business for which the individual's prior training or experience shows the individual to be fitted or qualified, and in addition to having complied with paragraphs B and C, is actively seeking work in accordance with the rules of the commissioner.

Ineligibility may not be determined solely because an individual is unable to accept employment on a shift, the greater part of which falls between the hours of midnight to 5 a.m., and is unavailable for that employment because of parental obligation, the need to care for an immediate family member or the unavailability of a personal care attendant required to assist the unemployed individual who is a person with a disability. An unemployed individual who is neither able nor available for work due to good cause as determined by the deputy is eligible to receive prorated benefits for that portion of the week during which the individual was able and is available.

Notwithstanding this paragraph, an individual who worked full-time for the majority of the weeks during that individual's base period but is able and available for and actively seeking only part-time work because of the illness or disability of the individual or an immediate family member, or because of limitations necessary for the safety or protection of the individual or the individual's immediate family member, may not be disqualified from receiving benefits. The individual's benefits must be prorated in accordance with the individual's current availability;

E. The individual has served a waiting period of one week of total or partial unemployment. A week

may not be counted as a week of total or partial unemployment for the purpose of this paragraph:

- (1) If benefits have been paid with respect to that week;
- (2) Unless it occurs within the benefit year that includes the week with respect to which the individual claims payment of benefits; and
- (3) Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect to that week, as provided in this section and section 1193, except for the requirements of this paragraph; and

F. For an individual establishing a benefit year on or after January 1, 1980, the individual has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in the individual's base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 6 times the annual average weekly wage in the individual's base period for insured work.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the annual average weekly wage amount to be used is that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of insured status.

For the purposes of this paragraph, wages are counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes with respect to a benefit year only if the benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of section 1043, subsection 9, or section 1222, subsection 3, with respect to becoming an employer; except that an individual may not receive benefits in a benefit year unless, subsequent to the beginning of the next preceding benefit year during which that individual received benefits, that individual performed services and earned remuneration for such services in an amount equal to or greater than 8 times that individual's weekly benefit amount in employment by an employer in the benefit year being established.

This paragraph applies only to an individual requesting determination of insured status on and after January 1, 1972. In determining an individual's qualification under this subsection, payments pursuant to former Title 39, sections 54, 55, 188 and 189 and Title 39-A, sections 608 and 609 are considered wages for insured work.

**3. Approved training.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, an otherwise eligible individual who is in training, as approved for the individual by the deputy, under rules adopted by the commissioner, may not be denied benefits for any week with respect to subsection 2, paragraphs C and D relating to availability and the work search requirement or section 1193, subsection 3. Enrollment in a degree-granting program may not be the sole cause for denial

of approved training status for an otherwise eligible individual. Benefits paid to any eligible individual while in approved training for which except for this subsection the individual could be disqualified under section 1193, subsection 3 may not be charged against the experience rating record of an employer but must be charged to the General Fund.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the following provisions further govern an individual's eligibility for benefits with respect to training:

A. Any otherwise eligible individual may not be denied benefits for any week because the individual is in training approved under 19 United States Code, Section 2296(a) or under any amendment or addition to the United States Trade Act of 1974. That individual may not be denied benefits:

- (1) For leaving work to enter that training, as long as the work left is not suitable employment; or
- (2) Because of the application to any such week in training of provisions in this chapter or any applicable federal unemployment compensation law relating to availability for work, active search for work or refusal to accept work.

Benefits paid to an eligible individual while in training for which, except for this paragraph, the individual could be disqualified under section 1193, subsection 1 or 3 may not be charged against the experience rating record of an employer but must be charged to the General Fund;

B. The acceptance of training for opportunities available through United States Public Law 97-300 is considered to be acceptance of training with the approval of the State within the meaning of any other provisions of federal or state law relating to unemployment benefits;

C. The acceptance of training for opportunities available under sections 2031 and 2033 is considered to be acceptance of training with state approval under federal or state law relating to unemployment benefits; and

D. Unless inconsistent with federal law, the acceptance of training opportunities available through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 United States Code, Sections 3101 to 3361 is considered to be acceptance of training with the approval of the State within the meaning of any other provision of federal or state law relating to unemployment benefits as long as the training is in accordance with rules the commissioner adopts.

**4. Service with nonprofit organizations and educational institutions and state and local governments.** Benefits based on service in employment, as defined in section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph A-1, subparagraphs (1) and (3), are payable in the same amount, on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as benefits payable on the basis of other services subject to this chapter, except that:

A. With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977, for services in an instructional, research or principal administrative capacity for an educational institution, if there is a contract or annual written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform services in such a capacity for the educational institution in a 2nd academic year or term, benefits may not be paid to an individual based on those services for any week of unemployment:

(1) Commencing during the period between 2 successive academic years or terms;

(2) During a period, similar to the period described in subparagraph 1, between 2 regular, but not successive, terms when provided for by an agreement; or

(3) During a period of paid sabbatical leave provided for in an individual's contract, if that individual performs services in a first academic year or term;

B. With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after September 3, 1982, for services for an educational institution in any capacity other than an instructional, research or principal administrative capacity, benefits may not be paid on the basis of those services to an individual for any week that commences during a period between 2 successive academic years or terms if the individual performs those services in the first of those academic years or terms and there is annual written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the services in the 2nd of those academic years or terms; except that if benefits are denied to an individual under this paragraph and the individual was not offered an opportunity to perform the services for the educational institution for the 2nd of those academic years or terms, the individual is entitled to retroactive payment of benefits for each week for which the individual filed a timely claim for benefits and for which benefits were denied solely by reason of this paragraph;

C. With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after December 31, 1977, benefits must be denied to an individual for any week that commences during an established and customary vacation period or holiday recess if:

(1) That individual performs a service described in paragraph A or B in the period immediately before the vacation period or holiday recess; and

(2) There is annual written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform those services in the period immediately following the vacation period or holiday recess; and

D. With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after June 30, 1979, benefits must be denied to an individual who performed services in an educational institution while in the employ of an educational service agency for any week that commences during a period described in paragraph A, B or C if:

(1) That individual performs a service described in paragraph A or B in the first of these periods, as specified in the applicable paragraph; and

(2) There is a contract or a written reasonable assurance as set out in the applicable paragraph that the individual will perform these services in the 2nd of those periods, as set out in the applicable paragraph.

**5. Claims in another state or contiguous country; individual residence; no denial or reduction of benefits.** Benefits may not be denied or reduced to an individual solely because the individual files a claim in another state or a contiguous country with which the United States has an agreement with respect to unemployment compensation or because the individual resides in another state or contiguous country at the time the individual files a claim for benefits in this State.

**6. No denial of benefits for jury service.** Benefits may not be denied to an individual solely because the individual is selected to serve as a juror. An individual who receives actual earnings for jury service must be paid a partial benefit in an amount equal to the individual's weekly benefit amount less the amount earned for jury service.

**7. Benefit payments to athletes.** Benefits may not be paid to an individual on the basis of any service, substantially all of which consists of participating in sports or athletic events or training or preparing to participate, for any week that commences during the period between 2 successive sports seasons or similar periods, if that individual performed those services in the first of those seasons or similar periods and there is a written reasonable assurance that the individual will perform those services in the 2nd of those seasons or similar periods.

**8. Benefit payments to aliens not lawfully present.** On and after January 1, 1978, benefits are not payable on the basis of services performed by an alien unless the alien is an individual who:

A. Was lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the State at the time the services were performed;

B. Was lawfully present for purposes of performing the services; or

C. Was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed, including an alien who was lawfully present in the United States as a result of temporary parole pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 United States Code, Section 1182(d)(5).

Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status must be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits. In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be approved, a determination that benefits to the individual are not payable because of the individual's alien status may not be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence.

**9. Participation in reemployment services.** An individual who has been referred to reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system established by the commissioner must participate in those services or similar services unless it is determined that the individual has completed those services or there is good cause for the individual's failure to participate.

**10. Reemployment services and eligibility assessment; participation.** In the case that an individual has been referred to reemployment services and eligibility assessment by the Department of Labor, the individual must participate in those services, unless the department determines there is good cause for the individual's failure to participate. Failure to participate in reemployment services and eligibility assessment without good cause results in a denial of benefits until the individual participates.

**11. Temporary layoff; work search.** Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, an otherwise eligible individual who is temporarily laid off by an employer that has given that individual a definite recall date may not be denied benefits for any week that is within 6 weeks of the definite recall date based on the individual's failure to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B, C or D for the period of up to 6 weeks during that temporary layoff, as long as the individual remains able and available to work for that employer.

An individual may not receive more than 6 weeks of benefits in a benefit year pursuant to this subsection unless approved by the Department of Labor.

**Sec. 12. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 314, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**6. Falsification.** For any week for which the deputy finds that the individual made a false statement or

representation knowing it to be false or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact in the individual's application or solicited another person to make a false statement knowing it to be false or fail to disclose a material fact to obtain benefits from any state or federal unemployment compensation program administered by the bureau. In addition, for a first or 2nd occurrence, the individual is ineligible to receive any benefits for a period of not less than 6 months and not more than one year from the mailing date of the determination, and the commissioner shall assess a penalty of 50% of the benefits falsely obtained for the first occurrence and 75% for the 2nd occurrence. If an individual is disqualified for a 3rd occurrence of statement falsification or misrepresentation in an effort to obtain benefits, the commissioner shall assess a penalty of 100% of the benefits falsely obtained and the individual is disqualified from receiving benefits for a period of time to be determined by the commissioner. The progression of penalties for multiple occurrences described in this subsection does not apply and an occurrence of fraud must be treated as a 3rd occurrence if:

A. A claim for benefits is the result of fraudulent filing using illegally obtained identity information. Such claims may be canceled immediately by the bureau upon confirmation of the fraudulent filing; or

B. An individual is found to have filed a claim to obtain benefits from any state or federal unemployment compensation program administered by the bureau in the name of another person using illegally obtained identity information.

An amount equal to 15% of each overpayment on which the penalties under this subsection were assessed must be transferred directly into the fund account upon recovery;

**Sec. 13. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 53, §§3 and 4, is further amended to read:

**2. Determination.** A representative designated by the commissioner, and in this chapter referred to as a deputy, shall promptly examine the first claim filed by a claimant in each benefit year and shall determine the weekly benefit amount and maximum benefit amount potentially payable to the claimant during that benefit year in accordance with section 1192, ~~subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph F.

The deputy shall promptly examine all subsequent claims filed and, on the basis of facts, shall determine whether or not that claim is valid with respect to sections 1192 1192-A and 1193, other than section 1192, ~~subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph F, or shall refer that claim or any question involved in the claim to the Division of Administrative Hearings or to the commission, which shall make a determination with respect to the claim in accordance with the procedure described in subsection 3, except that in any case in which the

payment or denial of benefits is subject to section 1193, subsection 4, the deputy shall promptly transmit a report with respect to that subsection to the Director of Unemployment Compensation upon the basis of which the director shall notify appropriate deputies as to the applicability of that subsection.

The deputy shall determine in accordance with section 1221, subsection 3, paragraph A, the proper employer's experience rating record, if any, against which benefits of an eligible individual must be charged, if and when paid.

The deputy shall promptly notify the claimant and any other interested party of the determinations and reasons for the determinations. Subject to subsection 11, unless the claimant or any such interested party, within 30 calendar days after that notification was mailed to the claimant's ~~last-known~~ last-known address, files an appeal from that determination, that determination is final, except that the period within which an appeal may be filed may be extended, for a period not to exceed an additional 30 calendar days, for good cause shown. If new evidence or pertinent facts that would alter that determination become known to the deputy prior to the date that determination becomes final, a redetermination is authorized, but that redetermination must be mailed before the original determination becomes final.

If an employer's separation report for an employee is not received by the office specified on the separation report within 10 days after that report was requested, the claim must be adjudicated on the basis of information at hand. If the employer's separation report containing possible disqualifying information is received after the 10-day period and the claimant is denied benefits by a revised deputy's decision, benefits paid prior to the date of the revised decision do not constitute an overpayment of benefits. Any benefits paid after the date of the revised decision constitute an overpayment.

If an employer files an amended separation report or otherwise raises a new issue as to the employee's eligibility or changes the wages or weeks used in determining benefits that results in a denial of benefits or a reduction of the weekly benefit amount, the benefits paid prior to the date the determination is mailed do not constitute an overpayment. Any benefits received after that date to which the claimant is not entitled pursuant to a new determination based on that new employer information constitute an overpayment.

If, during the period a claimant is receiving benefits, new information or a new issue arises concerning the claimant's eligibility for benefits or which affects the claimant's weekly benefit amount, benefits may not be withheld until a determination is made on the issue. Before a determination is made, written notice must be mailed to the claimant and other interested parties, which must include the issue to be decided, the law upon which it is based, any factual allegations known to the bureau, the right to a fact-finding interview, the date

and location of the scheduled interview and the conduct of the interview and appeal. Any fact-finding interview must be scheduled not less than 7 calendar days nor more than 14 calendar days after the notice is mailed. The bureau shall include in the notice a statement notifying the claimant that any benefits paid prior to the determination may be an overpayment under applicable law and recoverable by the bureau if it is later determined that the claimant was not entitled to the benefits. If the claimant does not appear for the scheduled interview, the deputy shall make a determination on the basis of available evidence. The deputy shall make a prompt determination of the issue based solely on any written statements of interested parties filed with the bureau before the interview, together with the evidence presented by interested parties who personally participated in the interview by telephone or e-mail or other electronic means. Upon request and notice to all parties at the interview, the deputy may accept corroborative documentary evidence after the interview. In no other case may the deputy base a decision on evidence received after the interview has been held.

A. This subsection does not apply when the claimant reports that, in the week claimed:

- (1) The claimant worked and reports a specific amount of earnings for that work;
- (2) The claimant worked and had earnings from that work, but does not furnish the amount of earnings;
- (3) The claimant reports that the claimant was not able or available for work for a specific portion of the week and there is sufficient information for the deputy to determine that the inability or unavailability for work was for good cause. If the information provided by the claimant indicated unavailability during the claim week, but is not specific as to the amount of time involved, the ~~department~~ Department of Labor shall immediately initiate a fact-finding interview with the individual and make a determination regarding the claimant's weekly benefit amount on the basis of that interview. If the department is not able to conduct an immediate fact-finding interview with the claimant, the notification and fact-finding process described in this subsection must be followed; ~~or~~
- (4) The claimant received a specific amount of other remuneration as described in section 1193, subsection 5-;
- (5) The claimant reported that the claimant did not complete a work search activity for that week, and that week was not under a work search waiver approved by the bureau;
- (6) The claimant failed to respond to or failed to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy

a written request for documentation to verify the claimant's identity as listed on an initial claim within the time frame specified by the bureau; or

(7) The claimant's total or partial unemployment is due to a stoppage of work as described in section 1193, subsection 4.

The bureau may not withhold benefit payments pursuant to subparagraph (6) for claimants receiving benefit payments unless the bureau has credible evidence on the record that substantiates a reasonable basis for establishing an issue of potential fraud and withholding payment. If there is such evidence, the bureau shall issue timely notice to the claimant informing the claimant that benefit payments are withheld and include with that notice instructions for how the claimant may satisfy identity verification requirements and how to submit those documents to the bureau. The notice must give a reasonable time frame for submitting documents and describe the consequences for failing to provide documentation, as well as the claimants' appeal and hearing rights. The bureau shall allow individuals a reasonable time frame to submit documents that comply with an identity verification request and provide a list of acceptable documents and alternatives. The bureau shall also allow multiple means by which a claimant may submit documents for identity verification. If the claimant fails to comply with the request for documents in the time frame allowed or the documents provided are insufficient or determined to be fraudulent, the bureau shall render a timely decision denying further benefits.

**Sec. 14. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §12, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The deputy may reconsider a benefit payment for any particular week or weeks whenever an error has occurred, but no such redetermination may be made after one year from the date of payment for that week or weeks. Notice of any such redetermination shall must be promptly given to the claimant. Subject to subsection 11, unless the claimant files an appeal from that redetermination within ~~15~~ 30 calendar days after that redetermination was mailed to the claimant's ~~last known~~ last-known address, the redetermination shall be is final, ~~provided~~ except that the period within which an appeal may be filed may be extended for a period not to exceed an additional ~~15~~ 30 calendar days for good cause shown.

**Sec. 15. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶A,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §95, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The individual's benefit year having expired prior to that week, has no or insufficient

wages or employment, or both, to establish a new benefit year or, subsequent to December 31, 1971, ~~the individual~~ does not qualify by having sufficient wages or employment, or both, as provided by section ~~1192, subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph E, since the beginning of the individual's prior benefit year; and

**Sec. 16. 26 MRSA §1196,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §106, is amended to read:

**§1196. Extended benefits for dislocated workers in approved training; ~~sunset and review annual report~~**

**1. Dislocated worker defined.** As used in this section; ~~section 1043, subsection 5, paragraph B;~~ and section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A, the term "dislocated worker" means an individual who is in training as approved by the deputy, under rules adopted by the commissioner, and:

- A. An individual who:
  - (1) Has been terminated or laid off from employment as a result of a reduction of operations at the individual's place of employment or who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment;
- B. An individual who has been terminated or who has received a notice of termination of employment, as a result of any permanent closure of a plant or facility; or
- C. An individual who is long-term unemployed and has limited opportunities for employment or reemployment in the same or a similar occupation in the area in which the individual resides, including any older individual who may have substantial barriers to employment because of the individual's age.

For the purposes of this section, "deputy" has the same meaning as in section 1192-A, subsection 1, paragraph A.

**1-A. Extended benefits for dislocated workers.** A dislocated worker who has exhausted the worker's benefit year within 30 months of the worker's enrollment in training described in subsection 1 is entitled to the product of the worker's most recent weekly benefit amount multiplied by the number of weeks in which that person is in approved training, up to a maximum of 26 weeks, except that benefits may not be paid under this subsection to a person:

- A. Until the person has exhausted benefits for which that person is eligible under any unemployment insurance benefit program funded in whole or in part by the State or the Federal Government; or
- B. Who is eligible for or who has exhausted, after March 20, 1986, trade adjustment allowances as

provided by the United States Trade Act of 1974, 19 United States Code, Sections 2291 to 2294 and any amendments or additions thereto, or a similar successor provision of that Act, except that any individual who was eligible for and received less than 26 weeks of benefits under that Act may receive benefits for the number of weeks by which the individual's benefits under that Act are less than 26 weeks.

**2. Annual report.** ~~The Commissioner of Labor commissioner~~ shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters before March 1st of each year regarding the actions taken under ~~section 1043, subsection 5, paragraph B, subsection 1-A~~ and section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A. The report ~~shall~~ must include:

- A. The number of persons who receive benefits under those provisions;
- B. The average length of time in training for persons who receive benefits under those provisions;
- C. The average weekly benefit and average total amount of benefits paid to persons under those provisions;
- D. The success rate in placing trainees who receive benefits under those provisions;
- E. The total cost of benefits paid under those provisions and the effect on the Unemployment Trust Fund; and
- F. The number of persons participating in training while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions during the report year who have previously completed a training program while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions, including the length of time between those enrollments.

**Sec. 17. 26 MRSA §1197**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §30, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 26 MRSA §1198, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 91, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

**10. Extended benefits for dislocated workers.** An individual who has received all of the unemployment compensation or combined unemployment compensation and work-sharing benefits available in a benefit year is considered an exhaustee for purposes of extended benefits, as provided in section ~~1043, subsection 5, paragraph B~~ 1196, subsection 1-A, and, if otherwise eligible under that ~~paragraph~~ subsection, is eligible to receive extended benefits.

**Sec. 19. 26 MRSA §1199, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 617, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Eligibility.** An individual is deemed to have met the eligibility requirements under section ~~1192,~~

~~subsections 2 and 3~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraphs B, C and D as long as the individual remains able and available to work for, and maintains contact with, the relevant employer and the individual is:

- A. Under a temporary medical quarantine or isolation restriction to ensure that the individual has not been affected by the subject condition of the state of emergency and is expected to return to work; or
- B. Temporarily laid off due to a partial or full closure of the individual's place of employment as a result of the state of emergency and is expected to return to work once the emergency closure is lifted.

**Sec. 20. 26 MRSA §1199, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 617, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Waiting period waived.** The waiting period requirement under section ~~1192, subsection 4 A~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph E is waived for an individual who is dislocated or temporarily laid off as a result of the state of emergency.

**Sec. 21. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 585, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

- (5) Reimbursements are made to a state, the Virgin Islands or Canada for benefits paid to a claimant under a reciprocal benefits arrangement as authorized in section 1082, subsection 12, as long as the wages of the claimant transferred to the other state, the Virgin Islands or Canada under such an arrangement are less than the amount of wages for insured work required for benefit purposes by section ~~1192, subsection 5~~ 1192-A, subsection 2, paragraph E;

**Sec. 22. 26 MRSA §1221-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 468, §3 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

**3. Reporting requirements.** ~~The~~ Until January 1, 2026, the employee leasing company shall report and pay all contributions under its state employer identification number, using ~~its~~ the employee leasing company's contribution rate. Beginning January 1, 2026, the employee leasing company shall report and pay all contributions under the client company's state employer identification number using the client company's contribution rate. The employee leasing company shall keep separate records and submit separate quarterly wage reports for each of its client companies to the bureau.

**Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §14055, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. G, §18, is further amended to read:

**3. Unemployment insurance.** An employee leasing company's responsibility for unemployment insurance is governed by Title 26, section 1221-A and as follows.

~~A. During the term of the leasing arrangement, the employee leasing company is responsible for payment of unemployment contributions, penalties and interest due pursuant to Title 26, chapter 13 on wages paid to employees leased to client companies, except for compensation paid to sole proprietors of or partners in the client company.~~

~~B. The employee leasing company shall report all unemployment contributions due under its state employer identification number, using its contribution rate. The employee leasing company shall keep separate records and submit separate quarterly wage reports to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation for each of its client companies.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 236**

**H.P. 494 - L.D. 764**

**An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1816, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Subpoenas.** The commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department may issue subpoenas requiring persons to disclose or provide to the department information or records in their possession that are necessary and relevant to an investigation of a report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation or to a credible allegation of licensure violations, including, but not limited to, health care information that is confidential under section 1711-C. The department may apply to the District Court to enforce a subpoena. A person who complies with a subpoena is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result from the act of turning over or providing information or records to the department.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1816, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Confidentiality.** Information or records obtained by subpoena must be treated in accordance with section 1828.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1820-A, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

**1. Subpoenas.** The commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department may issue subpoenas requiring persons to disclose or provide to the department information or records in their possession that are necessary and relevant to an investigation of a report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation or to a credible allegation of licensure violations, including, but not limited to, health care information that is confidential under section 1711-C. The department may apply to the District Court to enforce a subpoena. A person who complies with a subpoena is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result from the act of turning over or providing information or records to the department.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1820-A, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Confidentiality.** Information or records obtained by subpoena must be treated in accordance with section 1828.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §7804, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

**1. Subpoenas.** The commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department may issue subpoenas requiring persons to disclose or provide to the department information or records in their possession that are necessary and relevant to an investigation of a report of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation or to a credible allegation of licensure violations, including, but not limited to, health care information that is confidential under section 1711-C. The department may apply to the District Court to enforce a subpoena. A person who complies with a subpoena is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result from the act of turning over or providing information or records to the department.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §7804, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Confidentiality.** Information or records obtained by subpoena must be treated in accordance with section 7703.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 237**

**S.P. 326 - L.D. 768**

**An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Administration of medication.** The administration of medication in ~~boarding assisted housing programs, residential~~ care facilities, drug treatment centers, day care facilities, children's homes and nursery schools and ~~group home nonnursing level~~ intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities must be in accordance with rules established by the department. In other facilities licensed or approved by the department, excluding those facilities licensed under section 1811, other than ~~group home nonnursing level~~ intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities, the department may establish rules for the administration of medication as it considers necessary. In establishing rules for each type of facility, the department shall consider, among other factors, the general health of the persons likely to receive medication, the number of persons served by the facility and the number of persons employed at the facility who might be involved in the administration of medication. Any rules for the administration of medication must be established in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1812-B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §28, is further amended to read:

**§1812-B. ~~Hospitals and nursing homes~~ Delegating the administration of medication**

The administration of medication in facilities licensed under section 1811, except ~~group home nonnursing level~~ intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities, may be delegated to unlicensed personnel when such personnel have received appropriate training and instruction and the programs of training and instruction have been approved by the State Board of Nursing. The administration of medication in ~~group home nonnursing level~~ intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities may be performed by unlicensed personnel when these personnel have received appropriate training and instruction and the programs of training and instruction have been approved by the department. Delegation of the administration of medication does not require the personal presence of the delegating professional nurse at the place where this service is performed, unless that personal presence is necessary to ~~assure ensure~~ that medications are safely administered. The board shall issue such rules concerning delegation as it considers necessary to ~~insure ensure~~ the highest quality of health care to the patient. The department shall issue such rules as it considers necessary to ~~insure ensure~~ the highest quality of health care to residents of ~~group home nonnursing level~~ intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1812-K**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §24, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1812-M** is enacted to read:  
**§1812-M. Intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities**

Notwithstanding any provision of section 1817 to the contrary, the following provisions apply to the licensing of intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

**1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms having the following meanings.

A. "ICF/IID group facility" means a facility that provides services for clients with a diagnosis of intellectual disability, or related conditions, who require less than 8 hours of licensed nurse supervision per day.

B. "ICF/IID nursing facility" means a facility that provides services for clients with a diagnosis of intellectual disability whose medical and nursing needs require the presence of a licensed nurse at least 8 hours per day and 7 days per week and provides nursing coverage to its clients 24 hours per day.

C. "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage intellectual functioning resulting in or associated with concurrent impairments in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

D. "Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" or "ICF/IID" means a facility that furnishes services to individuals with intellectual disabilities that conform with the conditions described in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 440.150 (2024).

**2. License required.** The operation of an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities requires a license issued by the department in accordance with this section.

**3. Licenses generally.** The department is authorized to issue a license to an ICF/IID that, after inspection, is found to comply with this section and any rules adopted by the department. The following general terms apply to all types of licenses issued under this section:

A. A license is not assignable or transferable;

B. A license is immediately void if ownership of the ICF/IID changes; and

C. A license may not be effective earlier than the date on which the department receives a completed application and payment of the required application fee.

**4. Provisional license.** A provisional license may be issued for a period of at least 3 months and not more than 12 months if, in the department's judgment, the applicant:

A. Has not previously operated an ICF/IID;

B. Has complied with all applicable laws and rules, except those that can only be followed once clients are served by the applicant; and

C. Has demonstrated the ability to comply with all applicable laws and rules once clients are in residence at the ICF/IID.

**5. Full license.** The department may issue a full license to, or renew a full license for, an ICF/IID that the department determines has complied with all applicable laws and rules. The term of a full license may not exceed 2 years.

**6. Conditional license.** The department may issue a conditional license to an ICF/IID applying for an initial license, or renewing a full license, if the applicant has failed to comply with applicable laws and rules or, in the judgment of the department, the best interests of the public would be served by issuance of a conditional license. Conditional licenses issued under this subsection are further governed by the following provisions:

A. The term of a conditional license must be:

(1) A specified period of time of not more than one year for applicants applying for a new license; or

(2) The remaining period of the applicant's full license if the applicant has a full license and has applied for renewal;

B. The department shall determine the period of the conditional license based on the severity of the laws or rules violated by the conditional licensee. The department shall specify the conditions imposed by the department and specify when the conditional licensee must comply with those conditions;

C. Failure of the ICF/IID to meet any of the department's conditions immediately voids the conditional license. Notification to the ICF/IID of the voiding of the conditional license must be made in writing by the department to the conditional licensee or, if the conditional licensee cannot be reached for personal service, by notice left at the licensed premises; and

D. The department may consider a new application for a full license from the previous holder of a voided conditional license only after the conditions set forth by the department at the time of the issuance of the voided conditional license have been met and satisfactory evidence of this fact has been furnished to the department.

**7. Licensing fees; application fees.** The department may charge a licensing fee that is no less than \$200 per year and no more than \$1,000 per year. The department may establish an application fee for any li-

cense issued under this section. An application fee established by the department must be nonrefundable and must be due upon submission of the application for licensure.

**8. Right of entry and inspection of ICF/IID.** The department and any duly designated officer or employee of the department has the right to enter the premises of an ICF/IID licensed under this section at any reasonable time in order to determine whether the ICF/IID is complying with this section and any rules adopted pursuant to this section.

An application for an ICF/IID license made pursuant to this section constitutes permission for and complete acquiescence in any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is sought in order to facilitate verification of the information submitted on or in connection with the application.

The right of entry and inspection extends to any premises that the department has reason to believe is being operated or maintained as an ICF/IID without a license, except that the department may not enter or inspect any premises without the permission of the owner or person in charge of that premises unless a warrant is first obtained from the District Court authorizing that entry or inspection.

**9. Inspections.** ICF/IIDs must be periodically inspected by the department for compliance with this section and the rules adopted by the department pursuant to this section. An inspection for purposes of maintaining state licensure may be done concurrently with a survey to ensure that the ICF/IID meets the requirements for certification as an ICF/IID in federal Medicare and state Medicaid programs. The department must also inspect ICF/IIDs in response to complaints of suspected violations of rules adopted under this section, or suspected violations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' conditions of participation.

**10. Shared staffing.** The department shall permit staff in an ICF/IID nursing facility to be shared with an ICF/IID group facility as long as there is a clear, documented audit trail and the staffing in the ICF/IID nursing facility remains adequate to meet the needs of clients. Staffing to be shared may be based on the average number of hours of coverage used per week or per month within the ICF/IID group facility. The department may suspend the facilities' ability to share staffing under this subsection if the most recent survey for either classification of ICF/IID indicates deficiencies that are related to client care and that arise from the sharing of staff.

**11. Notice of voluntary closure.** Any person, including a county or local governmental unit, that is conducting, managing or operating an ICF/IID and that is properly licensed in accordance with this section shall give:

A. At least 60 days' written notice of the voluntary closure date of the ICF/IID to the department; and

B. At least 30 days' written notice of the voluntary closure date of the ICF/IID to any governmental units or institutions that are primarily responsible for the welfare of the ICF/IID's clients and to:

- (1) The clients of the ICF/IID; and
- (2) As applicable, the clients' guardians, family members and both medical and financial powers of attorney.

The purpose of the notice under this paragraph is to provide for adequate preparation for the orderly transfer of ICF/IID clients to another qualified facility.

**12. Intermediate sanctions.** In addition to the actions authorized in subsections 13 and 14, the department may impose intermediate sanctions to improve the quality of care in ICF/IIDs.

**13. Amend, modify or refuse to renew license.** In respect to any license issued under this section, the department may amend, modify or refuse to renew a license by initiating proceedings consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act or filing a complaint with the District Court requesting suspension or revocation of that license for the following conduct:

- A. Violation of this section or any rules adopted pursuant to this section;
- B. Permitting, aiding or abetting the commission of any illegal act in the ICF/IID to which the license applies; or
- C. Engaging in practices that are detrimental to the welfare of a client of the ICF/IID.

**14. Suspend or revoke license.** Whenever conditions are found in an ICF/IID that violate this section or department rules issued pursuant to this section that, in the opinion of the commissioner, immediately endanger the health or safety of the clients of the ICF/IID or create an emergency, the department by its duly authorized agents may request, under the emergency proceeding provisions of Title 4, section 184, subsection 6, that the District Court suspend or revoke the ICF/IID's license.

**15. Appeals.** Any person that is aggrieved by the decision of the department to refuse to issue a license or renew a license may request a hearing as provided by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

**16. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules within the meaning of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules must include, but are not limited to:

- A. General licensing requirements;
- B. Application requirements;

- C. Quality measures;
- D. Personnel qualifications;
- E. Mandatory and minimum training requirements;
- F. Compliance with federal certification requirements;
- G. Staffing requirements;
- H. Services provided and coordination of services;
- I. Supervision and organizational structure, including lines of authority;
- J. Physical plant and environmental requirements;
- K. Record-keeping and confidentiality practices;
- L. Business records requirements;
- M. Clients' rights;
- N. Medical services requirements;
- O. Infection control and biomedical waste requirements;
- P. Management of personal funds of clients;
- Q. Requirements of the ICF/IID before, during and after both voluntary and involuntary termination of services; and
- R. Other aspects of services provided by an ICF/IID that may be necessary to protect clients.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §8752, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §48, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Health care facility.** "Health care facility" or "facility" means a general or specialty hospital including all facilities under the hospital's license, an ambulatory surgical facility, an end-stage renal disease facility and a state institution as defined under Title 34-B, chapter 1, except that it does not include a facility licensed as a nursing facility or licensed under chapter 1664.

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**CHAPTER 238**

**H.P. 567 - L.D. 881**

**An Act to Establish an  
Apprentice Insurance  
Producer License**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1420-Q** is enacted to read:

**§1420-Q. Apprentice insurance producer license**

Beginning January 1, 2026, the superintendent may issue an apprentice insurance producer license in accordance with this section and section 1420-J without requiring an examination. An applicant for a license as an apprentice insurance producer shall apply to the superintendent in the form and manner determined by the superintendent.

**1. Licensing requirements.** An apprentice insurance producer license may not be issued unless an applicant:

A. Is 18 years of age or older;

B. Is employed by a licensed resident insurance producer who has certified to the superintendent on a form prescribed by the superintendent that the licensed resident insurance producer will supervise the apprentice insurance producer licensee and will assume responsibility for all acts of the apprentice insurance producer licensee;

C. Has submitted an application for an insurance producer license and meets the requirements for an insurance producer license, except for passage of any required examination. The applicant and sponsor shall provide any information requested by the superintendent as part of the review of the application;

D. Has not previously held or been denied an insurance producer license under this Title in this State or a comparable insurance producer license in any other jurisdiction and has not previously been issued or denied an apprentice insurance producer license;

E. Is a resident of this State at the time of application and remains a resident of this State throughout the apprenticeship; and

F. Has paid the temporary licensing fee required by section 601, subsection 5, paragraph C and any applicable application fee.

**2. Sponsor required.** An apprentice insurance producer license may not be issued without the sponsorship of a licensed resident insurance producer. A sponsor shall complete an application required by the superintendent. The sponsor may not have any restriction on the sponsor's producer license, including, but not limited to, being on probation or having any disciplinary reporting requirements to the superintendent. The sponsor must have held a Maine producer license in good standing for at least one year prior to applying to be a sponsor and must meet any other requirements established by the superintendent. The superintendent may revoke a sponsor's authorization to employ an apprentice insurance producer for failing to comply with any requirements of the sponsorship and for any of the reasons for disciplinary action under section 1420-K.

**3. Legal responsibility.** A sponsor who employs an apprentice insurance producer licensee assumes all

legal responsibility for all acts of the apprentice insurance producer licensee who is employed by the sponsor.

**4. License duration; nonrenewable.** An apprentice insurance producer license may not be authorized for more than 180 days. After having completed 180 days as an apprentice insurance producer, the apprentice insurance producer may not engage in any insurance activities requiring an insurance producer license without obtaining an insurance producer license in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

**5. Activities limited to risks located in this State.** An apprentice insurance producer may perform only activities that would otherwise require an insurance producer license for risks located in this State and only for those activities for which the sponsor is authorized under the sponsor's licensing authority.

**6. Appointment required.** An apprentice insurance producer may not act as an agent of an insurer unless appointed by the insurer pursuant to section 1420-M.

**7. Activities limited to those not requiring additional training or authority.** An apprentice insurance producer may not perform any activities that require training or authority in addition to an insurance producer license, including activities under the federal Affordable Care Act, long-term care insurance and annuities. In addition, an apprentice insurance producer may not perform any activities otherwise requiring a producer license involving life insurance.

**8. Limitations.** The superintendent may limit the issuance of apprentice insurance producer licenses to no more than 2 active apprentice insurance producer licenses per sponsor during a calendar year. The superintendent may limit the authority of an apprentice insurance producer licensee in any way determined necessary, in addition to those specified in this subsection, to protect insureds and the public and may by order revoke an apprentice insurance producer license if the interest of insureds or the public is endangered or for any cause in section 1420-K, subsection 1.

**9. Reporting of actions.** An apprentice insurance producer and a sponsor shall report in a timely manner any actions involving the apprentice insurance producer in the same manner as required of a producer by section 1420-P.

**10. Termination of apprenticeship.** If an apprentice insurance producer is no longer employed by a sponsor prior to the end of the apprenticeship, or if the sponsor terminates the sponsorship prior to the end of the 180-day period under subsection 4, the sponsor and the apprentice insurance producer shall notify the superintendent within 5 business days of the end of employment or end of the sponsorship.

11. Rulemaking. The superintendent may issue guidance by rule or otherwise setting forth any additional requirements and limitations for apprentice insurance producer licensing and sponsorship, including eligible and ineligible lines of insurance and limitations or standards for commissions. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, chapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 239**

**H.P. 580 - L.D. 915**

**An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §651, 3rd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 55, §1, is amended to read:

The register shall prepare, or have prepared, a ~~microfilm~~ record of each page of every instrument, plan or other document recorded in the registry office. The ~~microfilm~~ record made must be stored in a fireproof area and a digital image stored on magnetic or optical media. When original record books or plans are considered by the register to be in a condition that warrants withdrawal from regular use, the register may make a true copy of the contents of the record or may provide suitable means for reading the ~~microfilm, microfiche~~ or digital image stored on magnetic or optical media of the instruments withdrawn. The records and certified copies made either from the true copy or from images stored as provided in this section must be received in all courts of law with the same legal effect as those contained in the original.

**Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §652, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 439, §1, is further amended to read:

Paper plans submitted for recording must be rolled and not folded. The register may return plans that are not legible for recording and archival purposes and the processing of which may damage county equipment or resources. The register shall permanently file the original, create a digital image of the plan at a minimum of 300 dots per inch or 300 pixels per inch and maintain a copy for public inspection in paper or digital image form. Each plan must be ~~microfilmed~~ maintained as a digital image stored on magnetic or optical media for archival purposes. Each register shall maintain an index of all plans on record in the register's office.

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**CHAPTER 240**  
**H.P. 928 - L.D. 1406**

**An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to apply to cases of abuse or neglect of a child or jeopardy to health or welfare of a child as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 176, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Abuse or neglect.** "Abuse or neglect" means a threat to a child's health or welfare by physical, mental or emotional injury or impairment; or sexual abuse or exploitation including under Title 17-A, sections 282, 852, 853 and 855 ~~or deprivation of essential needs~~; or lack of protection from these, by a person responsible for the child. "Abuse or neglect" also means serious harm or threat of serious harm by a person responsible for the child due to inadequate care or supervision of the child or deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare by that person when that person is financially able to provide food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare or is offered lawful and reasonable financial means or resources to do so. "Abuse or neglect" also means truancy under Title 20-A, section 3272, subsection 2, paragraph C or section 5051-A, subsection 1, paragraph C or D when truancy is the result of neglect by a person responsible for the child. "Abuse or neglect" also means a threat to a child's health or welfare caused by child sex trafficking by any person, regardless of whether or not the person is responsible for the child.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 241  
H.P. 1022 - L.D. 1564**

**An Act to Delay  
Implementation of Certain  
Recent Changes to the  
Beverage Container  
Redemption Law and to Make  
Other Necessary Changes to  
That Law**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that certain changes to the laws governing manufacturers, distributors and dealers of beverage containers enacted by Public Law 2023, chapter 482 are clarified prior to the implementation date of those changes; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §12, is further amended to read:

**5. Label registration.** An initiator of deposit shall register the container label of any beverage offered for sale in the State on which it initiates a deposit. Registration must be on forms or in an electronic format provided by the department prior to July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026 and by the cooperative beginning July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026 and must include the universal product code for each combination of beverage and container manufactured. The initiator of deposit shall renew a label registration annually and whenever that label is revised by altering the universal product code or whenever the container on which it appears is changed in size, composition or glass color. The initiator of deposit shall also include as part of the registration identification of a collection agent, identification of all of the parties to a commingling agreement that applies to the container and proof of the collection agreement.

A. Prior to July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026, the department may charge a fee for registration and registration renewals under this subsection.

B. Beginning July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026, a commingling group shall ensure that all initiators of deposit participating in the commingling group provide to the cooperative accurate and up-to-date label registration information required by this subsection and

that any updates to label registrations are provided to the cooperative at least 30 days prior to introduction for sale in the State. The cooperative shall ensure that accurate and up-to-date information regarding all label registrations is shared with entities using or administering reverse vending machine and account-based bulk processing programs and is made available on its publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §15 and affected by §43, is further amended to read:

**6. Obligation to preserve container value.** Notwithstanding subsection 8-A, a commingling group or its agent may refuse to accept, or pay the refund value and handling costs to a dealer, redemption center or other person for, a beverage container that has been processed by a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program in a way that has, for a nonrefillable beverage container, reduced the recycling value of the container below current market value or, for a refillable beverage container, has damaged the container in a manner that prevents its reuse. This subsection may not be interpreted to prohibit a written processing agreement between a commingling group and a dealer or redemption center and does not relieve a commingling group of its obligation under subsection 8-A to accept empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers. Beginning July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026, the cooperative, on behalf of its member commingling groups, shall negotiate agreements with dealers and redemption centers regarding processing payments for each beverage container material type. The department shall adopt rules to establish the recycling value of beverage containers under this subsection and the rules may authorize the use of a 3rd-party vendor to determine if a beverage container has been processed by a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program in a manner that, for a nonrefillable beverage container, has reduced the recycling value below current market value or, for a refillable beverage container, has damaged the container in a manner that prevents its reuse. The rules must outline the method of allocating among the parties involved the payment for 3rd-party vendor costs.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§8-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §17, is amended to read:

**8-A. Obligation to pick up and recycle containers.** ~~Beginning October 15, 2024, in~~ In accordance with the requirements of this subsection and the rules adopted pursuant to this subsection, a designated pick-up entity has the obligation to ensure the timely pickup and recycling of all empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter from dealers and redemption centers, including from any locations where an account-based bulk processing program is in operation. As used in this subsection, "designated pick-up entity" means, ~~prior to July 15, 2025~~ until the cooperative implements a

department-approved program plan pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C or for any period of time in which a department-approved program plan is not implemented, a commingling group or its pick-up agent and, beginning July 15, 2025 or, for any period of time in which a department-approved program plan is implemented, the cooperative or its pick-up agent or agents.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, prior to July 15, 2025 until the cooperative implements a department-approved program plan pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C or for any period of time in which a department-approved program plan is not implemented, in the case of a designated pick-up entity that is a commingling group, the commingling group's responsibilities under this subsection apply only to those beverage containers from the initiators of deposit that are members of that commingling group.

B. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. The rules must, at a minimum, establish pickup frequency standards based on the volume of beverage containers collected by each dealer or redemption center, accounting for any irregularities in volume, in a manner that promotes communication between designated pick-up entities and dealers and redemption centers and that increases transportation efficiency while maintaining the level of service provided to dealers and redemption centers such that dealers and redemption centers are not required to store collected beverage containers for extended periods of time without contact from and compensation provided by the designated pick-up entity. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §18, is further amended to read:

**9. Plastic bags.** Plastic bags used by a dealer or redemption center and the cost allocation of these bags must conform to rules adopted by the department concerning size and gauge. Beginning July 15, 2025, the cooperative shall provide to the dealer or redemption center, or the plastic bags to be used by the dealer or redemption center to contain redeemed beverage containers or, within 6 weeks of receipt of a request for reimbursement from the dealer or redemption center for the cost of such plastic bags used by the dealer or redemption center, reimburse the dealer or redemption center for the cost of, the plastic bags used by the dealer or redemption center to contain redeemed beverage containers those requested costs.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §22, is further amended to read:

**1. Commingling requirement.** If initiators of deposit enter into a commingling agreement pursuant to this section, commingling of beverage containers must be by all containers of like deposit value, product group, material and size. Initiators of deposit may not require dealers or redemption centers to further sort containers that belong to the commingling group. This subsection does not prevent further commingling of containers if requested by the responsible commingling group or the cooperative. An initiator of deposit required pursuant to section 3106, subsection 8 or 8-A to pick up beverage containers subject to a commingling agreement also shall pick up all other beverage containers subject to the same agreement. The initiator of deposit may not require beverage containers that are subject to a commingling agreement to be sorted separately by a dealer or redemption center. A dealer or redemption center that processes beverage containers using a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program is not required to sort material by color, in accordance with subsection 2, paragraphs E to H, deposit value or size but must comply with the requirements of section 3106, subsection 6.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

**2. Commingling of like materials.** For purposes of this section, containers are considered to be of like materials if made up of one of the following:

- A. Plastic;
- B. Aluminum;
- C. Metal other than aluminum; ~~and~~
- D. Glass;
- E. Clear, transparent green or transparent light blue polyethylene terephthalate;
- F. Other polyethylene terephthalate that is not clear, transparent green or transparent light blue;
- G. Clear high-density polyethylene;
- H. Colored high-density polyethylene; or
- I. Other materials, including refillable beverage containers, that in the department's discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §26, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) The method by which the program will facilitate and, no later than October 1, 2026, complete the transition from beverage container sorting at redemption centers by brand to sorting by material type and, for redemption centers that manually sort containers, by size and deposit value within each material type. The program may facilitate the negotiation of agreements with redemption centers to gather

brand data through use of reverse vending machines, account-based bulk processing programs or similar technology as long as the cost of such data collection is paid by the program;

**Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §26, is amended by amending subparagraph (13) to read:

(13) A proposed timeline for implementation of the program plan, if approved, designed to ensure implementation of the plan on or before ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026 and a description of how the cooperative will notify commingling groups, initiators of deposit, dealers, distributors, pick-up agents and other affected entities regarding program implementation, which must include, but is not limited to, posting of information relating to program implementation on the website described in subparagraph (12);

**Sec. 9. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §26, is amended to read:

C. Within 120 days of receipt of a plan submitted by the cooperative under paragraph B, the department shall review the plan and approve the plan, approve the plan with conditions or reject the plan. Prior to determining whether to approve or reject a plan, the department shall hold a public hearing meeting on the plan. The department shall notify the cooperative in writing of its determination and, if the plan is approved with conditions or rejected, shall include in the notification a description of the basis for the conditions or rejection.

(1) If the cooperative's plan is rejected, it may submit a revised plan to the department within 60 days of receiving the notice of rejection. The department may approve the revised plan as submitted or approve the revised plan subject to the implementation of specific changes required by the department.

(2) If the cooperative's plan is approved in accordance with this paragraph, the cooperative shall implement the plan on or before ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026 in accordance with the timeline for implementation described in paragraph B, subparagraph (13), subject to any changes or conditions imposed by the department. If the cooperative fails to implement an approved plan on or before ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026, the initiators of deposit that are members of each of the commingling groups included in the cooperative are deemed to be in violation of this chapter and are subject to penalties pursuant to section 3111.

**Sec. 10. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §26, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) On or before ~~July 15~~ October 31, 2025, the cooperative shall pay to the department the annual fee under this paragraph to cover the department's costs for review of the program plan submitted by the cooperative pursuant to paragraph B and the department's costs prior to program plan implementation in its oversight of the development and implementation of the commingling program under this subsection. The department may require the cooperative to pay a portion of the fee required under this subparagraph at the time the cooperative submits a program plan for review and approval pursuant to paragraph B to cover the department's cost for review of the program plan.

**Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§3-B, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §26, is amended to read:

I. ~~Beginning July 15, 2025, an~~ An initiator of deposit that is not in compliance with all applicable requirements of ~~the single commingling a department-approved program plan~~ implemented pursuant to this subsection:

(1) Commits a violation of this chapter and is subject to penalties pursuant to section 3111; and

(2) Is prohibited from selling or distributing in the State any beverage container subject to the requirements of this chapter as long as the violation exists. A distributor or dealer may not sell or distribute in the State any such containers of the initiator of deposit, and the department may remove from sale any such containers of the initiator of deposit.

**Sec. 12. 38 MRSA §3108-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §28 and affected by §43, is amended to read:

**1. Commingling group; unclaimed deposits.** Prior to ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026, unclaimed deposits for nonrefillable beverage containers that are subject to a commingling agreement pursuant to section 3107, subsection 1-A or 1-B are the property of the members of the commingling group administering the agreement. The commingling group shall determine the disposition and use of those unclaimed deposits.

**Sec. 13. 38 MRSA §3108-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 529, §§2 to 4 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

**2. Commingling cooperative; unclaimed deposits.** Except as provided in paragraph D, ~~beginning July 15, 2025~~ if a department-approved program plan is implemented pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C, unclaimed deposits for nonrefillable beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter are the property of the cooperative and, in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant

to subsection 3, must be deposited and maintained by the cooperative in a separate account or accounts and expended only in accordance with this subsection.

A. The cooperative shall expend unclaimed deposit amounts as provided in paragraphs B and C and may not expend unclaimed deposit amounts to offset legal or lobbying fees or fines incurred by the cooperative, a commingling group or an initiator of deposit.

B. The cooperative shall expend unclaimed deposit amounts for the following purposes:

(1) Payment of the annual fee to the department as provided in section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph G;

(2) Reasonable costs of administering the program under section 3107, subsection 3-B, including, but not limited to, staffing costs and office operating costs;

(3) Costs of educational materials and signage provided to dealers and redemption centers regarding redemption instructions and other information, including information regarding the fraudulent redemption of beverage containers in accordance with section 3106, subsection 10;

(4) Reimbursement to dealers and redemption centers of the costs of plastic bags pursuant to section 3106, subsection 9;

(4-A) Funding of activities and infrastructure designed to increase the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers and reusable beverage packaging in the State. The cooperative may expend funds under this subparagraph to support activities and infrastructure designed to increase the use of other types of reusable packaging in the State. The cooperative shall make available a minimum of \$500,000 per calendar year for these activities, which may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Activities and infrastructure relating to the development and implementation of models for refillable beverage container washing techniques, including, but not limited to, mobile washing stations, in-house washing stations and the establishment of a fixed washing facility in the State;

(b) Development of or other activities relating to container, adhesive and label options for refillable beverage containers; and

(c) Outreach to manufacturers, retailers, restaurants and consumers regarding the benefits of refillable beverage containers

and the methods available for ensuring such containers may be safely reused; and

(5) Payment of \$500,000 annually to the department for deposit into and use in accordance with the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund established in section 3114-A.

The cooperative shall include in its annual report required under section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph E any recommendations for a reduction in or other amendment to the payment required under this subparagraph that the cooperative believes necessary due to a reduction in the amount of unclaimed deposits available for expenditure in accordance with paragraph C, a surplus of undistributed funding within the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund established in section 3114-A or for other reasons specified by the cooperative.

C. Any deposits determined by the cooperative to be unclaimed in accordance with the rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 3 that are not expended by the cooperative as otherwise required by this section may be expended by the cooperative to offset other costs incurred by the program, including, but not limited to, costs of beverage container pickups and payment to dealers or redemption centers of required handling fees under section 3106, subsection 7, as long as such expenditures are designed to equitably offset those costs incurred by each member commingling group as determined pursuant to the approved program plan under section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph B, subparagraph (2).

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, if the cooperative fails to implement a ~~department-approved program plan approved by the department~~ pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C by ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026, until the cooperative implements ~~an approved a department-approved program plan pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C~~ or for any period of time in which a department-approved program plan is not implemented, unclaimed deposits for nonrefillable beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter must be deposited and maintained by the cooperative, or, in the event the cooperative has not been established, by each commingling group, in a separate account or accounts and in the manner directed by the department must be paid to the department for deposit into and use in accordance with the Beverage Container Enforcement Fund established under section 3114.

**Sec. 14. 38 MRSA §3113, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

A. An owner of a redemption center who is renewing the license of a redemption center licensed by the department as of April 1, 2009 need not comply with subsection 3;

**Sec. 15. 38 MRSA §3113, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 482, §34, is amended to read:

**5. Convenience standard.** On or after ~~July 15, 2025~~ January 15, 2026, the department shall adopt rules establishing requirements for the implementation by the cooperative of an efficient beverage container collection system of redemption centers that is adequate to serve the needs of consumers in both rural and urban areas throughout the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

A. The beverage container collection system to be implemented must be designed to provide a geographical distribution of redemption locations and of redemption options for consumers, including, but not limited to, manual sorting, reverse vending machines, bag drop programs and account-based bulk processing programs, including those options that provide for immediate payment of the refund value to a consumer as well as those that provide payment of the refund value within a specified period of time following beverage container drop-off.

B. In establishing requirements for the beverage container collection system to be implemented, the department shall consider geographical limitations, population densities and reasonable days and hours of operation for redemption centers and may consider options for expanding redemption opportunities for consumers at locations other than redemption centers, including, but not limited to, at dealers and transfer stations.

**Sec. 16. 38 MRSA §3114, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §35, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026;

**Sec. 17. 38 MRSA §3115, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §38, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 15, ~~2025~~ 2026.

**Sec. 18. 38 MRSA §3119, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §40, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 19. 38 MRSA §3119, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §40, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 20. 38 MRSA §3119, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 482, §40, is further amended to read:

**3. Proprietary information.** Proprietary information submitted to the department ~~prior to July 15,~~

~~2025~~ in a report required under this section that is identified by the submitter as proprietary information is confidential and must be handled by the department in the same manner as confidential information is handled under section 1310-B.

**Sec. 21. Retroactivity.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C applies retroactively to January 1, 2025.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

**CHAPTER 242**

**H.P. 1042 - L.D. 1584**

**An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2025-26**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2025-26 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$286,996
Education	\$16,289,568
Forest Fire Protection	\$120,000
Human Services - General Assistance	\$55,000
Property Tax Assessment	\$1,389,510

Maine Land Use Planning Commission	\$799,806
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$18,940,880
County Reimbursements for Services	
Aroostook	\$2,480,883
Franklin	\$3,029,129
Hancock	\$183,366
Kennebec	\$20,719
Lincoln	\$38,570
Oxford	\$2,475,650
Penobscot	\$1,938,696
Piscataquis	\$2,112,825
Somerset	\$2,862,163
Washington	\$1,589,670
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$16,731,671
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$3,127,586
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$38,800,137
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$38,800,137
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$580,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$325,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$3,550,317
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$4,465,317
Education Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust Interest	\$110,000
Tuition and School Transportation Charges	\$150,000
Special - Teacher Retirement Funding from State	\$250,000
TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$510,000
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$4,975,317
TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602)	\$33,824,820

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

**CHAPTER 243**  
**H.P. 762 - L.D. 1157**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Relating to the State's  
Background Check Center**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §27, is amended to read:

**2. Assisted housing facility.** "Assisted housing facility" means a facility licensed pursuant to chapter ~~1663~~ 1664 or an independent housing with services program exempt from licensing pursuant to chapter 1663.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**5. Background check report.** "Background check report" means a comprehensive report generated by the Background Check Center based on a search and analysis of data stored in federal and state criminal record repositories, registry databases or agencies, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification; abuse and neglect, sex offender and employment-related registries; professional licensing authorities; and Medicare and Medicaid exclusion databases. The A completed background check report is recorded in the Background Check Center and informs a provider when an offense a conviction appears in an individual's record that may disqualify the individual from eligibility for employment as a direct access worker.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**10. Contingent offer of employment.** "Contingent offer of employment" means an offer of employment as a direct access worker that is based upon receipt of ~~a final an initial~~ an initial nondisqualifying background check report and that may be withdrawn by the employer if a disqualifying final background check report is issued.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**12. Direct access.** "Direct access" means access to the property, personally identifiable information, financial information, medical records or treatment information and other resources of an individual or physical access to an individual who is ~~a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary or other protected individual~~ served by a provider subject to ~~this chapter~~ this section.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**13. Direct access employment.** "Direct access employment" or "employment" means any activity involving direct access services, including employment for wages, contracting for temporary staff or use of unsupervised volunteers or students who perform functions similar to those performed by direct access workers, and is the type of employment that provides access that could lead to physical, mental, financial or privacy-related harms on the individual receiving those direct access services.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§14,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §28, is further amended to read:

**14. Direct access worker.** "Direct access worker" means an individual who by virtue of employment generally provides to individuals direct contact assistance or has direct access regardless of setting. "Direct access worker" does not include an individual performing repairs, deliveries, installations or similar services who does not have direct access without supervision. "Direct access worker" includes but is not limited to the following individuals engaged in direct access employment and includes:

~~A. An individual seeking employment as a direct access worker;~~

~~A-1. Physicians and physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurses, clinical support staff, pharmacists and pharmacy staff;~~

~~A-2. Physical therapists, occupational therapists and rehabilitation service providers;~~

~~A-3. Certified nursing assistants and direct care workers pursuant to section 1812-J;~~

~~A-4. Residential support staff, behavioral health providers, drug treatment center staff, recreation aides, community support specialists and case managers;~~

~~A-5. Administrative staff, including clerical staff, information services staff, finance and billing staff and their supervisors, management, leadership, executives, partners and owners;~~

~~A-6. Environmental, operations and facility services staff, including dietary, food services, maintenance, transportation and security staff; and~~

~~B. An employee who is employed upon the effective date of this chapter and who is required to have a background check in accordance with section 9058-A;~~

~~C. A former employee who consents, prior to leaving employment, to periodic review of that employee's criminal background for a fixed time;~~

~~D. An independent contractor pursuant to Title 26, section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E or Title 39-A, section 102, subsection 13-A; a worker who~~

is placed with a provider by a temporary nurse agency; or a worker who is placed with a provider by a personal care agency registered or licensed pursuant to section 1717;

~~E. A volunteer, student or other person with direct access who routinely performs unsupervised functions similar to those performed by a direct access worker for a provider; and~~

~~F. A direct care worker pursuant to section 1812-J, subsection 1, paragraph G.~~

"Direct access worker" does not include an individual supervised while interacting or engaging with service recipients, such as an individual performing repairs, making deliveries or carrying out installations or similar services who does not have direct access without supervision or an individual performing oversight, such as a surveyor, auditor or ombudsman.

**Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is repealed.

**Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§19,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 241, §52, is amended to read:

**19. Grandfathered employee.** "Grandfathered employee" means an individual subject to the requirements of this chapter who has been employed prior to October 1, 2023, the date biometric-based background check capability becomes available, who is subject to section 9058-A and who has not previously submitted biometric identifier data for a background check under this chapter.

**Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§19-A** is enacted to read:

**19-A. Home and community-based service agency.** "Home and community-based service agency" means an entity licensed pursuant to Title 34-B, section 1203-B.

**Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§24-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 241, §54, is amended to read:

**24-A. Noncriminal justice submitting entity.** "Noncriminal justice submitting entity" means the agency responsible for initiating requests under the rap back monitoring program pursuant to federal implementation guidance documents.

**Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§29,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §56, is further amended to read:

**29. Provider.** "Provider" means a licensed, license-exempt, certified or registered entity that employs direct access workers to provide long-term care and facility-based, in-home and community-based services under this chapter.

**Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

B. Obtain the individual's informed consent and executed consent to release information to all entities as needed to conduct the background check investigation, analysis and monitoring process;

**Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶P,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §62, is repealed.

**Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶Q,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 241, §63, is amended to read:

Q. Substance use disorder treatment agencies; ~~and~~

**Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶R,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 241, §64, is amended to read:

R. Hospitals; ~~and~~

**Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶S** is enacted to read:

S. Home and community-based service agencies.

**Sec. 17. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §§65 to 67, is further amended to read:

**8. Background Check Center responsibilities.**

The Background Check Center's responsibilities include, ~~but are not limited to,~~ the following:

A. Operating an online portal used by employers to secure background checks for individuals employed as direct access workers;

B-1. Collecting fingerprints to determine eligibility of individuals to work in direct access positions in accordance with standards adopted by department rule; and in accordance with applicable policies and rules of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Bureau of State Police shall take, or cause to be taken, an individual's fingerprints, along with any other information necessary for a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The Bureau of State Police shall make a determination of the existence of any state-level criminal history and, if none is found, the fingerprints must be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check pertaining to the individual. The Background Check Center shall obtain the results of the state and federal criminal history record check queries from the State Bureau of Identification. Criminal records obtained pursuant to this section and the information contained therein may not be released or otherwise disclosed to any private entity. All fingerprints must be maintained by the State Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with their policies and procedures, ~~and the Background Check Center shall obtain the results of the fingerprinting queries from the State Bureau of Identification;~~

C. Generating background check reports for employers ~~regarding the presence of disqualifying offenses, including criminal charges without disposition, in a direct access worker's background;~~

D. Monitoring and enforcing compliance with the requirements of this chapter;

E. Providing for a process by which an individual subject to actions taken by the Background Check Center may challenge the accuracy of information in a background check report and correct the information in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

F. Specifying offenses, including offenses that may appear in publicly available criminal record information, that disqualify an individual from employment as a direct access worker for a term of 5, 10 or 30 years or, for disqualifying offenses that occur in health care settings, the lifetime of the individual, including, but not limited to, convictions and other events or notations;

G. Coordinating with federal and state criminal justice agencies as required to facilitate a criminal record rap back monitoring program; and

H. Providing for an independent process ~~for to obtain~~ a waiver for a determination of ineligibility based on a criminal conviction history that gives an individual with a disqualifying offense who has been banned from employment pursuant to this chapter the opportunity to demonstrate that the ban should be waived because the individual does not pose a risk to patients, facilities, property or others. A waiver is applicable only to the requesting employer and is not transferable between employers.

**Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §68, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**10. Background check report content.** The background check report must inform an employer whether the individual submitted for a background check is eligible for employment as a direct access worker. The background check report must include information specific to the individual along with:

A. All state-level offenses, including criminal charges without disposition;

B. The presence of federal-level disqualifying offenses without disclosure of the details;

C. A result of finding of registry disqualifications; and

D. The status of the individual, based on the outcome of the background check report, as:

(1) Eligible for hire; or

(2) Ineligible for hire.

**Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**12. Appeal by individual.** The department shall establish procedures in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to ensure that each individual submitted for a background check in compliance with this chapter has the opportunity to challenge and correct errors in records created and generated by the Background Check Center. The subject of a state criminal record check may inspect and review criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of a criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33.

**Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

**14. Approval of waiver.** The department shall specify in rule the criteria for issuing a waiver for a disqualifying offense. The waiver determination is based on a consideration of the facts and circumstances of the specific individual's ~~conviction~~ criminal history that include the passage of time, extenuating circumstances, a demonstration of rehabilitation and the relevancy of the particular disqualifying offense with respect to the current or prospective employment with a sponsoring employer. All waivers are contingent on a final determination by the department that the employer has reasonably determined that the health and safety of a protected individual is not in jeopardy and a denial of a waiver request is not otherwise warranted in accordance with federal or state law. A waiver is applicable only to the requesting employer and is not transferable between employers.

**Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §9056, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §71, is further amended to read:

**2. Rap back monitoring program.** The bureau is authorized to initiate and provide services pursuant to ~~federal or state rap back monitoring to report new criminal record events to the Background Check Center for noncriminal justice purposes. The bureau is authorized as the State's noncriminal justice submitting entity for federal rap back monitoring.~~ Requests under the rap back monitoring program include the following procedures:

- A. The noncriminal justice submitting entity submits to an electronic repository the biometric identifier data of a direct access worker;
- B. The electronic repository retains the biometric identifier data for a period of time specified in the State's subscription with the electronic repository; and
- C. The electronic repository notifies the noncriminal justice submitting entity of any new criminal

record events tied to the biometric identifier data that may disqualify an individual from continued employment as a direct access worker.

**Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §9058-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 241, §78, is amended to read:

**1. Background check.** Beginning ~~October 1, 2024, an employer when biometric-based background check capability becomes available for a specified type of provider, a provider of that type~~ employing direct access workers ~~subject to this section~~ shall use the Background Check Center to secure a background check and a background check report using biometric identifier data for each direct access worker.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 244

### H.P. 781 - L.D. 1176

#### An Act to Provide for the Sustainable Management of Marine Resources and Create a Noncommercial Northern Shrimp License

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6171-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 248, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Emerging fishery" means the commercial fishing for any marine organism, except herring and groundfish species, that requires a commercial fishing license issued under section 6501 or a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license issued under section 6502-A.

B. "Endorsement" means an authorization, identified on a commercial fishing license issued under section 6501 or a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license issued under section 6502-A, to harvest, possess, transport and sell a specific marine organism for which there is an emerging fishery.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6171-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 297, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Determination of sustainability.** The commissioner may investigate conditions affecting marine resources and, with the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council, may require a person to hold an endorsement to participate in an emerging fishery if the commissioner determines that a marine organism or its habitat is under increasing pressure that could

impact its sustainability or if the commissioner determines that a marine organism is becoming established in the waters of this State and that access to that marine organism must be limited to ensure its sustainable management. The commissioner shall ensure that emerging fisheries do not develop at a rate that is not sustainable on a long-term basis.

Harvesters involved in an emerging fishery may petition the commissioner to investigate the sustainability of that emerging fishery.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6171-B, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 297, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Endorsement required.** Notwithstanding ~~sections~~ sections 6501 and 6502-A, a person may not fish for, take, possess, ship, transport or sell a marine organism for which an endorsement is required pursuant to subsection 2 unless that person holds a current commercial fishing license or a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license with an endorsement for that organism, except that a license with an endorsement is not required for that person to fish for, take, possess or transport the organism only for personal use.

A fee may not be charged for an endorsement required pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6804,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 346, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

**§6804. ~~Commercial northern~~ Northern shrimp license**

**1. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current:

- A. Resident commercial northern shrimp license;
- B. Resident with crew commercial northern shrimp license; ~~or~~
- C. Nonresident with crew commercial northern shrimp license; or
- D. Resident noncommercial northern shrimp license.

**2. Licensed activities.** Except as limited pursuant to subsection 2-A, ~~the holder of a commercial northern shrimp license may fish for or take shrimp or possess, ship, transport or sell northern shrimp that the license holder has taken. A license issued under subsection 7, paragraph B or C also authorizes unlicensed crew members aboard the vessel declared by the license holder to engage in these activities;~~

A. A holder of a commercial northern shrimp license may fish for or take northern shrimp or possess, ship, transport or sell northern shrimp that the license holder has taken. A license issued under subsection 7, paragraph B or C also authorizes unlicensed crew members aboard the vessel declared

by the license holder to engage in these activities; and

B. A holder of a resident noncommercial northern shrimp license may fish for or take northern shrimp or possess, ship or transport northern shrimp that the license holder has taken.

**2-A. Licenses Commercial licenses limited.** The commissioner may establish by rule a system to limit the number of commercial northern shrimp licenses issued under this section when the total allowable catch for northern shrimp established for Maine by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is less than 2,000 metric tons. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Prior to initiating rulemaking, the commissioner shall consult with members of the northern shrimp industry, including individuals who are eligible to obtain a license that allows fishing for or taking northern shrimp and holders of a license or permit issued under chapter 625 that allows wholesale or retail activity involving northern shrimp.

The commissioner shall provide a report regarding management of the northern shrimp resource and the northern shrimp fishing industry to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15th of the year following a year in which the commissioner limited the number of licenses issued under this section. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the session of the Legislature in which the report was received regarding management of the northern shrimp resource or the northern shrimp fishing industry.

**3. Boat Commercial license holder boat declaration.** The commercial license holder shall declare the name of the vessel to be used for fishing under the commercial northern shrimp license at the time of application for the license and may not change that declaration during the license year unless the original vessel is sold and replaced, has been damaged and will be under repair for not less than one month or has been destroyed or lost.

~~**5. Exemption.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license is not required to fish for, take, possess or transport up to one standard fish tote of northern shrimp only for personal use. This exemption does not apply to an individual whose ability to obtain a commercial northern shrimp license has been suspended by the commissioner.~~

**6. Eligibility.** A commercial northern shrimp license may be issued only to an individual.

**7. Fees.** Fees for the ~~commercial~~ northern shrimp license are as follows:

- A. Thirty-eight dollars for a resident commercial license that authorizes the license holder to engage

in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A;

B. One hundred three dollars for a resident commercial license that authorizes the license holder and crew members to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A; ~~and~~

C. Three hundred eighty-five dollars for a nonresident commercial license that authorizes the license holder and crew members to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A; and

D. Twenty dollars for a resident noncommercial license that authorizes the license holder to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph B.

**8. Disposition of fees.** Fees for ~~commercial~~ northern shrimp licenses must be deposited in the Shrimp Management Fund established in section 6805 as follows:

A. Thirty-three dollars for a resident commercial license that authorizes the license holder to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A;

B. Eighty-nine dollars for a resident commercial license that authorizes the license holder and crew members to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A; ~~and~~

C. Three hundred thirty-four dollars for a nonresident commercial license that authorizes the license holder and crew members to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph A; and

D. Twenty dollars for a resident noncommercial license that authorizes the license holder to engage in the licensed activities under subsection 2, paragraph B.

**9. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6805, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 491, §5, is amended to read:

**3. Source of revenue.** In addition to the fees derived from the commercial and noncommercial northern shrimp license licenses, the fund may receive money from any source for the purposes described in subsection 2.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 245  
H.P. 784 - L.D. 1179**

**An Act Regarding Safety from  
Fire for Recreational Vehicles**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2452, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §25, is amended to read:

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt and may amend rules governing the safety to life from fire in or around all buildings or other structures, recreational vehicles as defined in National Fire Protection Association standard 1192 and mass outdoor gatherings, as defined in Title 22, section 1601, subsection 2, within the commissioner's jurisdiction. Automatic sprinkler systems may not be required in existing noncommercial places of assembly. Noncommercial places of assembly include those facilities used for such purposes as deliberation, worship, entertainment, amusement or awaiting transportation that have a capacity of 100 to 300 persons. Automatic sprinkler systems may not be required in existing commercial places of assembly that are open for no more than 50 days per calendar year. "Commercial places of assembly" includes bars with live entertainment, dance halls, nightclubs, assembly halls with large open areas in which patrons stand or sit, commonly referred to as "festival seating," and restaurants. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules, except that rules pertaining to fire sprinklers are major substantive rules, both of which are defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2452, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 535, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Violation.** A person who violates a rule issued by the commissioner under this section commits a Class E crime. Violation of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

**Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, shall notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters if the department proposes to adopt through rulemaking the National Fire Protection Association standard 1192 on recreational vehicles.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 246  
S.P. 549 - L.D. 1319**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Regarding the Suspension of  
Licenses Issued by the  
Department of Marine  
Resources for Failure to  
Comply with Reporting  
Requirements**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6412, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Process for suspension for failing to comply with daily reporting by harvesters of marine organisms that have daily reporting requirements.** If the commissioner determines that an individual licensed or certified to fish for marine organisms under this Part has failed to comply with a daily reporting requirement established in rule adopted by the department pursuant to section 6173, the commissioner may notify the individual by e-mail at the e-mail address provided on the application for the license or certificate. If the individual has not complied with the reporting requirements within 2 days of the requirement to submit the report, the commissioner may mail a notice to the individual. The notice is deemed received 3 days after the mailing. The notice must:

A. Describe the information that the individual is required to provide that the department has not received; and

B. State that, unless all the information described in paragraph A is provided to the department or the individual requests a hearing, the license or certificate will be suspended 3 business days after the individual's receipt of the notice.

Notwithstanding subsection 4, if the individual has not complied with the reporting requirements or requested a hearing within 3 business days after receipt of the notice, the commissioner shall suspend the license or certificate.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 247  
H.P. 961 - L.D. 1469**

**An Act to Clarify the Quality  
Rating System for Child Care  
Services in Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 138, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Quality differential.** To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall pay a differential rate for child care services that meet or that make substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards, such as those standards required by the Head Start program or required for accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and shall do so from the Child Care Development Fund 25% Quality Set-aside funds or by other acceptable federal practices. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules must establish a child care quality rating system with a minimum of 3 steps and must provide for graduated quality differential rates for steps that demonstrate that a child care provider meets or makes substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards. The rules must provide that child care providers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the American Montessori Society, the National Association for Family Child Care or the Council on Accreditation, or any of their successor organizations, or a Head Start program that meets national Head Start standards, receive the highest rating under the child care quality rating system.

~~Nothing in this subsection requires~~ This subsection does not require the department to pay a quality differential rate for child care services provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 248  
H.P. 970 - L.D. 1478**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing Baitfish  
Wholesaler's Licenses**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (3) and enacting the following in its place:

(3) Attempt to take from the inland waters live baitfish for resale using drop nets through the ice unless the license holder marks all holes made in the ice by that license holder for that purpose. The holes must be marked either by evergreen boughs placed around the hole or by suspending at least one strand of fluorescent biodegradable tape at least 3 feet above the ice around the entire perimeter of the hole so that the tape is visible from all sides;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Take eels; or

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (5).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 249**

**H.P. 1053 - L.D. 1595**

**An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Commercial fishing activity" means an activity directly related to a commercial ~~fishing~~ fisheries business as defined in Title 12, section 6001, subsection 6-A or a commercial activity commonly associated with or supportive of commercial fishing or aquaculture, such as the manufacture or sale of ice, bait, traps, cages or nets or the manufacture, installation or repair of boats, engines or other equipment commonly used on boats or in facilities that involve the catching, transporting, buying, selling or processing of seafood for commercial purposes.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 250**

**H.P. 1116 - L.D. 1681**

**An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5903, sub-§8-A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 90, §3, is further amended to read:

**8-A. Public service infrastructure.** "Public service infrastructure" means those facilities that are essential for public health, welfare and safety. Those facilities include, without limitation, sewage treatment facilities, municipal water supply and treatment facilities, solid waste facilities, public safety equipment and facilities, roads, traffic control devices and other transportation facilities, sidewalks, trees, buried utility lines and other streetscape improvements, parks and other open space or recreational areas, public access to coastal and inland waters, geographic information systems, municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority, as defined in section 4702, subsection 10-A, and any other public facility that benefits the public.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 251**

**H.P. 1143 - L.D. 1708**

**An Act to Create the Commercial Fishing Safety Fund to Further Develop Training and Provide Equipment to Recover Ships and Other Watercraft and Persons in Distress or Lost at Sea**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6035-A is enacted to read:

**§6035-A. Commercial Fishing Safety Fund**

The Commercial Fishing Safety Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department.

**1. Sources.** The commissioner may receive donations and funding from any source on behalf of the fund. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund.

**2. Use of fund.** The commissioner shall use the fund to support activities related to improving safety in the commercial fishing industry and improving the department's ability to conduct search and rescue and recovery operations, including the acquisition of necessary equipment. The commissioner shall consult with the Commercial Fishing Safety Council established in section 6034 in making expenditures from the fund.

**3. Interest and balances credited to fund.** Any interest earned on the money in the fund must be credited to the fund. Unexpended balances in the fund at the

end of the fiscal year do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year and credited to the fund to be used for the purposes of this section.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Commercial Fishing Safety Fund N534**

Initiative: Provides baseline allocation to establish the account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 252**

**H.P. 1194 - L.D. 1783**

**An Act to Clarify Municipal  
Affordable Housing Tax  
Increment Financing**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5248, sub-§2, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 312, §3, is further amended to read:

G. The duration of the program, which ~~may start starts and ends~~ during ~~any~~ the tax year years specified in the approval of the affordable housing development program by a municipal legislative body, except that the program duration may not exceed the earlier of 30 years after the tax year in which the affordable housing is placed in service, as evidenced by issuance of a municipal certificate of occupancy, and 35 years after the tax year in which the designation of the district is approved by the director as provided in section 5250, subsection 3; and

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-E, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 426, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Reports.** The legislative body of a municipality ~~must shall~~ report annually to the director regarding the status of an affordable housing development district. The legislative body of the municipality may delegate the annual reporting requirement to a municipal officer in the initial designation of the affordable housing development district. The report must:

A. Certify that the public purpose of the affordable housing district, as outlined in this subchapter, is being met;

B. Account for any sales of property within the district; and

C. Certify that rental units within the affordable housing development district have remained affordable.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 253**

**H.P. 1245 - L.D. 1874**

**An Act to Enable the Maine  
Pilotage Commission to  
Oversee Pilots Operating in  
Portland Harbor**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §85-B, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 355, §4, is amended to read:

**3. Coastal zones.** "Coastal zones" means the 3 areas of Maine coastal waters relevant to the commission membership, Calais to Schoodic Point, Schoodic Point to ~~Port Clyde, Southport Island and Port Clyde Southport Island~~ to Kittery, ~~excepting the port of Portland and Casco Bay.~~

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §86-A, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 689, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Portland harbor Harbor.** Those waters specifically governed by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for ~~the Portland Harbor of Portland,~~ except that the commission retains those duties set forth in section 90 as they relate to pilots operating in such waters. This section is not intended to confer jurisdiction or duties upon the commission with respect to the activities of docking masters overseen by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §87-A, sub-§1, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 14, §2, is further amended to read:

E. All military ships navigating the Kennebec River to and from the Bath Iron Works Corporation for the purpose of accomplishing overhaul, repair, post shakedown availability and sea trials; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §87-A, sub-§1, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 14, §1, is further amended to read:

F. Noncommercial foreign vessels with overall length of under 253 feet, ~~except in the case of Portland Harbor; and~~

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §87-A, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. In the case of Portland Harbor, noncommercial foreign vessels under 350 gross tons for yacht or recreational purposes and noncommercial American vessels under 350 gross tons under registry for yacht or recreational purposes.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §89**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. B, §23, is further amended to read:

**§89. Maine Pilotage Commission members**

The Maine Pilotage Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 40, consists of 7 members who are citizens of the United States and the State of Maine appointed by the Governor as follows: Three licensed pilots who are actively piloting, one member from each of the coastal zones; 2 members who are not licensed pilots but are from a maritime industry that utilizes the services of pilots; one member who is not a licensed pilot but has a maritime background, from a list of qualified potential appointees provided by the mayor of the City of Portland and the mayor of the City of South Portland; and ~~2 members~~ one member representing the public who ~~are~~ is not a licensed ~~pilots~~ pilot but ~~have~~ has a maritime background. Appointments are for 3-year terms. Appointments of members must comply with Title 10, section 8009. The members of the commission are entitled to compensation according to Title 5, chapter 379.

**Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §90, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 355, §10, is further amended to read:

B. Make and establish just and reasonable rates of pilotage for those vessels that are subject to this subchapter;

**Sec. 8. P&SL 1981, c. 98, §5, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 498, §2, is repealed and the following is enacted in its place:

**2. Operation as pilot.** The rates, licensure, apprenticeship, continuing education, fees, safety and other activities related to pilots operating upon the waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor must be overseen and regulated by the Maine Pilotage Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 1, subchapter 3. This section is not intended to limit any authority otherwise maintained by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor to oversee and regulate the activities of docking masters operating on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor, except that such activities may not include the service of actively piloting under the jurisdiction of the Maine Pilotage Commission.

**Sec. 9. Rulemaking by Maine Pilotage Commission.** Within 6 months of the effective date of this Act, the Maine Pilotage Commission shall commence rulemaking with regard to Chapter 1 of its rules to adopt in substantially the same form, for a period of

time at least 24 months in duration, the provisions contained in Section 17.0 of the rules of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor as of the effective date of this Act as they relate to the licensure, apprenticeship, continuing education, safety and other provisions in Section 17.0 of those rules as they relate to pilots operating in Portland Harbor as long as any fees assessed upon pilots operating in Portland Harbor are consistent with fees assessed upon pilots subject to the jurisdiction of the commission. In adopting these initial rules, this provision does not limit the ability of the commission to organize the foregoing provisions and standards into the commission's existing rules as long as the application of these rules to pilots operating in Portland Harbor are substantially similar to the provisions in Section 17.0 of the rules of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor. Following the 24-month time period after initial adoption of the rules described in this section, the commission may further amend the rules governing pilots operating in Portland Harbor without regard to consistency with Section 17.0 of the rules of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Commencing on the effective date of this Act and pending final adoption of rules pursuant to this section, pilots operating in Portland Harbor are subject to the jurisdiction of the commission according to any terms or conditions in place during such time period as duly authorized by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor, other than fee assessments upon pilots in Portland Harbor, if any, which must be consistent with any fees assessed by the commission upon other pilots subject to the commission's jurisdiction.

**Sec. 10. Rulemaking by Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor.** Within 6 months of the effective date of this Act, the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor shall commence rulemaking to ensure that the board's rules are consistent with this Act.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 254**

**H.P. 1286 - L.D. 1925**

**An Act to Improve Access to Grant Funding for the Maine Farms for the Future Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §318**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 660, §2 and 3, is further amended to read:

**§318. Business plan development**

**1. Eligibility.** An applicant must own a farm business that has been producing agricultural products commercially in the State for at least 2 years at the time of application. The applicant must submit an application to the department to be eligible for participation in the program pursuant to procedures developed by the department. Exceptions to the 2-year eligibility requirement may be granted at the discretion of the department.

**2. Criteria for selection.** The panel shall evaluate and approve applications that are based upon criteria developed by the department, including:

A. The degree of opportunity for increasing the vitality of the farm business due to factors such as the capability of the applicant to effect positive changes in farm business operations and the suitability of the land in agricultural use to sustain those changes; and

B. The degree of threat to the continuation of agricultural use of the land due to factors such as the financial capacity and current farm management practices of the applicant.

**3. Services package; reimbursement.** Once an applicant is selected to participate in the program, the department shall assist the selected farm business in assembling a services package to develop the business plan within 18 months of the selection. ~~These services must include:~~ The services package must include services provided by outside experts, such as the analysis of production practices and markets or the development of financial data. These services may include instruction or classroom training in economics and business planning as available and as required by the department for the owner or operator of the farm business.

~~A. Outside experts to provide services such as analyzing production practices and markets or developing financial data; and~~

~~B. Department approved instruction or classroom training in economics and business planning for the owner or operator of the farm.~~

A services package must be approved by the department before it is implemented. The department shall pay for outside services contracted as part of an approved services package. The department may not pay more than \$10,000 for outside services contracted as part of the services package to a selected farm business. The department shall keep an accounting of the services provided to a selected farm business as part of the services package.

**5. Business plan requirements.** A selected farm business must use a services package to develop a business plan that identifies changes in farm management practices and investments in equipment and property that would increase the vitality of the farm business.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §319**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 660, §4, is further amended to read:

**§319. Investment support**

**1. Eligibility.** A selected farm business that has completed a business plan pursuant to section 318 is eligible to apply for funding to implement the plan. The applicant may apply for a reduced-interest loan from the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund under chapter 101, subchapter 1-D and for a grant pursuant to the terms outlined in exchange for a farmland protection agreement under subsection 4. A farmer requesting a grant in exchange for a farmland protection agreement must own at least 5 acres of land in agricultural use at the time of application.

**2. Award of grants.** The panel shall develop a competitive process to determine the ~~farms~~ farm businesses that receive grants to implement a business plan in exchange for a farmland protection agreement under subsection 4 and ~~farms~~ farm businesses that are eligible to apply for a reduced-interest loan under section 435, subsection 3-A. This determination must be based upon selection criteria developed by the department including:

A. The viability of the business plan;

B. The degree of threat to the continuation of agricultural use of the land due to factors such as the financial capacity and current farm management practices of the applicant; and

C. The degree to which the business plan would accomplish broader objectives such as the protection of water resources, wildlife habitat, open space and scenic and cultural amenities.

When possible, the panel shall award grants to applicants representing diverse agricultural enterprises and geographic areas of the State.

**3. Uses and limitations of funding.** Any funds provided by the department pursuant to this section must be used to implement the business plan either in the plan's original form or in a subsequent amended version that has been approved by the department. For a farm business applying for and receiving a loan from the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund, the loan requirements and limitations under chapter 101, subchapter 1-D and Title 10, section 1023-J apply. For a farm business receiving a grant, the department may provide funds to implement the business plan in an amount not to exceed ~~\$25,000~~ \$45,000 or 25% of the total investments identified by the business plan, whichever is less.

**4. Farmland Agricultural conservation agreement or farmland protection agreement.** A farm business selected to receive a grant under subsection 2 must have an existing agricultural conservation agreement or enter into a new 7-year farmland protection agreement with the department before the department provides investment support pursuant to this section. The agreement must provide that the farm business will protect the land in agricultural use from nonagricultural

development for the period of the agreement. Exceptions may be granted by the department if an applicant does not own the land on which the applicant operates the applicant's farm business but has a long-term lease arrangement. A selected farm business may terminate the farmland protection agreement at any time if the farm business repays the department for any funds provided to the farm business by the department pursuant to this section.

**5. Review of business plan.** The department shall arrange to review the business plan for a farm business selected to receive a grant under subsection 2 within 2 years of the date the grant is awarded.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 255**

**H.P. 1304 - L.D. 1945**

**An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §265, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 129, §1, is amended to read:

Beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 117, shall ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time who is 19 years of age or older when demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. This data is part of the individual's electronic health record. For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph D, "health care information" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph E and "individual" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph G, except that in this section it is limited to an individual who is 19 years of age or older. Data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 1711-C. ~~The sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected pursuant to this section is the same as the sexual and gender identity data elements added by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to the uniform data system administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2016 or included in any subsequent standards.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 256**

**S.P. 761 - L.D. 1953**

**An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing Protections from Liability to Landowners**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The landowner or the landowner's agent by the State; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The landowner or grantor who grants, and the holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that makes an express grant of perpetual public access over premises for the public to pursue recreational or harvesting activities; or

**Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Perpetual grant of public access.** A landowner or other grantor who grants, and a holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that includes a perpetual right of public access over premises for the public to pursue one or more recreational or harvesting activities, in reliance on the protections from liability established by this section as they exist at the time of the grant, as evidenced by an instrument recorded in the registry of deeds for the county in which the premises are located, acquires a permanent vested property right to those protections for any rights so granted, which runs to their heirs, successors and assigns.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 257**

**S.P. 731 - L.D. 1861**

**An Act to Require Training on Textured Hair for Aestheticians, Barber Hair Stylists, Cosmetologists and Hair Designers**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14212-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 369, Pt. B, §10, is amended to read:

B. Requirements for licensing, operating and inspecting schools. At a minimum, the rules must include standards relating to educational programs, including the styling and treatment of textured hair, instructor qualifications, school operation, academic and student records and record keeping, health, safety and sanitation, physical facilities of the school and off-site classrooms, payment of refunds, notices and information to be provided to students and credit for education obtained in subjects that are considered substantially equivalent to applied courses offered and consistent with this chapter;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 258**

**S.P. 733 - L.D. 1863**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing the Maine Space  
Corporation**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13201, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

The Maine Space Corporation is established as a body corporate and politic to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Notwithstanding any provision of Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C to the contrary, the corporation is a nonprofit corporation with public and charitable purposes. The duties, activities and operations of the corporation must align with the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3). The corporation is a quasi-independent state entity as defined in section 12021, subsection 5. When exercising the powers conferred to it by this chapter, the corporation is deemed to act as an instrumentality of the State conducting an essential governmental function. The corporation shall leverage the State's geographic, rocketry, manufacturing and higher education assets and capabilities to establish the State as a national and international industry destination and an authority in launching small launch vehicles and small satellites into polar orbit by:

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13203, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

C. ~~Exercise~~ Notwithstanding Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C, exercise all of the general powers of corporations under Title 13-C, section 302 a nonprofit corporation under Title 13-B, section 202;

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13203, sub-§4, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

E. For transacting business at board meetings, a majority of directors then in office constitutes a quorum. The vote of a majority of the directors present at board meetings constitutes the act of the board of directors whether or not there is a vacancy at the time of the vote.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13210**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13210-A** is enacted to read:

**§13210-A. Operation, termination and dissolution of corporation**

**1. Operation of corporation.** Notwithstanding Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C, the corporation shall operate as a nonprofit corporation under Title 13-B, section 202 consistent with its composition and broad public purposes.

**2. Prerequisites for dissolution.** The corporation may not be dissolved until:

A. It is terminated by the Legislature; and

B. The bonds, premium, if any, and interest have been paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of the bonds and interest to maturity or a prior redemption date have been irrevocably set aside in trust for the benefit of the bondholders.

**3. Dedication of funds.** The corporation's organizing document must contain a provision requiring that upon the dissolution of the corporation, all funds, assets and other property of the corporation must be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) or distributed to the State for a public purpose.

**Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §13212** is enacted to read:

**§13212. Confidential records**

The records and proceedings of the corporation are public for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13 except as otherwise provided in this section.

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "proprietary information" means information that is:

A. A trade secret; or

B. Manufacturing, commercial or financial information, the disclosure of which would:

(1) Impair the competitive position of the corporation or the person submitting the information; and

(2) Would make publicly available information that is not otherwise publicly available.

**2. Information public unless designated as confidential; proprietary information.** Information provided to or developed by the corporation and included in a business or marketing plan is considered a public record unless the person to whom the information belongs or pertains requests that it be designated as confidential and the corporation determines that it contains proprietary information, in which case it is not a public record under Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A.

**3. Tax or financial information.** Any financial statement or supporting data of a financial statement or tax return of any person is confidential.

**4. Credit assessment.** Any record obtained by the corporation that contains an assessment of the credit-worthiness, credit rating or financial condition of any person is confidential.

This section does not prohibit the disclosure of information that is otherwise publicly available.

**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §13213** is enacted to read:

**§13213. Exemption from property tax**

In addition to any other basis for exemption from taxation, the corporation is exempt from property taxation imposed pursuant to Title 36, Part 2.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 259**

**H.P. 259 - L.D. 405**

**An Act to Require Reporting on the Uses of Prisoner Segregation**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1660, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Information on segregation.** The report must include the following information for county jails and regional jails about prisoners who have been segregated and not allowed to leave their cells for a minimum of 22 hours out of a 24-hour period during the prior calendar year:

- A. The total number of prisoners who were segregated;
- B. For each instance of segregation, the total amount of time a prisoner was segregated; and
- C. The reason why the prisoner was segregated.

As used in this subsection, "segregation" means the separation of a prisoner from the general population of a county jail or regional jail for administrative or punitive reasons.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §1660**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 315, §3, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters is authorized to submit legislation to address issues raised by the report.

**Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15. Report on segregated prisoners.** On or before January 15, 2026 and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters that includes the following information for each correctional facility about prisoners who have been segregated and not allowed to leave their cells for a minimum of 22 hours out of a 24-hour period during the prior calendar year:

- A. The total number of prisoners who were segregated;
- B. For each instance of segregation, the total amount of time a prisoner was segregated; and
- C. The reason why the prisoner was segregated.

After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters is authorized to submit legislation to address issues raised by the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 260**

**H.P. 408 - L.D. 640**

**An Act Requiring That Certain Fees Charged by the Courts for Court-ordered Payments Be Capped and Paid by the Defendant**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §556, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §5, is further amended to read:

Whenever any of these funds are ordered by the courts to be paid to a person entitled to these funds, all accrued interest shall must be paid to the claimant less a 5% fee based on the total proceeds. Before receiving any funds under this section, the clerk shall inform all prospective parties to the court judgment or decree that a 5% fee will be assessed on all accrued interest as required by this section. The nonprevailing party or parties shall pay the court a fee equal to 5% of all interest accrued, but in no event may the fee exceed \$1,000, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Whenever any of

these funds remain unclaimed for 20 years from the date when payable under the court judgment or decree, the clerk shall obtain an order from the court, under whose judgment or decree these funds were placed in the clerk's custody, that a comprehensive abstract of the facts be advertised for 3 weeks successively in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county, and if no one appears to claim these funds within 60 days after the date of the last publication, the funds shall become forfeited to the State and must be paid by the clerk to the Treasurer of State. That portion of this section providing for the forfeiture of unclaimed funds shall apply applies to funds held by the clerk of courts for 20 years or more prior to September 16, 1961.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 261  
H.P. 422 - L.D. 654**

**An Act to Increase the  
Maximum Small Claim Limit**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed \$6,000 \$10,000 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real estate.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 262  
H.P. 630 - L.D. 970**

**An Act to Support Affordable  
Housing Development**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§30** is enacted to read:

**30. Exemption for construction of new dwelling units at existing development.** New construction of dwelling units at an existing development that has been permitted pursuant to this article is exempt from review under this article if:

A. The additional disturbed area not to be revegetated does not exceed 40,000 square feet ground area in any calendar year and does not exceed 80,000 square feet ground area in total;

B. Any new dwelling units to be constructed that are designed to accommodate more than 4 families are connected to a public water and sewer system;

C. The new construction is not contrary to the terms or conditions of the permit, other than by the addition of new disturbed area for dwelling units. An area designated by the permit for storm water management or for natural resource or visual buffers may not be developed under this exemption. Sub-surface wastewater disposal systems or wells may not be constructed in an area excluded by the permit for the placement of those systems; and

D. The permittee annually notifies the department of any new construction conducted during the previous 12 months that is eligible for the exemption under this subsection. The notice must identify the type, location and ground area of the new construction. With the annual notification, the permittee shall provide to the department development plans certified by a professional engineer for the new construction undertaken pursuant to this subsection.

When review under this article is required at an existing development permitted pursuant to this article, the permittee shall provide plans for the new development, as well as for any activities that have been previously undertaken pursuant to this subsection. The permittee shall demonstrate that activities undertaken pursuant to this subsection met the requirements for storm water management in effect when the activities were undertaken and that were applicable to the activity considering the entirety of the development.

For purposes of this subsection, "dwelling unit" means any part of a structure that, through sale or lease, is intended for human habitation, including single-family and multifamily housing, accessory dwelling units, condominiums, apartments and time-share units.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 263  
S.P. 474 - L.D. 1143**

**An Act to Update Language on  
Setback Variances for Single-  
family Dwellings**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4353, sub-§4-B**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 627, §1, is further amended to read:

**4-B. ~~Set-back~~ Setback variance for single-family dwellings.** A municipality may adopt an ordinance that permits the board to grant a ~~set-back~~ setback variance for a ~~single-family~~ dwelling. An ordinance

adopted under this subsection may permit a variance from a ~~set-back~~ setback requirement only when strict application of the zoning ordinance to the petitioner and the petitioner's property would cause undue hardship. The term "undue hardship" as used in this subsection means:

- A. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood;
- B. The granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality;
- C. The hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner;
- D. The granting of the variance will not substantially reduce or impair the use of abutting property; and
- E. That the granting of a variance is based upon demonstrated need, not convenience, and no other feasible alternative is available.

An ordinance adopted under this subsection is strictly limited to permitting a variance from a ~~set-back~~ setback requirement for a ~~single-family~~ dwelling that is the primary year-round residence of the petitioner. A variance under this subsection may not exceed 20% of a ~~set-back~~ setback requirement and may not be granted if the variance would cause the area of the dwelling to exceed the maximum permissible lot coverage. An ordinance may allow for a variance under this subsection to exceed 20% of a ~~set-back~~ setback requirement, except for minimum setbacks from a wetland or water body required within shoreland zones by rules adopted pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 2-B, if the petitioner has obtained the written consent of an affected abutting landowner.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 264**

**H.P. 775 - L.D. 1170**

**An Act to Make the Maine  
Redevelopment Land Bank  
Authority Responsible for the  
Transfer and Development of  
State-owned Surplus Land**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§23**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §1, is further amended to read:

**23. Inventory of land.** To ~~periodically~~ annually inventory all land owned by any state agency or semiautonomous state agency, and, together with other state agencies and semiautonomous state agencies, deter-

mine land that is needed by state agencies or semiautonomous state agencies for other uses and land that is surplus. Prior to offering any land for sale, the commissioner shall review with the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and other state agencies and semiautonomous state agencies the information derived from the inventory. For the purposes of this subsection, "semiautonomous state agency" has the same meaning as in section 1972, subsection 9.

~~A. By February 1, 1988, the commissioner shall provide an initial report on the status of the land inventory to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development; state and local government; and appropriations and financial affairs.~~

A-1. The department shall annually send the inventory to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters.

B. Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of law to the contrary, the procedure for the distribution of surplus state property for the purpose of this subsection ~~shall take~~ takes priority over any other procedure for the disbursement of surplus state land.

C. ~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection shall ~~may not~~ be construed to pertain to public reserved lands ~~which that~~ that are exempt from this subsection.

D. The department shall work closely with the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to develop a procedure by which surplus state-owned land and structures are held in trust for the purpose set forth in this section and Title 30-A, chapter 201, subchapter 3-A;

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4754, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §24, is further amended to read:

**3. State-owned property.** ~~The Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority may use surplus state-owned property pursuant to this subchapter and Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23 to achieve the purpose of this ~~article~~ subchapter.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4754-A**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 914, §5, is amended to read:

**§4754-A. First option to purchase surplus lands**

All state agencies shall offer the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority the opportunity to purchase or otherwise acquire any land and improvements on the land or any structures determined to be surplus before the property may be offered for sale or transfer to any other state agency, community or other buyer or transferee. Notice of availability must be provided in writing to the ~~Director~~

~~executive director of the Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

**1. Notification of interest.** ~~The Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority shall advise the owner agency in writing of its interest in purchasing or otherwise acquiring the surplus land and any improvements on the land or surplus structures or of its decision not to purchase or otherwise acquire any such surplus property within 30 days of receipt of the notification by the ~~Director~~ executive director of the Maine State Housing Authority Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

**2. Purchase price.** If the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority offers to purchase the property, the purchase price must be determined as follows.

A. The current market value must be determined by an independent appraiser or by agreement between the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and the owner agency. The ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and the owner agency then shall negotiate the ultimate purchase price in good faith in order to achieve the respective goals and mandates of the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and the owner agency.

B. The purchase price may not exceed the current market value of the property as determined in paragraph A.

C. If title to the land or improvements carries a requirement that the property be sold at fair market value, then this requirement prevails over the terms of this subsection.

**3. Report.** ~~The Maine State Housing Authority shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters 90 days after the 2nd anniversary of the effective date of this section on state surplus land purchased under this section together with any recommendations for improvements.~~

If any land determined to be surplus is located in a community served by a ~~local public~~ municipal housing authority under section 4721, as defined in this Title, the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority shall offer the first option to purchase the parcel to the ~~local public~~ municipal housing authority. The ~~local public~~ municipal housing authority has 45 days to indicate in writing its desire to acquire the parcel. Other offers to purchase the parcel may not be considered until the 45-day period has passed.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4755**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §25, is further amended to read:

**§4755. Provide property**

~~The Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority may provide surplus state property below market value pursuant to this subchapter and Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23 to any person, firm or organization that agrees to construct, reconstruct or rehabilitate affordable housing for low-income and moderate-income households and maintain this property for this purpose in a written contract with the ~~Maine State Housing Authority~~ Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4756**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 48, §§3 and 31, is amended to read:

**§4756. Rules**

The Maine State Housing Authority shall adopt ~~routine technical~~ rules in accordance with ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act~~, Title 5, chapter 375, ~~subchapter 2-A~~ to implement ~~this subchapter~~ sections 4751, 4752 and 4753, including eligibility standards for financing under ~~this subchapter~~ sections 4751, 4752 and 4753. The Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority shall adopt routine technical rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement sections 4754, 4754-A and 4755, including eligibility standards for financing under sections 4754, 4754-A and 4755.

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5157, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

D. Property that is environmentally hazardous; ~~and~~

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §5157, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

E. Property that a state, federal, municipal or other governmental entity has determined is surplus or that it does not have the capacity to redevelop; and

**Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §5157, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. Property determined to be surplus land under Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23 and chapter 201, subchapter 3-A.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 265  
H.P. 820 - L.D. 1245**

**An Act to Establish a Fund and  
Council to Support Working  
Waterfronts**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3207** is enacted to read:

**§3207. Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund**

The Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established. Balances in the fund may not lapse and must be carried forward and used for the purposes of this section. The fund is administered by the office, and the office may accept and deposit in the fund money from private and public sources. In carrying out the purposes of the fund, the office shall work with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism; the Department of Marine Resources; coastal municipal and regional governments; and organizations and coalitions that have experience advocating for developing and protecting working waterfronts in the State and experience working with persons who use working waterfronts in the State. In collaboration with the entities listed in this section, the office shall use the fund in the production of working waterfront information campaigns and the provision of technical assistance to encourage protection and development of working waterfronts. As used in this section, "working waterfront" means a parcel of land abutting water subject to tidal influence or land located in the intertidal zone that is used primarily or predominantly to provide access to or support the conduct of commercial fishing and marine activities.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3208** is enacted to read:

**§3208. Working Waterfront Advisory Council**

The Working Waterfront Advisory Council, established by section 12004-I, subsection 57-I and referred to in this section as "the council," is established to address issues facing the State's working waterfronts.

**1. Membership.** The director shall appoint up to 15 members to the council who, to the greatest extent possible, must represent federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, trade organizations, educational institutions, individuals and industries that represent or use working waterfronts in the State. To the greatest extent possible, the membership of the council must reflect a geographic distribution along the coast.

In making appointments, the director shall consider and appoint residents of the State who have knowledge of problems facing working waterfronts in the State, have experience in advocacy relating to working waterfront issues or provide leadership in programs or activities that create and improve opportunities or spread awareness related to working waterfronts and persons that use them.

**2. Term.** A member's term is for 3 years. If a member is unable to complete the term, the director shall appoint a member pursuant to subsection 1 to serve out the unexpired portion of the term.

**3. Officers; staff.** The officers of the council are the chair and the vice-chair. The term of the officers is one year. The council shall elect a member of the council for each officer position at the first regular meeting of each year. The council is staffed by the office.

**4. Meetings.** The council shall meet at least 4 times per year. It may meet at other times at the call of the chair or the director.

**5. Council report.** By February 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the council shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic and community development matters and marine resources matters on the status of the condition of, the current and future challenges concerning and recommendations related to working waterfronts in the State, including, but not limited to:

A. How to best use state agencies, municipal governments, working waterfront industries and citizen groups to protect and improve access to working waterfronts in the State;

B. Matters of interest to working waterfront industries and communities in the State, including, but not limited to, geographic information systems mapping and inventory, climate and resilience, preservation and access, affordable workforce housing, climate-driven relocation, water quality and ecosystems, workforce development, health care access, the marine resources economy and economic development, including public-private partnerships, decarbonization and electrification and developing new working waterfronts; and

C. Information on relevant existing federal, state, municipal, educational organization and nonprofit organization data, plans, recommendations and studies that relate to working waterfronts in the State and updates on progress made in state plans that include references to working waterfronts.

After reviewing the report, either joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any recommendations contained in the report.

**6. Director report.** By February 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the director shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters related to the office on the status of initiatives regarding working waterfronts, including information from coalitions, task forces and engagements with municipal and tribal governments. After reviewing the report, either joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any recommendations contained in the report.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§57-I** is enacted to read:

**57-I.**

Marine Resources	Working Waterfront Advisory Council	Not Authorized	5 MRSA §3208
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**Sec. 4. Working Waterfront Advisory Council initial membership appointments.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3208, subsection 2, in making the initial membership appointments to the Working Waterfront Advisory Council established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 57-I, the Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs shall make the initial membership appointment terms staggered so that approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of 3 years, approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of 2 years and approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of one year.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund N542**

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to establish the Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 266**

**H.P. 823 - L.D. 1248**

**An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4014, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 453, §1, is amended to read:

D. "Physical escort" means the temporary, ~~voluntary~~ touching or holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder or back to induce a student to walk to a safe location.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4014, sub-§1, ¶G-1** is enacted to read:

G-1. "Serious physical injury" means any impairment of the physical condition of a person, whether

self-inflicted or inflicted by someone else, that requires a medical practitioner, including, but not limited to, a school nurse, to evaluate or treat the person.

This paragraph is repealed August 1, 2029.

**Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Education shall, no later than January 1, 2029, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters related to the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4014. The report must include, but is not limited to, data on the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools in the State prior to October 15, 2025 and after that date and include a summary of any changes to the use of physical restraint and seclusion between calendar years 2021 and 2028. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 267**

**H.P. 1077 - L.D. 1623**

**An Act to Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws Related to Landowner Representation Regarding Abandoned Property**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10652, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 54, §2, is further amended to read:

A. A person may not:

- (1) Tear down or destroy any fence or wall on another person's land;
- (2) Leave open any gate or bars on another person's land;
- (3) Trample or destroy any crop on another person's land;
- (4) Damage or destroy a tree on another person's land by inserting into that tree any metallic or ceramic object to be used as, or as part of, a ladder or observation stand unless the person has the permission of the landowner or the landowner's representative;
- (5) Erect or use either a portable or permanent ladder or observation stand on the land of another person unless:
  - (a) That person has obtained oral or written authorization to erect and use a ladder

or observation stand from the landowner or the landowner's representative; and

(b) The ladder or observation stand is plainly labeled with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person or persons authorized by the landowner or the landowner's representative to use the ladder or observation stand.

This subparagraph does not apply to a portable ladder or observation stand that is located on land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and attended by the person who owns the ladder or observation stand. For purposes of this subparagraph, "observation stand" does not include a portable blind utilized at ground level that remains in the physical possession of the hunter; or,

If the landowner or the landowner's representative finds an abandoned ladder or observation stand on the landowner's land in violation of this subparagraph and the owner of the abandoned ladder or observation stand is unknown, the landowner or the landowner's representative may take ownership of the abandoned ladder or observation stand. The landowner or the landowner's representative may remove, destroy, sell or possess the abandoned ladder or observation stand. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "abandoned ladder or observation stand" means a ladder or observation stand left on property not owned by the person who owns the ladder or observation stand without permission of the landowner or the landowner's representative; or

(6) Destroy, tear down, deface or otherwise damage a property posting sign under Title 17-A, section 402, subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13070, sub-§2,** as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9, amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §382 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

**2. Stop and identify requirement.** Persons operating an airmobile upon the land of another shall stop and identify themselves upon the request of the landowner or the landowner's ~~duly authorized~~ representative. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §394 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**2. Stop and identify requirement.** Persons operating a snowmobile upon the land of another shall stop and identify themselves upon the request of the landowner or the landowner's ~~duly authorized~~ representative.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§5-B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 526, §2, is further amended to read:

**5-B. Oversized ATV; exception.** A person may not register an oversized ATV except as provided in this subsection. A resident who has registered an oversized ATV prior to January 1, 2022 may continue to register that oversized ATV upon payment of the fee specified in subsection 5, paragraph A, and upon a transfer of ownership of that registered oversized ATV, the new owner may also register that oversized ATV upon payment of the fee specified in subsection 5, paragraph A. Registration is not required for an oversized ATV operated by a person on the land of another if written permission is received from the landowner or, lessee of the land or landowner's representative and the person is engaged solely in a business activity, other than a business activity involving recreational use of the oversized ATV. For purposes of this subsection, "oversized ATV" means an ATV that is wider than 65 inches or weighs more than 2,000 pounds according to the manufacturer's specifications.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 215, §11, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Permission required.** A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the permission of the landowner or, lessee or landowner's representative. Permission is presumed on designated state-approved ATV trails or in areas open to ATVs by landowner policy. A landowner or, lessee or landowner's representative may limit the use of a designated state-approved ATV trail on that landowner's or lessee's property through agreements with the State or an ATV club to address environmental, public safety or management concerns, including by limiting the type, size and weight of ATVs permitted on the landowner's or lessee's property. A person operating an ATV, including an oversized ATV, on designated state-approved ATV trails shall adhere to limitations imposed by a landowner or, lessee or landowner's representative and the State on that part of the designated state-approved ATV trail on the landowner's or lessee's property in accordance with this subsection. Written permission of the landowner or, lessee or landowner's representative is required for use of an ATV on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard. A landowner, lessee or landowner's representative may limit in writing the use of a designated state-approved ATV trail on that landowner's or lessee's property. As used in this subsection, "cropland" means acreage in tillage rotation, land being cropped and land in bush fruits and "pastureland" means acreage devoted to the production of forage plants used for animal production. For purposes of this subsection, "oversized ATV" has the same meaning as defined in section

13155, subsection 5-B. ~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection may not be construed to limit or expand a landowner's or lessee's property rights.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated of having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §414 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**2. Stop and identify requirement.** Persons operating ATVs upon the land of another shall stop and identify themselves upon the request of the landowner, lessee or the landowner's ~~duly authorized~~ representative. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§27, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. E, §26 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) in the first blocked paragraph to read:

The provisions of this subparagraph do not apply to a trail designated for ATV use by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The provisions of this subparagraph also do not apply to a person accessing land for maintenance or inspection purposes with the landowner's permission or the landowner's representative's permission or to local, state or federal government personnel in the performance of official duties, ~~provided as long as~~ there is no significant ground disturbance or sedimentation of water bodies.

**Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §2001,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 382, §1, is amended to read:

**§2001. Placement of cameras and electronic surveillance equipment on private property**

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not place a camera or electronic surveillance equipment that records images or data of any kind while unattended outside on the private property of another without the written consent of the landowner or the landowner's representative, unless the placement is pursuant to a warrant.

**2. Labeling.** A person who places a camera or electronic surveillance equipment described in subsection 1 on the private property of another with the written consent of the landowner or the landowner's representative or pursuant to a warrant shall label the camera or electronic surveillance equipment with that person's name and contact information.

**3. Remove or disable; abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment.** A landowner or the landowner's representative may remove or disable a camera or electronic surveillance equipment placed on the landowner's private property in violation of this section. If the landowner or the landowner's representative finds an abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment on the landowner's land in violation of this section and the owner of the abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment is unknown, the landowner or the landowner's representative may take ownership of the abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment. The landowner or the landowner's representative may remove, destroy, sell or possess the abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment. For purposes of this section, "abandoned camera or electronic surveillance equipment" means a camera or electronic surveillance equipment left on property not owned by the person who owns the camera or electronic surveillance equipment without permission of the landowner or the landowner's representative.

**4. Exceptions.** This section does not prohibit the following:

A. The use of a camera to deter theft or vandalism of a motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is temporarily parked; or

B. The use of implanted or attached electronic devices to identify, monitor and track animals.

**5. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 268**

**H.P. 1089 - L.D. 1635**

**An Act to Streamline  
Municipal Referenda Recount  
Initiation**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2532,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 288, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2532. Referendum recount procedure**

In the case of a referendum, a recount must be granted upon written application of 10% or 100, whichever is less, of the registered voters in the municipality, except that, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a municipal referendum passes or fails by less than 1% of all the votes cast in the referendum, including any blank ballots cast, a recount may be conducted upon the majority vote of the municipal officers.

The application must designate a person to be the official representative of the registered voters requesting the recount including the person's legal name, mailing address, residence address and telephone number. An official representative for the registered voters opposing the recount may be established by submission of an affidavit signed by 10 registered voters of the municipality. The time limits, rules and all other matters applying to candidates under section 2531-B apply equally to a referendum recount, except that provisions in section 2531-B applicable to the candidate requesting the recount and candidates not requesting the recount apply, for purposes of this section, to the official representative of the referendum recount and the official representative, if any, of the voters opposed to the recount, respectively.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 269**

**H.P. 1269 - L.D. 1898**

**An Act to Correct Outdated References Regarding the Maine Human Rights Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4572, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. B, §2 and c. 366, §5 and c. 476, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Unlawful employment discrimination.** It is unlawful employment discrimination, in violation of this Act, except when based on a bona fide occupational qualification:

A. For any employer to fail or refuse to hire or otherwise discriminate against any applicant for employment because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of the applicant's previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions taken by the applicant that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the applicant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or, because of those reasons, to discharge an employee or discriminate with respect to hire, tenure, promotion, transfer, compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any other matter directly or indirectly related to employment; or, in recruiting of individuals for employment or in hiring them, to utilize any employment agency that the employer

knows or has reasonable cause to know discriminates against individuals because of their race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of their previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the applicant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation.

(1) This paragraph does not apply to discrimination governed by Title 39-A, section 353;

B. For any employment agency to fail or refuse to classify properly, refer for employment or otherwise discriminate against any individual because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of the individual's previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions taken by the individual that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the individual sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or to comply with an employer's request for the referral of job applicants if a request indicates either directly or indirectly that the employer will not afford full and equal employment opportunities to individuals regardless of their race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the individual sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

C. For any labor organization to exclude from apprenticeship or membership or to deny full and equal membership rights to any applicant for membership because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of the applicant's previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions taken by the applicant that are protected under Title 26,

chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the applicant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or, because of those reasons, to deny a member full and equal membership rights, expel from membership, penalize or otherwise discriminate with respect to hire, tenure, promotion, transfer, compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, representation, grievances or any other matter directly or indirectly related to membership or employment, whether or not authorized or required by the constitution or by-laws of that labor organization or by a collective labor agreement or other contract; to fail or refuse to classify properly or refer for employment or otherwise discriminate against any member because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of the member's previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions taken by the member that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because the applicant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or to cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against an individual in violation of this section, except that it is lawful for labor organizations and employers to adopt a maximum age limitation in apprenticeship programs, if the employer or labor organization obtains prior approval from the Maine Human Rights Commission of any maximum age limitation employed in an apprenticeship program. The commission shall approve the age limitation if a reasonable relationship exists between the maximum age limitation employed and a legitimate expectation of the employer in receiving a reasonable return upon the employer's investment in an apprenticeship program. The employer or labor organization bears the burden of demonstrating that such a relationship exists;

D. For any employer, employment agency or labor organization, prior to employment or admission to membership of any individual, to:

- (1) Elicit or attempt to elicit information directly or indirectly pertaining to race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, any previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, any previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or any previous actions

seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

- (2) Make or keep a record of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, any previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, any previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation, except that, in relation to physical or mental disability, when an employer requires a physical or mental examination prior to employment, a privileged record of that examination is permissible if made and kept in compliance with this Act;

- (3) Use any form of application for employment, or personnel or membership blank containing questions or entries directly or indirectly pertaining to race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, any previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, any previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation. This section does not prohibit any officially recognized government agency from keeping records permitted to be kept under this Act in order to provide free services to individuals requesting rehabilitation or employment assistance;

- (4) Print, publish or cause to be printed or published any notice or advertisement relating to employment or membership indicating any preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based upon race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, any previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, any previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title

19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or

(5) Establish, announce or follow a policy of denying or limiting, through a quota system or otherwise, employment or membership opportunities of any group because of the race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin or familial status, because of the previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A, because of previous actions that are protected under Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 5-B or because of any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation, of that group; or

E. For an employer, employment agency or labor organization to discriminate in any manner against individuals because they have opposed a practice that would be a violation of this Act or because they have made a charge, testified or assisted in any investigation, proceeding or hearing under this Act. This paragraph does not limit the liability of persons pursuant to section 4633.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4581, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §7 and c. 476, §2, is further amended to read:

The opportunity for an individual to secure housing in accordance with the individual's ability to pay, and without discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status or because the individual has sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation, is hereby recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §4581-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §8 and c. 476, §3, is further amended to read:

**1. Sale or rental of housing and other prohibited practices.** For any owner, lessee, sublessee, managing agent or other person having the right to sell or rent or manage a housing accommodation, or any agent of these, to:

A. Make or cause to be made any written or oral inquiry concerning the race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental

disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation of any prospective purchaser, occupant or tenant of the housing accommodation;

B. Refuse to show or refuse to sell, rent, lease, let or otherwise deny to or withhold from any person the housing accommodation because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status or because the person sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

C. Make, print or publish or cause to be made, printed or published any notice, statement or advertisement relating to the sale, rental or lease of the housing accommodation that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based upon race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination;

D. Discriminate against any person because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status or because the person sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation in the price, terms, conditions or privileges of the sale, rental or lease of any housing accommodations or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection with any housing accommodations; or

E. Evict or attempt to evict any tenant of any housing accommodation because of the race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status of the tenant or because the tenant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §4581-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §9 and c. 476, §3, is further amended to read:

**2. Selling, brokering or appraising of housing.** For any real estate broker or real estate salesperson, or any agent of these, to:

A. Fail or refuse to show any person a housing accommodation listed for sale, lease or rent because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status or because the person sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

B. Misrepresent, for the purpose of discriminating because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation, the availability or asking price of a housing accommodation listed for sale, lease or rent or for such reason to fail to communicate to the person having the right to sell, rent or lease the housing accommodation any offer for the same made by any applicant;

C. In any other manner to discriminate against any applicant for a housing accommodation because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or familial status or because the applicant sought and received an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation;

D. Make or cause to be made any written or oral inquiry or record concerning the race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation of any applicant for or intended occupant of a housing accommodation; or

E. Accept for listing any housing accommodation when the person having the right to sell, rent or lease the housing accommodation has directly or indirectly indicated an intention of discriminating

among prospective tenants or purchasers on the ground of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation, or when the broker or salesperson knows or has reason to know that the person having the right to sell, rent or lease the housing accommodation has made a practice of discrimination since July 1, 1972;

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §4581-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §10 and c. 476, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Making of loans; other financial assistance.** For any person to whom application is made for a loan or other form of financial assistance for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing accommodation, whether secured or unsecured, or agent of the person, to:

A. Make or cause to be made any oral or written inquiry concerning the race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation of any applicant for financial assistance or of existing or prospective occupants or tenants of housing accommodations; or

B. Discriminate in the granting of financial assistance, or in the terms, conditions or privileges relating to obtaining or the use of any financial assistance, against any applicant because of race or color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status or any previous actions seeking and receiving an order of protection under Title 19-A, former section 4007 or a final protection order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4110 or pursuant to a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation; or

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**CHAPTER 270  
S.P. 646 - L.D. 1638**

**An Act Regarding Disability Retirement Benefits Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17906, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. E, §8 and affected by §47, is further amended to read:

A. The amount of any disability retirement benefit payable under this article must be reduced by any amount received by the beneficiary for the same disability under either or both of the following:

(1) The worker's compensation or similar law, except amounts that may be paid or payable under former Title 39, section 56-B or Title 39-A, section 212, subsection 3; ~~or~~

~~(2) The United States Social Security Act, if the employment for which creditable service with the employer is allowed was also covered under that Act at the date of disability retirement.~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17925, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 392, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §18525, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 643, §21, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §18530, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. E, §15 and affected by §47, is further amended to read:

A. The amount of any disability retirement benefit payable under this article must be reduced by any amount received by the person for the same disability under either or both of the following:

(1) The workers' compensation or similar laws, except amounts that may be paid or payable under former Title 39, section 56-B or Title 39-A, section 212, subsection 3; ~~or~~

~~(2) The United States Social Security Act, if the employment for which creditable service with the employer is allowed was also covered under that Act at the date of disability retirement.~~

**Sec. 5. Retroactivity; payment of benefits and interest.** This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2024 for a person who was receiving disability retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as of December 31, 2024 if those disability retirement benefits were reduced because the person received disability retirement benefits under the

United States Social Security Act. A person affected by this Act must be paid the difference between:

1. The amount of disability retirement benefits, including any cost-of-living adjustments, the person would have received absent any reduction to such benefits due to the receipt of disability retirement benefits under the United States Social Security Act; and

2. The amount of disability retirement benefits the person actually received.

The person must be paid the difference with interest accruing from January 1, 2024 to the date the payment is made pursuant to this section. The rate of interest must be 6.5%.

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**CHAPTER 271  
H.P. 32 - L.D. 68**

**An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 33 MRSA §203, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 607, Pt. A, §3, is further amended to read:

Deeds and all other written instruments before recording in the registries of deeds, except those issued by a court of competent jurisdiction and duly attested by the proper officer thereof, and excepting plans and notices of foreclosure of mortgages and certain financing statements as provided in Title 11, section 9-1501, subsection (1), paragraph (a), and excepting notices of liens for internal revenue taxes and certificates discharging such liens and excepting notices of liens for the collection of taxes assessed pursuant to Title 36, Part 1 and Parts 3 to 8 and Title 26, chapter 13, and releases discharging such liens, and excepting notices of liens for the collection of taxes assessed pursuant to Title 36, Part 2 and Part 9 when filed by the State Tax Assessor, and releases discharging such liens, must be acknowledged by the grantors, or by the persons executing any such written instruments, or by one of them, or by their attorney executing the same, or by the lessor in a lease or one of the lessors or lessor's attorney executing the same, before a notary public in the State, or before an attorney-at-law duly admitted and eligible to practice in the courts of the State, if within the State; or before any clerk of a court of record having a seal, notary public or commissioner appointed by the Governor of this State for the purpose, or a commissioner authorized in the state where the acknowledgment is taken, within the

United States; or before a minister, vice-consul or consul of the United States or notary public in any foreign country.

**Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §693, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 170, Pt. B, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. Reporting.** On or before ~~April~~ May 1st of each year, a taxpayer claiming an exemption under this subchapter shall file a report with the assessor of the taxing jurisdiction in which the property would otherwise be subject to taxation on April 1st of that year. The report must identify the property for which exemption is claimed that would otherwise be subject to taxation on April 1st of that year and must be made on a form prescribed by the State Tax Assessor or substitute form approved by the State Tax Assessor. The State Tax Assessor shall furnish ~~copies of access to~~ the form to each municipality in the State and the form must be made available to taxpayers prior to April 1st annually. The assessor of the taxing jurisdiction may require the taxpayer to sign the form and make oath to its truth. ~~If the report is not filed by April 1st, the filing deadline is automatically extended to May 1st without the need for the taxpayer to request or the assessor to grant that extension.~~ Upon written request, before the commitment of taxes, the assessor may grant ~~further extensions, for good cause, an extension of time not to exceed 3 months~~ an extension of time not to exceed 3 months to file the report. If a taxpayer fails to file the report in a timely manner, including any ~~extensions~~ extension of time, the taxpayer may not obtain an exemption for that property under this subchapter for that tax year. The assessor of the taxing jurisdiction may require in writing that a taxpayer answer in writing all reasonable inquiries as to the property for which exemption is requested. A taxpayer has 30 days from receipt of such an inquiry to respond. Upon written request, a taxpayer is entitled to a 30-day extension to respond to the inquiry and the assessor may at any time grant additional extensions to respond to the inquiry upon written request. The answer to any such inquiry is not binding on the assessor.

All notices and requests provided pursuant to this subsection must be made by personal delivery or certified mail and must conspicuously state the consequences of the taxpayer's failure to respond to the notice or request in a timely manner.

If an exemption has already been accepted and the State Tax Assessor subsequently determines that the property is not entitled to exemption, a supplemental assessment must be made within 3 years of the original assessment date with respect to the property in compliance with section 713, without regard to the limitations contained in that section regarding the justification necessary for a supplemental assessment.

## PART B

**Sec. B-1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§25**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §18, is further amended to read:

**25. Watercraft purchased by nonresidents.** Sales to or use by a person that is not a resident of this State of watercraft or materials used in watercraft as specified in this subsection. This subsection does not apply to the lease or rental of a watercraft to a person that is not a resident of this State.

A. The following are exempt when the sale is made in this State to a person that is not a resident of this State and the watercraft is sailed or transported outside the State within 30 days of delivery by the seller:

- (1) A watercraft;
- (2) Sales, under contract for the construction of a watercraft, of materials to be incorporated in that watercraft; and
- (3) Sales of materials to be incorporated in the watercraft for the repair, alteration, refitting, reconstruction, overhaul or restoration of that watercraft.

B. The purchase of a watercraft outside this State is exempt if the watercraft is registered outside the State by the purchaser and used outside the State by the purchaser and the watercraft is present in the State not more than 30 days, not including any time spent in this State for temporary storage, during the 12 months following its purchase. For purposes of this paragraph, "used outside the State" does not include storage but means actual use of the watercraft for a purpose consistent with its design.

C. If, for a purpose other than temporary storage, a watercraft is present in this State for more than 30 days during the 12-month period following its date of purchase, the exemption applies only to 60% of the sale price of the watercraft or materials for the construction, repair, alteration, refitting, reconstruction, overhaul or restoration of the watercraft, as specified in paragraph A.

**Sec. B-2. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§113, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

B. "Sales sourced to tribal land" means sales sourced pursuant to section 1819 to a location on tribal land. In addition, sales of motor vehicles other than those that are being leased for a period of less than one year to a tribal member are sales sourced to tribal land if the vehicle is intended to be driven or transported to tribal land immediately upon receipt of the vehicle.

**Sec. B-3. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§114, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. D, §3, is amended to read:

B. "Sales sourced to tribal land" means sales sourced pursuant to section 1819 to a location on tribal land. In addition, sales of motor vehicles other than those that are being leased for a period of less than one year to a tribal entity are sales sourced to tribal land if the vehicle is intended to be driven or transported to tribal land immediately upon receipt of the vehicle.

**Sec. B-4. 36 MRSA §1764**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

**§1764. Tax against certain casual sales and rentals**

The tax imposed by this Part must be levied upon all casual rentals of living quarters in a hotel, rooming house, tourist camp or trailer camp and upon all casual sales, including rentals pursuant to section 1752, subsection 13, involving the sale of trailers, truck campers, motor vehicles, special mobile equipment, watercraft or aircraft unless the property is sold for resale at retail sale or to a corporation, partnership, trust, limited liability company or limited liability partnership when the seller is the owner of 50% or more of the common stock of the corporation or of the ownership interests in the partnership, trust, limited liability company or limited liability partnership. This section does not apply to the rental of living quarters rented for a total rentals of fewer than 15 days in the calendar year, except that a person who owns and offers for rental more than one living quarters, trailer, truck camper, motor vehicle, special mobile equipment, watercraft or aircraft, each listed type of property considered separately, in the State during the calendar year is liable for collecting sales tax with respect to the rental of each unit of the type of property regardless of the number of days for which it is rented. For purposes of this section, "special mobile equipment" does not include farm tractors and lumber harvesting vehicles or loaders.

**Sec. B-5. Application.** This Part applies to sales made on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §13080-Q, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 504, §1, is further amended to read:

C. State income withholding taxes derived from employment at a business within the base area are not eligible for use in the calculation of a payment to the fund if the business is eligible during the current year to receive a payment under any other program authorized by Title 36, Part 9 that is based on the amount of employer withholding taxes and the business has made or makes an election to receive that payment. State income withholding taxes derived from employment at a business within the base area attributable to any qualified employee whose wages are included in computing the benefit base eligible for reimbursement to a Maine Em-

ployment Tax Increment Financing Program qualified business pursuant to Title 36, chapter 917 are not eligible for use in the calculation of a payment to the fund.

**Sec. C-2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (a) to read:

(a) "Employee retirement plan" means a state, federal or military retirement plan or any other retirement benefit plan established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of its employees under the Code, Section 401(a), Section 403 or Section 457(b), except that distributions made ~~pursuant to a Section 457(b) plan~~ are not eligible for the deduction provided by this paragraph if they are made prior to age 55 and are not part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made for the life of the primary recipient or the joint lives of the primary recipient and that recipient's designated beneficiary.

**Sec. C-3. 36 MRSA §5195, sub-§20**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 380, §2, is amended to read:

**20. Reviewed year.** "Reviewed year" means the taxable year of a partnership that is subject to a partnership-level audit, or that files an administrative adjustment request, from which federal adjustments arise.

**Sec. C-4. 36 MRSA §5196, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 181, Pt. A, §8, is further amended by amending subparagraph (10) to read:

(10) If the result in subparagraph (9) is a positive amount, ~~compute~~ interest and penalties pursuant to sections 186 and 187-B, ~~respectively, and add these amounts to~~ are determined on the amount computed in subparagraph (9) as adjusted by any applicable credit pursuant to paragraph C. For purposes of this subparagraph, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, interest and penalty amounts with respect to the tax due under this subsection accrue beginning on the 15th day of the 3rd month following the end of the taxable year of a partnership that was subject to the partnership-level audit or administrative adjustment request; and

**Sec. C-5. 36 MRSA §6753, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 461, §26, is amended to read:

A. Pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-J, subsection 4-A, "base level of employment" may be adjusted ~~to mean 25% of the average number of employees of that business over the 3 months immediately preceding the catastrophic occurrence for a~~

qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 17.

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CHAPTER 272
S.P. 43 - L.D. 122

An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Extended Care and Adoption

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §9-304, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) Information obtained pursuant to this paragraph is confidential. The results of background checks received by the department are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the department except to a court considering a petition for adoption under subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4010-C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 714, §1, is further amended to read:

§4010-C. Transition grant program

The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a transition grant program to provide financial support to eligible individuals to pay for postsecondary education or training programs.

1. Age; enrollment in postsecondary education institution or training program. In order to be eligible to participate in the program, an individual must be at least 23 years of age but less than 27 years of age, must have exited the voluntary extended care and support agreement with the State under section 4037-A at 23 years of age and must be enrolled in a postsecondary education institution or training program.

2. Level of financial support. The transition grant is for postsecondary education or training program support up to the completion of an undergraduate degree or the training program. The level of financial support must be equivalent to the current voluntary extended foster care supports pursuant to section 4037-A. The department shall set duration limits, including a 6-year maximum for a 4-year degree, a 4-year maximum for a 2-year degree and other duration limits for other types of postsecondary education or training programs.

3. Postsecondary education navigator services. The program must include postsecondary education navigator services that provide transitional services and

college support. The department shall determine the specifics of those services.

4. Advisory committee. The department shall establish an advisory committee to provide oversight of the implementation of the transition grant program. The advisory committee must include stakeholders in the postsecondary education field, the department's postsecondary education navigator under subsection 6, professionals who work with transitional foster youth, employers, representatives of the department and other interested parties. The department shall adopt rules to determine the membership, terms of office and voting procedures of the advisory committee and other specifics of the advisory committee's governance structure. The advisory committee shall provide an annual report to the department and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

5. Limit on number of individuals receiving transition grants. No more than 40 individuals at any one time may receive transition grants under this section.

6. Postsecondary education navigator. The department shall develop the roles and responsibilities for the postsecondary education navigator to provide transitional services and college student support for individuals pursuant to this section. The postsecondary education navigator shall provide data to the advisory committee.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4037-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 402, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Mandated review. For each person who qualifies for extended care and support under this section and who is 18, 19 or 20 years of age, the District Court shall hold a judicial review hearing at least once every 12 months.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4037-A, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Review on motion. The department, the court or the person who qualifies for extended care and support under this section may move for judicial review.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4037-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Judicial review hearing. At a judicial review hearing conducted under subsection 3 or in response to a motion under subsection 3-A, the court shall hear evidence and shall consider the original reason for the extended care and support of the person and the agreement

of extended care and support between the department and the person. The court shall, after hearing or by agreement, make written findings, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that determine:

- A. The safety of the person in the person's placement;
- B. The services needed to transition the person from extended care and support to independent living; and
- C. The compliance of the parties to the agreement of extended care and support.

In a judicial review order, the court may order either the department or the person or both to comply with the agreement of extended care and support but may not order the department to pay for a specific placement.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4038, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 715, Pt. B, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Notice of review.** Notice of the reviews must be given to all parties to the initial proceeding according to District Court Civil Rule 4. Notice may not be given to a parent whose rights have been terminated under subchapter ~~VI~~ 6. The department shall provide written notice of all reviews and hearings in advance of the proceeding to the foster parent, preadoptive parent and relative providing care and to the child if the child is 14 years of age or older. The notice must be dated and signed, must include a statement that the foster parent, preadoptive parent and relative providing care and the child if the child is 14 years of age or older are entitled to notice of and an opportunity to be heard in any review or hearing held with respect to the child and must contain the following language:

"The right to be heard includes only the right to testify and does not include the right to present other witnesses or evidence, to attend any other portion of the review or hearing or to have access to pleadings or records."

A copy of the notice must be filed with the court prior to the review or hearing.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 273**  
**S.P. 60 - L.D. 129**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Governing Dedimus Justices**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the Governor may appoint in every county persons to be designated as dedimus justices, before whom the oath required by the Constitution of Maine to qualify civil officers may be taken and subscribed; and

**Whereas**, the need for the services that dedimus justices perform is outpacing the number of dedimus justices who can be found to perform the duties of that commission; and

**Whereas**, keeping an accurate account of how many people in this State are commissioned as dedimus justices and how to contact them is critical information for communities across this State who need the service that a dedimus justice performs; and

**Whereas**, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to immediately address the shortage of dedimus justices available to qualify civil officers in the State; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §26, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§4. Dedimus justices**

**1. Appointment; term.** The Governor may appoint in each county persons who are designated as dedimus justices, before whom the oath required by the Constitution of Maine to qualify civil officers may be taken and subscribed. A person appointed under this subsection shall exercise that person's powers and duties and is commissioned to act within and for each county for a term of 7 years. A person already designated as a dedimus justice prior to October 1, 2025 is exempt from the 7-year term.

**2. Change of information of dedimus justice.** Within 30 calendar days of the occurrence of any of the following changes to a dedimus justice's status or information previously submitted, a dedimus justice shall submit written notice to the Governor and the Secretary of State:

- A. A change of the dedimus justice's name by court order or marriage;
- B. A change of the dedimus justice's residence or mailing address; or
- C. A change of the dedimus justice's e-mail address or telephone number.

**3. Resignation.** A dedimus justice may resign the dedimus justice's commission at any time by submitting

written notice to the Governor and the Secretary of State of the intent to resign. The resignation is effective as of the date of the written notice. Upon resignation, a dedimus justice shall return the dedimus justice's certificate of commission to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 2. Mailing from Secretary of State.** The Secretary of State shall send a mailing to each person designated prior to October 1, 2025 as a dedimus justice pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4 to request in return the person's updated contact information, including the person's residence or mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number. The mailing must also include information about the changes to Title 5, section 4 provided in this Act and make clear that a dedimus justice designated prior to October 1, 2025 is exempt from the term length requirement. Additionally, the mailing must explain how the changes provide the opportunity for a dedimus justice to resign the dedimus justice's commission.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 274**

**H.P. 164 - L.D. 261**

**An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8869, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 335, §3, is further amended to read:

**8. Relationship to municipal rules and regulations.** Nothing in this subchapter may be construed to preempt or otherwise limit the existing authority of municipalities to regulate timber harvesting activities, except that municipalities regulating timber harvesting activities shall adopt definitions for forestry terms used in their ordinances that are consistent with definitions in section 8868 and with forestry terms adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this subchapter. Municipal timber harvesting ordinances adopted before September 1, 1990 must meet this standard of compliance with definitions no later than January 1, ~~2001~~ 2028.

A municipality may not adopt an ordinance that is less stringent than the minimum standards established in this section and in rules adopted by the commissioner to implement this section and section 8867-B. A municipality may not adopt or amend an ordinance that regulates timber harvesting activities unless the process set out in this subsection is followed in the development and review of the ordinance. Municipal ordinances subject to

review by the bureau are limited to ordinances that regulate timber harvesting activities.

A municipal timber harvesting ordinance adopted on or after January 1, 2026 must meet the process requirements of this subsection.

A. A licensed professional forester must participate in the development or amendment of the ordinance.

B. A meeting must take place in the municipality during the development or amendment of the ordinance between representatives of the department and municipal officers and officials involved in developing the ordinance. Discussion at the meeting must include, but is not limited to, the forest practices goals of the municipality. At this meeting and subsequently, the department shall provide guidance to the municipality on how the municipality may use sound forestry practices to achieve the municipality's forest practices goals.

C. The municipality shall hold a public hearing to review a proposed ordinance or ordinance amendment at least 45 days before a vote is held on the ordinance. The municipality shall post and publish public notice of the public hearing according to the same general requirements of posted and published notice for zoning ordinance public hearings as provided by Title 30-A, section 4352, subsection 9.

In addition, when a municipality proposes to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance pursuant to its home rule authority as provided by Title 30-A, section 3001, the municipality shall mail notice of the hearing by first-class mail at least 14 days before the hearing to all landowners in the municipality at the last known address of the person on whom a property tax on each parcel is assessed. In the case of a timber harvesting ordinance or amendment that applies only to certain zones or land use districts in the municipality, the municipality may meet the requirements of this paragraph by mailing notice only to those landowners whose land is in a zone or land use district or immediately abutting the affected zone or land use district.

Mailed notice to individual landowners is not required under this subsection for any type of amendment to an existing local land use ordinance merely to conform that ordinance to the minimum timber harvesting guidelines required by Title 38, section 439-A, as those guidelines may be subsequently amended, or to conform any timber harvesting ordinance to the requirements of this section for conformity of definitions when the proposed amendments do not substantially change any previously established timber harvesting standards adopted pursuant to home rule authority.

The municipal officers shall prepare and file with the municipal clerk a written certificate indicating

those landowners to whom the notice was mailed and at what addresses, when it was mailed, by whom it was mailed and from what location it was mailed. The certificate constitutes prima facie evidence that notice was sent to those landowners named in the certificate.

Any action challenging the validity of the adoption or amendment of a municipal timber harvesting ordinance based on the municipality's alleged failure to comply with the landowner notice requirement must be brought in Superior Court within 90 days after the adoption of the ordinance or amendment. The Superior Court may invalidate an ordinance or amendment only if the landowner demonstrates that the landowner was entitled to receive a notice under this section, that the municipality failed to send the notice as required, that the landowner had no knowledge of the proposed ordinance or amendment and that the landowner was materially harmed by that lack of knowledge.

D. The municipal clerk shall notify the department of the time, place and date of the public hearing and provide the department with a copy of the proposed ordinance that will be reviewed at the hearing at least 30 days before the date of the hearing.

E. At the public hearing, representatives of the department must be provided an opportunity to present and discuss for the municipality's information any reports, articles, treatises or similar materials published by acknowledged experts in the field of sound forestry or silvicultural management to the extent such information is relevant to the proposed ordinance or ordinance amendment.

The proposed ordinance or ordinance amendment may be revised after the public hearing. The ordinance or amendment must be submitted to the legislative body of the municipality in accordance with the procedures the municipality uses for adopting ordinances.

E-1. A municipal timber harvesting ordinance adopted after January 1, 2026 takes effect only after certification by the bureau that the municipality adopted the timber harvesting ordinance in accordance with the process requirements of this subsection.

F. Municipal timber harvesting ordinances may not be unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious and must employ means appropriate to the protection of public health, safety and welfare.

G. All direct costs incurred by a municipality associated with landowner notification requirements and other required public notice must be paid to the municipality in accordance with a distribution schedule established under Title 30-A, section 5685, subsection 5. All direct costs incurred by a

municipality in order to comply with this subsection for the amendment of ordinances adopted before September 1, 1990 must be paid to the municipality in accordance with a distribution schedule established under Title 30-A, section 5685, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8869, sub-§9**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 263, §2 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

**9. Centralized listing of municipal ordinances.**

The bureau shall maintain for informational purposes a statewide centralized listing of municipal ordinances that specifically apply to ~~forest practices~~ timber harvesting activities.

~~A. Within 30 days after the legislative body of the municipality votes on a timber harvesting ordinance developed according to the procedures of subsection 8, the clerk shall notify the bureau of the outcome and shall file a copy of the ordinance with the bureau.~~

C. The clerk of a municipality that has a timber harvesting ordinance on January 1, 2026 shall provide the bureau with notice and a copy of the ordinance by April 30, 2026.

D. The clerk of a municipality that is developing a timber harvesting ordinance on or after January 1, 2026 shall provide the bureau with notice and a copy of the ordinance at least 7 days prior to the meeting of the legislative body of the municipality or the public hearing at which adoption of the ordinance will be considered. The clerk shall notify the bureau within 30 days after adoption of the ordinance.

E. A provision of an ordinance that specifically applies to timber harvesting activities does not take effect unless properly adopted in accordance with subsection 8 and filed with the bureau in accordance with this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 275**

**H.P. 257 - L.D. 403**

**An Act to Protect Holders of  
Distressed Mortgages from  
Fraud**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6111, sub-§1-A, ¶G**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 36, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Where mediation is available as set forth in section 6321-A, a statement that a mortgagor may request mediation to explore options for avoiding foreclosure judgment; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6111, sub-§1-A, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 36, §2, is amended to read:

H. A statement that the total amount due does not include any amounts that become due after the date of the notice; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6111, sub-§1-A, ¶I** is enacted to read:

I. The following warning: "WARNING: Be cautious when seeking financial assistance, a loan modification or any other agreement to cure or work out the default. Criminals have been known to pose as legitimate negotiators who work with banks to provide assistance to distressed borrowers, but these criminals may instead take your money and private information without providing any assistance. You are encouraged to seek help from a housing counselor who works for a housing counseling agency approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or from an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Maine."

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

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**CHAPTER 276  
S.P. 327 - L.D. 769**

**An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§12, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 186, Pt. A, §26, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§13,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 500, §1, is further amended to read:

**13. Behavioral health support, modification and management for children.** Behavior modification and behavior management of and supports for a person who has not attained 18 years of age with an intellectual disability or autism and who is not a patient in a psychiatric unit of an acute hospital or a psychiatric hospital as defined in section 3801, subsection 7-B are governed as follows.

A. A person who has not attained 18 years of age with an intellectual disability or autism may not be

subjected to a behavior modification or behavior management program to eliminate dangerous or maladaptive behavior without first being assessed by a physician to determine if the proposed program is medically contraindicated and that the dangerous or maladaptive behavior could not be better treated medically.

A-1. Support programs may contain both behavior modification and behavior management components.

A-2. The following practices are prohibited as elements of behavior modification or behavior management programs:

- (1) Seclusion;
- (2) Corporal punishment;
- (3) Actions or language intended to humble, dehumanize or degrade the person;
- (4) Restraints that do not conform to rules adopted pursuant to this section;
- (5) Totally enclosed cribs or beds; and
- (6) Painful stimuli.

B. Behavior modification and behavior management programs may be used only to correct behavior more harmful to the person than the program and only:

- (1) On the recommendation of the person's personal planning team; and
- (2) ~~For an adult 18 years of age or older, with the approval, following a case by case review, of a review team composed of a representative from the department, a representative from the advocacy agency designated pursuant to Title 5, section 19502 and a representative designated by the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board. The advocacy agency representative serves as a nonvoting member of the review team and shall be present to advocate on behalf of the person. The department shall provide sufficient advance notice of all scheduled review team meetings to the advocacy agency and provide the advocacy agency with any plans for which approval is sought along with any supporting documentation; and~~
- (3) ~~For a child under 18 years of age, with~~ With the approval, following a case-by-case review, of a review team composed of a representative from the advocacy agency designated pursuant to Title 5, section 19502, a team leader of the department's children's services division and the children's services medical director or the director's designee. The advocacy agency representative serves as a nonvoting

member of the review team and shall be present to advocate on behalf of the person. The department shall provide sufficient advance notice of all scheduled review team meetings to the advocacy agency and provide the advocacy agency with any plans for which approval is sought along with any supporting documentation. Until rules are adopted by the department to govern behavioral treatment reviews for children, the team may not approve techniques any more aversive or intrusive than are permitted in rules adopted by the United States Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services regarding treatment of children and youth in nonmedical community-based facilities funded under the Medicaid program.

**Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§13-A** is enacted to read:

**13-A. Behavioral health support, modification and management for adults.** Behavioral supports for an adult with an intellectual disability or autism who is not a patient in a psychiatric unit of an acute hospital or a psychiatric hospital as defined in section 3801, subsection 7-B are governed as follows.

A. An adult with an intellectual disability or autism may have a positive behavioral health support plan if recommended by the individual's person-centered support team or requested by the adult. If the positive support plan is to address dangerous or maladaptive behavior, it must be preceded by an assessment by a medical practitioner, as defined in section 3801, subsection 4-B, to rule out medical reasons for the behavior.

B. A positive behavioral health support plan designed to support the adult to participate meaningfully in that adult's community life cannot include a waiver of any rights provided in this section and may be implemented upon recommendation of the adult's person-centered planning team.

C. A modifying behavioral health support plan designed to modify or redirect the adult's behavior may include a waiver of rights with informed consent of the adult subject to the plan and must be approved by the department for approval prior to implementation. The plan must be reviewed and approved by a licensed clinical social worker or psychologist who is employed by or under contract with the department.

D. The following practices are prohibited as elements of positive behavioral health support plans and modifying behavioral health support plans for adults:

- (1) Seclusion;
- (2) Corporal punishment;

(3) Actions or language intended to humble, dehumanize or degrade the person;

(4) Planned use of restraints;

(5) Totally enclosed cribs or beds; and

(6) Painful stimuli.

The department shall convene a support and safety committee, at least quarterly, to review data on the number and types of plans implemented for adults under this subsection. The department shall provide to the committee deidentified copies of positive behavioral health support plans for all individuals transitioning from a modifying behavioral health support plan to a positive behavioral health support plan. The committee must include, at a minimum, a self-advocate, a family member of the individual receiving services, a representative of the advocacy agency designated pursuant to Title 5, section 19502, a member of the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 15 and the licensed clinical social worker or psychologist employed by or under contract with the department under paragraph C.

For the purposes of this subsection, "adult" means a person 18 years of age or older; "modifying behavioral health support plan" means a support plan that outlines strategies to encourage positive behavior and address challenges, incorporating both proactive and corrective interventions; and "positive behavioral health support plan" means a behavioral health support plan that emphasizes using positive reinforcement and proactive strategies to address behaviors that negatively impact the health, safety and well-being of the person.

For the purposes of this subsection, "restraint" does not include blocking or physical redirection. Blocking is a momentary deflection of a person's movement without holding when that movement would be destructive or harmful. Physical redirection is steering a person without holding or coercion.

**Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§13-B** is enacted to read:

**13-B. Safety devices for adults.** The use of a safety device for an adult with an intellectual disability or autism is governed as follows.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "safety device" means an implement, garment, gate, barrier, lock or locking apparatus, video monitoring or video recording device, helmet, mask, glove, strap, belt or protective glove, the effect of which is to reduce or inhibit the adult's movement with the sole purpose of maintaining the safety of the adult. "Safety device" does not include anything used as a means of behavior modification.

B. The use of a safety device must be pursuant to a written recommendation from a licensed physician,

certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician assistant.

C. The use of a safety device must be approved by the adult's personal planning team, and that approval must be recorded in a document that is part of the adult's planning record.

D. The adult or the adult's guardian must consent to the use of the safety device.

E. When a safety device is in use and that safety device may affect other adults residing in the home or participating in the program by restricting their rights, accommodations must be identified and implemented to minimize the effect on the other adults. The personal plan of each adult affected by the use of the safety device must indicate how that adult will be supported to minimize the negative effect of the restriction.

F. When a video monitoring device or video recording device is in use and other adults residing in the home or participating in the program may trigger or appear on the video monitoring device or video recording device, the consent of that adult must be obtained.

**Sec. 5. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§14-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. EE, §10, is further amended to read:

**14-A. Restraints for children.** A person who has not attained 18 years of age with an intellectual disability or autism is entitled to be free from restraint unless:

A. The restraint is a short-term step to protect the person from imminent injury to that person or others; or

B. The restraint has been approved as a behavior management program in accordance with this section.

A restraint may not be used as punishment, for the convenience of the staff or as a substitute for habilitative services. A restraint may impose only the least possible restriction consistent with its purpose and must be removed as soon as the threat of imminent injury ends. A restraint may not cause physical injury to the person receiving services and must be designed to allow the greatest possible comfort and safety.

Daily records of the use of restraints identified in paragraph A must be kept, which may be accomplished by meeting reportable event requirements.

Daily records of the use of restraints identified in paragraph B must be kept, and a summary of the daily records pertaining to the person must be made available for review by the person's planning team, as defined in section 5461, subsection 8-C, on a schedule determined by the team. The review by the personal planning team may occur no less frequently than quarterly. The summary of the daily records must state the type of restraint

used, the duration of the use and the reasons for the use. A monthly summary of all daily records pertaining to all persons must be relayed to the advocacy agency designated pursuant to Title 5, section 19502.

**Sec. 6. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§14-E** is enacted to read:

**14-E. Restraints for adults.** An adult with an intellectual disability or autism is entitled to be free from restraint unless the restraint is an emergency short-term step to protect the adult from imminent injury to that adult or others. Each use of restraint must be documented in accordance with the department's reportable event requirements. For the purposes of this subsection, "restraint" does not include blocking or physical redirection. Blocking is a momentary deflection of a person's movement without holding when that movement would be destructive or harmful. Physical redirection is steering a person without holding or coercion.

**Sec. 7. Children with intellectual disabilities or autism; department study.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study the law related to behavioral health supports for children with intellectual disabilities or autism and consult with interested parties on potential revisions to the law to reflect current best practices in the field. The study must include, but is not limited to, the use of restraints in nonemergency situations and the process by which plans for behavioral modification and management are developed, reviewed and approved. Interested parties must include but are not limited to youth self-advocates, adult self-advocates, a representative of a disability rights advocacy organization, a representative of an academic organization with relevant expertise and a provider of services. No later than December 1, 2026, the department shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the study to any session of the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 8. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5605, subsection 13-A, paragraph D, behavior modification plans in effect on April 1, 2026 that include restraints may continue to include planned restraints until April 1, 2027 if necessary and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 9. Adults with intellectual disabilities or autism; advice.** Prior to adopting or amending rules to implement this Act, the Department of Health and Human Services shall reconvene the interested parties group on adult behavioral regulations that was convened in 2024 and solicit further advice from that group on amendments to the rules to implement this Act.

**Sec. 10. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B,

section 5605, subsections 13 and 14-A and that enact Title 34-B, section 5605, subsections 13-A, 13-B and 14-E and that repeal Title 34-B, section 5605, subsection 12, paragraph E take effect April 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 277**

**S.P. 383 - L.D. 894**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paid Family and Medical Leave**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §850-B, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. ZZZ, §4, is further amended to read:

**5. Intermittent leave requirements.** Leave permitted by this section may be taken by an employee intermittently in increments equaling not less than one work day, ~~or on a reduced leave schedule otherwise unless a lesser increment is agreed to by the employee and the employer, except that the employee and employer may not agree for to leave under this section to be taken in increments of less than one hour. The taking of leave intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule pursuant to this subsection may not result in a reduction in the total amount of leave to which the covered individual is entitled under this subchapter.~~

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §850-B, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

**13. Bureau of Paid Family and Medical Leave; responsibilities of commissioner.** Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, the Commissioner of Labor shall administer this subchapter through the Bureau of Paid Family and Medical Leave. The commissioner may employ persons, make expenditures, require reports, make investigations, impose assessments, coordinate with other departments and bureaus and take other actions the commissioner determines necessary or suitable to administer this subchapter. The commissioner shall determine methods of operational procedures in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §850-F, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Enforcement to collect delinquent premium contributions, penalties and assessments.** If an employer fails to make a payment in whole or in part of premium contributions, including penalties or assessments imposed, and the employer has exhausted all rights to an appeal, the department may enforce collection by:

A. Filing a civil action to collect unpaid premium contributions, penalties and assessments in the name of the commissioner, and the employer may be ordered to pay the costs of that action; and

B. Collecting by levy on a 3rd party that has possession or control of property in which the employer may have an interest the amount owed to the department for delinquent premium contributions, penalties and assessments consistent with section 1233.

**Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §850-F, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

**12. Liability of successor for delinquent premium contributions, penalties and assessments.** An individual or organization that acquires an employer's organization, trade or business or a substantial part of the assets of that organization, trade or business is liable to the department for any premium contributions, penalties and assessments unpaid by the employer in the amount owed. The individual's or organization's liability under this subsection may not exceed the reasonable value of the organization, trade or business or assets acquired. Upon written request, the department shall provide the successor individual or organization with information about the amount owed and other information as determined necessary.

**Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §850-H, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. AAA, §7, is amended to read:

**6. Violations.** Employers offering private plans that violate this section are subject to a fine of \$100 per violation. If an employer's private plan benefit coverage is found to have lapsed during a period of a private plan substitution approved under this section, the employer may be assessed a fine equal to the amount of the premiums the employer would owe to the fund pursuant to section 850-F for the time period in which coverage was not provided plus a penalty of 1.0% of that employer's total payroll for the same period. An employer may not deduct any employee portion of the premiums to pay this fine. The department shall transfer any fines collected pursuant to this subsection to the fund. The department by rule shall establish a process for the assessment and appeal of fines under this subsection.

**Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §1401-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §10, is further amended to read:

**2. Commissioner; entities incorporated.** The department consists of a Commissioner of Labor, referred to in this chapter as "the commissioner," appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the following entities ~~as previously created or established~~ are incorporated into the Department of Labor:

- A. The Bureau of Unemployment Compensation;
- B. The Bureau of Employment Services;
- C. The Bureau of Labor Standards;
- D. The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services;
- F. The Center for Workforce Research and Information; ~~and~~
- I. The State Workforce Board; and
- J. The Bureau of Paid Family and Medical Leave.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 278**

**H.P. 646 - L.D. 999**

**An Act to Include Employees of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission in the State's Group Health Plan and to Clarify Future Eligibility for the State's Group Health Plan**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-13** is enacted to read:

F-13. Any employee of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission;

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

**17. Eligibility of persons other than state employees for group health plan.** A person other than a state employee may not be granted eligibility for a group health plan pursuant to subsection 1 by legislative action to amend subsection 1 unless the person is an employee of a quasi-governmental entity that receives significant and ongoing operating funds through a General Fund appropriation.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 279**

**S.P. 445 - L.D. 1027**

**An Act to Strengthen the Law Regarding Relief for Improvident Transfers of Title**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1023, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 236, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Relief available; protected transfers and executions.** When a court finds that a transfer of property or execution of a guaranty was the result of undue influence, it shall grant appropriate relief enabling the elderly dependent person to avoid the transfer or execution, including the rescission or reformation of a deed or other instrument, the imposition of a constructive trust on property or an order enjoining use of or entry on property or commanding the return of property. The court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to be paid by the person who exercised undue influence over the elderly dependent person or by any transferee who paid less than full consideration, as found by the court. When the court finds that undue influence is a good and valid defense to a transferee's suit on a contract to transfer the property or a suit of a person who benefits from the execution of a guaranty on that guaranty, the court shall refuse to enforce the transfer or guaranty.

~~No relief~~ Relief obtained or granted under this section may not in any way affect or limit the right, title and interest of good faith purchasers, mortgagees, holders of security interests or other 3rd parties who obtain an interest in the transferred property for value after its transfer from the elderly dependent person. ~~No relief~~ Relief obtained or granted under this section may not affect any mortgage deed to the extent of value given by the mortgagee.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 280**

**S.P. 457 - L.D. 1133**

**An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by Condominium and Residential Associations**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §576-A** is enacted to read:  
**§576-A. Electric vehicle charging stations allowed**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Bylaw" means the instrument, however denominated, that contains the procedures for conduct of the affairs of the association of unit owners regardless of the form in which the association of unit owners is organized, including any amendments to the instrument.

B. "Common interest community" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 3002, subsection 3.

C. "Electric vehicle charging station" means an electric component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles by permitting the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle.

D. "Executive board" means the body, regardless of name, designated in the declaration to act on behalf of the association of unit owners.

E. "Limited common element" has the same meaning as in section 1601-103, subsection (16).

F. "Purchaser" means a person, other than a declarant or a dealer, that by means of a voluntary transfer acquires a legal or equitable interest in a unit, other than: a leasehold interest, including renewal options, of less than 20 years; or as security for an obligation.

G. "Rule" means a policy, guideline, restriction, procedure or regulation of an association of unit owners, however denominated, that is adopted by an association of unit owners, that is not set forth in the declaration or bylaws and that regulates conduct occurring within the common interest community for the use, maintenance, repair, replacement, modification or appearance of the common interest community of an association of unit owners.

H. "Unreasonable restriction" means a restriction that significantly increases the cost of the electric vehicle charging station or significantly decreases its efficiency or specified performance.

**2. Unenforceable provisions.** Beginning January 1, 2026, any provision of a declaration or bylaw that either prohibits or places an unreasonable restriction on the installation or use of an electric vehicle charging station in a unit parking space or limited common element parking space or is otherwise in conflict with the provisions of this section is void and unenforceable.

**3. Application to install.** A unit owner may submit an application to the executive board to install an electric vehicle charging station in a unit parking space or in a limited common element parking space with the written approval of the unit owner of each unit to which use of the limited common element parking space is reserved. The executive board shall acknowledge, in writing, the receipt of an application not later than 30 days after receipt of the application and process the application in the same manner as an application for an addition, alteration or improvement pursuant to the declaration or bylaws. The approval or denial of the application must be in writing and must be issued not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of the application. Unless the executive board reasonably requests additional information not later than 60 days from the date of receipt of the application, the application is deemed approved if a denial in writing has not been received within 60 days of the date the application was received.

**4. Installation requirements.** A unit owner may not install an electric vehicle charging station in a unit parking space or limited common element parking space unless the unit owner complies with the requirements of this subsection.

A. The unit owner shall obtain approval from the executive board to install the electric vehicle charging station. The executive board shall approve the application for the installation if the unit owner agrees in writing to:

(1) Comply with the provisions of the declaration or bylaws regarding an addition, alteration or improvement;

(2) Provide a certificate of insurance, within 14 days of approval, that demonstrates insurance coverage in amounts determined sufficient by the executive board;

(3) Pay for the costs associated with the installation of the electric vehicle charging station, including, but not limited to, increased master insurance policy premiums, attorney's fees incurred by the association of unit owners, engineering fees, professional fees, permits and applicable zoning compliance costs; and

(4) Pay the electricity usage costs associated with the electric vehicle charging station.

B. The unit owner, and each successive unit owner, of the electric vehicle charging station is responsible for:

(1) The cost of any damage to the electric vehicle charging station, common elements or units resulting from the installation, use, maintenance, repair, removal or replacement of the electric vehicle charging station;

(2) The cost of any maintenance, repair and replacement of the electric vehicle charging station until it has been removed;

(3) The cost of any restoration of the physical space where the electric vehicle charging station was installed after it is removed;

(4) The cost of electricity associated with the electric vehicle charging station;

(5) The common expenses as a result of uninsured losses pursuant to any master insurance policy held by the association of unit owners; and

(6) Making disclosures to prospective purchasers regarding:

(a) The existence of the electric vehicle charging station;

(b) The associated responsibilities of the unit owner under this section; and

(c) The requirement that the purchaser accept the electric vehicle charging station unless it is removed prior to the transfer of the unit.

An electric vehicle charging station installed pursuant to this section must meet all applicable health and safety standards and requirements under any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, except that a unit owner is not required to maintain a liability coverage policy for an existing National Electrical Manufacturers Association or successor organization standard alternating current power plug.

5. Association authority. An association of unit owners may:

A. Install an electric vehicle charging station in the common elements for the use of all unit owners and develop appropriate rules for such use;

B. Create a new parking space where one did not previously exist to facilitate the installation of an electric vehicle charging station;

C. Require a unit owner to remove the unit owner's electric vehicle charging station prior to the unit owner's sale of the property unless the purchaser of the property agrees to take ownership of the electric vehicle charging station; and

D. Assess the unit owner for any uninsured portion of a loss associated with an electric vehicle charging station, whether resulting from a deductible or otherwise, regardless of whether the association of unit owners submits an insurance claim.

6. Attorney's fees. In any action seeking to enforce compliance with this section, the prevailing party must be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 281**

**H.P. 793 - L.D. 1188**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Governing Facilities Approved  
by the State Harness Racing  
Commission to Sell Pari-  
mutuel Pools and Common  
Pari-mutuel Pools for  
Simulcast Racing**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Maine harness racing is an important historic sport; and

**Whereas,** attracting new fans to Maine harness racing is critical to the future well-being of the industry and agriculture; and

**Whereas,** the 2025 racing season commenced in April and this legislation must take effect as early in the 2025 racing season as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 51, §1, is further amended by repealing the 2nd blocked paragraph.

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Facilities approved by commission; track located in another county.** The commission may authorize a facility approved under subsection 3 to continue operation in the same location as approved under subsection 3 if, notwithstanding subsection 3, the location where the commercial track is licensed to conduct races is no longer located in the same county as the facility approved under subsection 3 and the location where the races are conducted by the commercial track meets the following criteria:

A. The races are conducted at a location within a county contiguous to the county where the commercial track previously conducted the races;

B. The races are not located within the same county as a casino licensed under section 1011; and

C. The races are not located within the same municipality as an off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D or within a municipality contiguous to a municipality with an off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D.

A person licensed pursuant to section 271 to conduct harness horse racing with pari-mutuel betting that sells pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races at a facility approved under subsection 3 and authorized to continue operation under this subsection may not receive approval for any additional facilities under the provisions of subsection 3.

**Sec. 3. Provisional approval.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Harness Racing Commission may provisionally approve a facility under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 275-B, subsection 3 that has made an application to a municipality for the sale of pari-mutuel pools or common pari-mutuel pools at that facility, if that application is awaiting a decision from the municipal officers of the municipality in which the facility is located.

Provisional approval under this section is valid only through December 31, 2025 or until such time as municipal approval is received or denied, whichever is sooner. A facility operating under provisional approval shall cease all operations related to this provisional approval on December 31, 2025 or on the date upon which a municipality denies that facility's application for the sale of pari-mutuel pools or common pari-mutuel pools at that facility if the denial occurs prior to December 31, 2025.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 282**

**H.P. 806 - L.D. 1231**

**An Act to Require Legislative Approval of Proposed Permanent Changes to the Overnight Docking of State Ferries on Islands**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4408** is enacted to read:

**§4408. Overnight docking of ferries; legislative approval**

**1. Change to existing overnight docking practice.** The Department of Transportation may not without legislative approval change the existing overnight docking practices of a state-owned ferry vessel that docks overnight on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service. The department shall seek legislative approval to change the existing overnight docking practice of a ferry vessel that docks on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service by submitting legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to the change. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the suggested legislation.

**2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, the Department of Transportation may require a ferry vessel to temporarily dock at a mainland port or an alternative island port for an emergency situation or another significant operational need. The department does not need to seek legislative approval pursuant to subsection 1 for a temporary change to docking practices pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "temporary change" means a change in the overnight docking of a state-owned ferry vessel that docks on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service that does

not change the common docking practice of that ferry vessel.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 283**

**H.P. 816 - L.D. 1241**

**An Act to Establish the Make Change for Wildlife Program to Support the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10253, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10253, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Make Change for Wildlife program.** The Make Change for Wildlife program is established to encourage voluntary support for the fund from businesses that collect voluntary customer contributions at the point of sale. Businesses shall deposit contributions collected under this subsection with the Treasurer of State and designate those contributions for deposit in the fund. The Treasurer of State shall credit all contributions to the fund and all money generated pursuant to this subsection must be used only for the purposes described in subsection 1.

**Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report regarding the Make Change for Wildlife program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10253, subsection 6, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 1, 2026. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 284**

**S.P. 526 - L.D. 1296**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, approximately 80% of watercraft sold in Maine are equipped with an outboard motor; and

**Whereas**, the outboard motor manufacturer industry has recently been consolidated to primarily 2 companies that share the market; and

**Whereas**, warranty repairs currently performed on watercraft are reimbursed with a flat rate for the labor performed based upon a manufacturer's estimate of the repair duration, which is not fitting for the marine industry; and

**Whereas**, the upcoming summer months generally correlate with an increase in watercraft warranty repairs; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1197, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 631, is amended to read:

**1. Parts or labor; satisfaction of warranty.** If a franchisor requires or permits a franchisee to perform labor or provide parts to satisfy a warranty created by the franchisor, the franchisor shall properly and promptly fulfill its warranty obligations and:

A. Reimburse the franchisee at the retail rate customarily charged for any all parts provided used by the franchisee to satisfy the warranty. If the franchisor provides a part to the franchisee for a specific warranty repair, the franchisor shall compensate the franchisee for the difference between the cost of the part to the franchisee and the full retail price of the part, which may not exceed 100% of the total reimbursement cost under paragraph B of the labor required to perform the repair; and

B. Reimburse the franchisee for any actual labor performed by the franchisee to satisfy the warranty, which must be reasonable and supported by the franchisee's records. Reimbursement for labor may not be less than the retail rate customarily charged by that franchisee for the same labor when not performed to satisfy a warranty. To be entitled to reimbursement under this section, a franchisee must post in a place conspicuous to service customers the rate for labor not performed to satisfy a warranty.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

**CHAPTER 285  
S.P. 553 - L.D. 1339**

**An Act to Regulate Virtual  
Currency Kiosks**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, a recent report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation states, in 2024, that there were 2,137 complaints related to cryptocurrency fraud in Maine resulting in more than \$31 million in losses; and

**Whereas**, this legislation regulates virtual currency kiosks, which have been identified by state regulators as a tool used to perpetrate scams against Maine consumers, especially Maine's senior residents; and

**Whereas**, this legislation must take effect immediately to protect Maine consumers from cryptocurrency fraud; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 80, headnote** is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 80**

**CHECK CASHERS AND, CASH-DISPENSING  
MACHINES AND VIRTUAL CURRENCY KI-  
OSKS**

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 80, sub-c. 4** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 4**

**VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS**

**§6163. Short title**

This subchapter may be known and cited as "the Maine Virtual Currency Kiosk Act."

**§6164. Definitions**

Terms defined in the Maine Money Transmission Modernization Act have the same meanings when used in this subchapter. Additionally, as used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Blockchain.** "Blockchain" means distributed ledger technologies where data are shared across a network that creates a digital ledger of verified transactions or information among network participants and the data

are typically linked using cryptology to maintain the integrity of the ledger and execute other functions, including transfer of ownership or value.

**2. Transaction hash.** "Transaction hash" means a unique identifier made up of a string of characters that acts as a record of and provides proof that a virtual currency transaction was verified and added to the blockchain.

**3. Virtual currency kiosk.** "Virtual currency kiosk" means an automated, unstaffed electronic machine that is capable of facilitating the transfer of value to a public key that is recorded on a blockchain as directed by the sender at the virtual currency kiosk or at a later time by other means facilitated by the virtual currency kiosk operator.

**4. Virtual currency kiosk operator.** "Virtual currency kiosk operator" means a person that owns, operates or manages a virtual currency kiosk located in this State through which virtual currency business activity is offered.

**5. Virtual currency kiosk transaction.** "Virtual currency kiosk transaction" means a transaction conducted or performed, in whole or in part, by electronic means via a virtual currency kiosk. "Virtual currency kiosk transaction" also means a transaction made at a virtual currency kiosk to purchase virtual currency with fiat currency or to sell virtual currency for fiat currency.

#### **§6165. License required**

A virtual currency kiosk operator must be licensed as a money transmitter pursuant to the Maine Money Transmission Modernization Act unless exempt pursuant to sections 6074 and 6075.

#### **§6166. Disclosure of virtual currency kiosk locations by operator**

A virtual currency kiosk operator shall provide the bureau with the physical locations of the operator's kiosks in operation in the State.

#### **§6167. Record retention**

A virtual currency kiosk operator shall preserve and retain all transaction records of a virtual currency kiosk transaction for no less than 3 years, including, but not limited to:

**1. Customer information.** The customer's name, address, date of birth and driver's license number;

**2. Recordings.** Video or other recordings of the transaction; and

**3. Biometric data.** Any biometric data collected.

#### **§6168. Required disclosures; risks of using virtual currency kiosks**

Before entering into a virtual currency kiosk transaction for, on behalf of or with a person, a virtual cur-

rency kiosk operator shall disclose in a clear, conspicuous and easily readable manner all material risks generally associated with virtual currency kiosk transactions, including the risk of fraud or loss and the exchange rates charged by the virtual currency kiosk operator for the purchase and sale of the virtual currency involved in the transaction.

#### **§6169. Consumer protections**

**1. Transaction limits; dollar amount.** A virtual currency kiosk operator may not accept or dispense more than \$1,000 in a day from or to a customer via a virtual currency kiosk owned by the operator.

**2. Transaction charges.** A virtual currency kiosk operator may not collect charges, whether direct or indirect, from a customer related to a single virtual currency kiosk transaction that exceed the greater of:

A. Five dollars; and

B. Three percent of the United States dollar value of the transaction.

**3. Transaction receipt.** At the option of a customer, a virtual currency kiosk operator shall provide the customer with a paper or electronic receipt for any transaction made at a virtual currency kiosk that includes the following information:

A. The name of the customer;

B. The date and time of the transaction;

C. The name and license number of the operator;

D. The amounts of fiat currency and virtual currency exchanged or purchased in the transaction and any fees charged to the customer;

E. The virtual currency transaction hash and the public destination address for the virtual currency; and

F. The exchange rate.

**4. Refunds for customers.** A virtual currency kiosk operator shall issue a refund to a customer for the full amount of all transactions made within 90 days of the customer's first virtual currency kiosk transaction with the virtual currency kiosk operator including any transaction charges collected under subsection 2. To receive a refund under this subsection, a customer must:

A. Have been induced to engage in the virtual currency kiosk transactions by fraud or by an unfair, deceptive or abusive practice; and

B. Within one year of the last transaction induced by fraud or by an unfair, deceptive or abusive practice, file a report with a government or law enforcement agency that includes a sworn statement attesting to the details of the fraud or unfair, deceptive or abusive practice and information sufficient to identify the virtual currency kiosk transactions subject to a refund pursuant to this subsection.

**§6170. Implementation, administrative authority and enforcement**

The implementation, administrative authority and enforcement provisions of sections 6078, 6079 and 6100-X to 6100-EE apply to this subchapter.

**§6170-A. Information security**

The administrator shall adopt rules that specify how virtual currency kiosk operators must implement and maintain an information security program. The information security rules must be consistent with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999), as amended, and the applicable implementing federal regulations as adopted by the Federal Trade Commission. Rules adopted under this subchapter are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**§6170-B. Waiver**

Any waiver of rights under this subchapter by a customer is void.

**Sec. 3. Report.** No later than February 1, 2026, the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services that includes findings and recommendations regarding the protection of customers of virtual currency kiosks as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 6164, subsection 3 from fraudulent activity. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

**CHAPTER 286**

**S.P. 734 - L.D. 1864**

**An Act to Facilitate the Reconstruction of Storm-damaged Commercial Fisheries Facilities and Infrastructure**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** on March 20, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that a major disaster existed in the State of Maine and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred

from January 9, 2024 to January 13, 2024, including within the State's coastal municipalities; and

**Whereas,** as a result of the severe storms and flooding, individuals and business owners in the State suffered substantial damage to facilities and infrastructure such as docks, piers, wharves, fish houses and other structures traditionally used in support of commercial fishery operations and other functionally water-dependent uses; and

**Whereas,** under state and certain local laws, to lawfully reconstruct or replace such damaged facilities and infrastructure, a municipal board of appeals must grant a variance from certain local ordinance provisions by finding, among other things, that the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted; and

**Whereas,** because Maine courts have repeatedly held that mere access to coastal waters and the recreational benefits afforded by that access provide property owners with a reasonable return on their land, individuals and business owners would be unlikely to demonstrate a lack of a reasonable return on their land and would therefore be unable to benefit from the federal assistance to reconstruct or replace damaged facilities and infrastructure made available by the disaster declaration; and

**Whereas,** absent an extension, the deadline to complete permanent work under the emergency declaration is approaching in September 2025; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Variance petition; exemption from reasonable return variance standard.** The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4353, subsection 4, paragraph A does not apply to a petition for a variance from one or more provisions of a municipal shoreland zoning ordinance or a municipal floodplain management ordinance that is filed with the municipality's board of appeals established pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4353 if:

A. The petitioner demonstrates to the board of appeals that the petitioner suffered substantial damage to a dock, pier or wharf, or a structure placed thereon, as a result of the severe storms or flooding that occurred from January 9, 2024 to January 13, 2024;

B. The damaged dock, pier or wharf, or structure placed thereon, identified pursuant to paragraph A is proposed to be reconstructed or replaced in kind and is a functionally water-dependent structure or has a functionally water-dependent use; and

C. The petition is determined complete for processing by the board of appeals no later than December 31, 2027.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 287**

**S.P. 533 - L.D. 1303**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing Qualifications for  
the State Auditor**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §241**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 44, §3, is further amended to read:

**§241. State Auditor; salary**

The State Auditor is the head chief administrator of the Office of the State Auditor. ~~The State Auditor must be a certified public accountant or a college graduate with not less than 6 years of experience as a professional accountant or auditor, including not less than 5 years of auditing experience, of which not less than 4 years must have been in a supervisory capacity.~~ The State Auditor must be elected by the Legislature by a joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention and holds office for a term of 4 years or until a successor is elected and qualified. The State Auditor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are set forth in this chapter. In ease the event the office of State Auditor becomes vacant during a period when the Legislature is not in session, the because of death, resignation, removal or other cause, the deputy auditor shall perform the administrative and statutory duties of the State Auditor until the appointment of a person to fill such vacancy. The appointment of a person to fill such vacancy must be made immediately by the President of the Senate or, if that office is vacant, by the Speaker of the House, and the person appointed holds that office until such time as the Legislature meets in regular or special session; and either confirm confirms the appointment of the person or chooses another person to fill the office during the unexpired term.

A person elected to the office of State Auditor must hold certification related to accounting, auditing or financial analysis or hold a degree in business for finance from an accredited postsecondary educational institution. If a person elected to the office of State Auditor is not qualified as, or has not successfully completed or passed the examination for, a certified public accountant, certified information systems auditor or certified

~~internal auditor at the time of election and fails to become so qualified within 9 months 2 years of being sworn into office, as required by section 242; that person may no longer serve as State Auditor and is ineligible for reelection by the same Legislature and the office of State Auditor is deemed vacant as State Auditor.~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §242**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 44, §4, is further amended to read:

**§242. Organization; deputy**

The Office of the State Auditor must be organized in the manner the State Auditor considers best suited to the accomplishment of its functions. The office may have those auditors, assistants and employees as the State Auditor may require, but they are subject to the Civil Service Law.

~~Any person elected to the position of State Auditor or any person permanently employed by the Office of the State Auditor as deputy auditor, director of audits or assistant director of audits must be currently~~ qualified as or have successfully completed or passed the examination for a certified public accountant, certified information systems auditor or certified internal auditor. Persons not so qualified may be employed in these audit supervisory positions on a temporary basis not to exceed 9 months.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of State Auditor because of death, resignation, removal or other cause, the deputy auditor shall perform the duties of the office until a State Auditor has been appointed in conformity with section 241 and has been duly qualified. In the event of absence or disability of the State Auditor, the deputy auditor shall ~~likewise~~ perform the duties of the office during the State Auditor's absence.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 288**

**H.P. 937 - L.D. 1428**

**An Act to Increase Access to  
Child Care for Maine Families**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8302-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Recreational space.** A child care facility or a family child care provider may operate without an outdoor recreational space as long as an outside public recreational space is available within a reasonable distance from the facility or provider.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

**§4364-D. Child care services in residential areas**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Child care facility" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

B. "Family child care provider" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph C.

**2. Location of child care.** A child care facility or a family child care provider is a permitted use in a municipal area that is zoned for residential purposes, subject to the same requirements for other residential property.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 289**

**H.P. 939 - L.D. 1430**

**An Act Regarding the Transfer of Moose Permits to Disabled Veterans**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 427, §14 and affected by §19, is amended to read:

**5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, a resident or nonresident who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until the 4th calendar year after the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7 ~~or transferors and transferees under subsection 16~~. A person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points under subsection 8 but is ineligible to receive a moose hunting permit.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 191, §1, is amended to read:

**16. Moose permit transfer; disabled veterans.** A person who holds a valid moose permit may transfer, in accordance with this subsection, that permit to a disabled veteran who meets the eligibility and permit requirements under this section and section 10853, subsection 4 and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding a moose permit. The commissioner may authorize a permit holder to transfer the moose permit to a disabled veteran identified by the permit holder or the

permit holder may return the permit to the department, which, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner, shall provide for the transfer of the permit to a disabled veteran. A transferor and a transferee of the permit are subject to the elimination of any accumulated points under subsection 8 ~~and the 3-year ineligibility period under subsection 5~~. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 290**

**S.P. 626 - L.D. 1542**

**An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §900-B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 23, §1, is further amended to read:

**§900-B. Advisory committee**

There is established the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee as provided in this section.

**1. Municipal officers; election; term.** ~~The Except as provided in subsections 2 and 2-A, the~~ municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget advisory committee members by the following procedure.

A. No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the county to caucus by county commissioner districts at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing at least one municipal officer from each district as a member of the budget advisory committee; except that, in 1992, at least 3 municipal officers must be selected from each district unless the municipal officers of a district decide that another person from that district would be better qualified. A municipality may not be represented by more than one officer at a time. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most votes is approved as a budget advisory committee member except that, in 1992, each caucus shall elect 3 members. The names of those elected by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the county commissioners.

B. Budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms except that, in 1992, one member from each district must be elected for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget advisory committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, that committee member vacates membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

A municipal officer elected as a member of the budget advisory committee may name a designee to serve on the committee.

**2. Legislative member.** ~~The~~ Prior to October 15, 2025, the Washington County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee. By October 15, 2025 and by October 15th of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Washington County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a 2-year term as a voting member. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or from the budget advisory committee during the member's term of office, the Washington County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, another member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve the remainder of the term. The Washington County legislative delegation may replace a member selected pursuant to this subsection to serve on the budget advisory committee by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

**2-A. Member from unorganized territory.** The county commissioners shall select, by majority vote, one member who is a resident of the unorganized territory in Washington County who has not served in or been employed by Washington County government within the past 3 years and is not a current employee of Washington County government as a voting member of the budget advisory committee to serve a 3-year term.

**3. Chair.** The budget advisory committee shall annually select one of its members to chair the committee.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 291**

**H.P. 1038 - L.D. 1580**

**An Act to Prohibit Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers from Using Spread Pricing**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4350-F** is enacted to read:

**§4350-F. Spread pricing prohibition**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Pharmacy benefits management fee" means a fee that covers the cost of providing one or more pharmacy benefits manager services, as described in section 4347, subsection 17, and that does not exceed the value of the service or services actually performed by the pharmacy benefits manager.

B. "Spread pricing" means any amount charged or claimed by a pharmacy benefits manager in excess of the ingredient cost for a dispensed prescription drug plus the dispensing fee paid directly or indirectly to any pharmacy or pharmacist on behalf of the health plan, less any pharmacy benefits management fee.

**2. Spread pricing prohibited.** A carrier or pharmacy benefits manager may not, either directly or through an intermediary, agent or affiliate, engage in, facilitate or enter into a contract with another person involving spread pricing in this State.

**3. Annual certification of compliance.** Beginning December 31, 2026 and annually by December 31st thereafter, a carrier, or a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with a carrier, operating in the State shall certify to the superintendent that it has fully complied with the requirements of this section throughout the prior calendar year. The certification must be signed by the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the carrier or pharmacy benefits manager.

**4. Penalty.** A violation of this section is subject to enforcement by the superintendent pursuant to section 12-A.

**5. Exemption.** This section does not apply to the MaineCare program.

**6. Repeal.** This section is repealed January 1, 2031.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 292**

**H.P. 1132 - L.D. 1697**

**An Act to Increase Penalties to Deter Violations of the Laws Regarding Improper Pesticide Use**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §616-A, sub-§2, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. B, §6 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

A. A person may not violate this subchapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this subchapter or Title 22, chapter 258-A or a rule adopted pursuant to Title 22, chapter 258-A. This paragraph does not apply to a private applicator as defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22 or a private applicator of general use pesticides as defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22-A. Except as provided in paragraph B, the following penalties apply to violations of this paragraph.

(1) A person who violates this paragraph commits a civil violation for which a fine of ~~not more than \$1,500~~ not more than \$1,500 may be adjudged as follows.

(a) A fine of not more than \$10,000 may be adjudged except as provided in division (b).

(b) A fine of not more than \$50,000 may be adjudged for an unauthorized pesticide application in a case in which the preponderance of the evidence demonstrates that the person who violated this paragraph benefited substantially from the violation as determined by the board by routine technical rule as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Clear and convincing evidence that only one person benefited substantially from an unauthorized pesticide application constitutes prima facie evidence that the person is responsible for the unauthorized pesticide application.

(2) A person who violates this paragraph and is subject to a fine under subparagraph (1), division (a) after having previously violated this paragraph and having been subject to a fine under subparagraph (1), division (a) within the previous 4-year period commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$4,000 \$75,000 may be adjudged. A person who violates this paragraph and is subject to a fine under subparagraph (1), division (b) after having previously violated this paragraph and having been subject to a fine under subparagraph (1), division (b) within the previous 4-year period commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$150,000 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §616-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 510, §1, is further amended to read:

B. A private applicator, as defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22, and a private applicator of general use pesticides, as defined in Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 22-A, may not violate

this subchapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this subchapter or Title 22, chapter 258-A or a rule adopted pursuant to Title 22, chapter 258-A or a rule regarding records maintained pursuant to section 606, subsection 2, paragraph G. The following penalties apply to violations of this paragraph.

(1) A person who violates this paragraph commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 may be adjudged.

(2) A person who violates this paragraph after having previously violated this paragraph within the previous 4-year period commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 may be adjudged.

**Sec. 3. Board of Pesticides Control to adopt rules.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control shall adopt routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to:

1. Establish a penalty schedule for violations of the laws and rules governing pesticides to create transparency for future penalties assessed;

2. Provide the means by which separate civil suits may be brought against the same violator of the laws and rules governing pesticides if pesticide migration through soil or bedrock occurs affecting more than one property;

3. Provide for the restoration of affected property and replacement of vegetation as penalties for violations of the laws and rules governing pesticides in addition to monetary penalties; and

4. Designate pesticides with the active ingredient tebuthiuron as state restricted use pesticides.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 293**

**H.P. 1153 - L.D. 1726**

**An Act to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Integrated Distribution Grid Planning**

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

**Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. When possible, seek to ensure consistency in energy planning and analysis, including, but not limited to, through the use, in all energy planning and analysis conducted by the office, of an energy forecasting method consistent with the method used by the office in preparing the comprehensive

state energy plan as required by paragraph C. The office shall ensure that the energy forecasting methodology used in preparing the comprehensive state energy plan is made available for use by other state agencies;

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3147, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. "Advanced conductor" means an electrical conductor that has a direct current electrical resistance at least 10% lower than existing conductors of a similar diameter on the electric system.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3147, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. "Grid-enhancing technology" has the same meaning as in section 3148, subsection 1, paragraph A.

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3147, sub-§4, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 702, §8, is amended to read:

D. Include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) Forecasts of projected load, including forecasts of end-use electrification, energy efficiency and distributed energy resources and, when appropriate, consideration of the energy forecasting method used to prepare the comprehensive state energy plan required pursuant to Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C;
- (2) Baseline energy supply data and assessments, including but not limited to planned generation retirements; new generation that is planned or needed, including generation of electricity from renewable sources; and energy storage installations;
- (3) Analysis of hosting capacity, including locational benefits of distributed energy resources and areas of existing or potential system congestion;
- (4) Analysis of available and emerging technologies necessary to enable load management and flexibility and those technologies necessary to improve efficiency and reliability of and reduce congestion of the grid, including, but not limited to, the use of advanced conductors and grid-enhancing technologies, taking into consideration the commission's review pursuant to section 3148;
- (5) An assessment of the environmental, equity and environmental justice impacts of grid plans; ~~and~~
- (6) An identification of cost-effective near-term grid investments and operations needed to achieve the priorities identified in subsection 2; and

(7) Consideration of the use of low-voltage sensors to improve grid monitoring capacity, including data related to grid power quality, transformer status and distributed energy resource capacity by location; and

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3147, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 702, §8, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission shall make the filing for each covered utility available for public comment for a period of no less than 60 days. The commission may order a covered utility to revise the filing to address any deficiencies. The commission may use the filing and the input received from interested parties in rate cases or other proceedings involving the covered utility. In a competitive solicitation conducted by the commission, the commission may use the filings submitted pursuant to this subsection to develop requests for proposals, evaluate bids and negotiate agreements in order to optimize grid capacity.

**Sec. 6. Assessment of nonwires alternative process.** In consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Office of the Public Advocate, the Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a review of the nonwires alternative investigation and recommendation process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132-C. The commission's review must assess the efficiency of that process and consider how that process is incorporated into integrated grid plan filings submitted by large investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in accordance with the requirements established by Title 35-A, section 3147. The review must include the opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments to the commission. The commission shall develop recommendations for changes to the nonwires alternative investigation and recommendation process based on its review, which may include recommended legislation to better integrate nonwires alternatives into the requirements for grid plan filings. By March 1, 2026, the commission shall provide a report of its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 7. Flexible interconnection; evaluation; reports.** The Public Utilities Commission shall explore and evaluate the feasibility of adopting emerging flexible interconnection options in order to use distributed energy resources, increase grid capacity, decrease grid instability and reduce costs in achieving state goals related to clean energy, including energy storage and beneficial electrification. In exploring and evaluating flexible interconnection options, the commission shall:

1. Review potential practices for providing flexible interconnection options;

2. Engage with stakeholders, including members of the interconnection working group established pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 307, section 8;

3. Identify any barriers to adopting flexible interconnection options;

4. Identify ways in which customers seeking connection might benefit from flexible interconnection processes; and

5. Determine whether the costs of flexible interconnection may affect noninterconnecting customers and how that may be mitigated.

By February 15, 2026, the commission shall submit an initial report summarizing the commission's activities under this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. After reviewing the initial report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. By February 15, 2027, the commission shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters that includes the commission's evaluation of flexible interconnection options, along with any recommendations. After reviewing the final report, the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 8. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3147, subsection 1, paragraphs A-1 and B-1 and that amend Title 35-A, section 3147, subsection 4 take effect February 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 294**

**H.P. 1154 - L.D. 1727**

**An Act to Ensure  
Transparency in Consumer  
Transactions Involving  
Artificial Intelligence**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 239**

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONSUMERS VIA  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

**§1500-Y. Required disclosure of use of artificial intelligence chatbot to engage in trade and commerce**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Artificial intelligence chatbot" means a software application, web interface or computer program that simulates human conversation and interaction through textual or aural communications.

B. "Trade" and "commerce" have the same meaning as in Title 5, section 206, subsection 3.

**2. Required disclosure of use of artificial intelligence chatbot to engage in trade and commerce.** A person may not use an artificial intelligence chatbot or any other computer technology to engage in trade and commerce with a consumer in a manner that may mislead or deceive a reasonable consumer into believing that the consumer is engaging with a human being unless the consumer is notified in a clear and conspicuous manner that the consumer is not engaging with a human being.

**3. Violation.** A violation of subsection 2 is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 295**

**H.P. 1196 - L.D. 1785**

**An Act to Require Health  
Insurance Carriers to Provide  
Contact Information for  
Employees Responsible for  
Negotiating Health Care  
Provider Contracts**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§18, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 399, §1, is amended to read:

B. Upon the provider's request at the time a contract for a preferred provider arrangement is offered, the following must be provided to a provider for review:

(1) The fee schedule or, if there is not a fee schedule for one or more of the services covered under the contract, the terms under which payment is determined. A carrier may require a provider to execute a nondisclosure agreement covering the information provided under this subparagraph; ~~and~~

(2) The identity of all carriers for which the provider is agreeing to provide services to health plan enrollees; ~~and~~

(3) Contact information for the carrier's employee responsible for negotiating all contract terms with the provider, including, but not limited to, the fee schedule. Contact information provided under this subparagraph must include, at a minimum, the position title of the

carrier's employee, the employee's telephone number and the employee's e-mail address. A carrier shall update this contact information on the carrier's electronic portal for providers or, if the carrier does not have an electronic portal, by other means of electronic notification to providers.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 296**

**H.P. 1198 - L.D. 1787**

**An Act to Increase Seed Money Contribution Limits for Gubernatorial Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

**Sec. 1.** 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2007, c. 571, §10, is further amended to read:

**9. Seed money contribution.** "Seed money contribution" means, for a gubernatorial participating candidate, a contribution of no more than \$250 per individual made to the participating candidate, including the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner. For any other participating candidate, "seed money contribution" means a contribution of no more than \$100 per individual made to ~~a~~ the participating candidate, including the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 297**

**H.P. 1200 - L.D. 1789**

**An Act to Amend the Education Requirements in the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Laws**

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

**Sec. 1.** 32 MRSA §12228, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 478, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Education requirement requirements.** The education requirement for a license ~~is~~ and the education requirement to take the examination are as follows:

B. At least 150 semester hours of education, including a minimum 4-year baccalaureate or higher degree conferred by a college or university acceptable to the board, the total educational program

to include basic courses in accounting and auditing determined to be appropriate under board rules, is required for licensure. Rules adopted by the board pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and

C. An examination applicant who has successfully completed at least 120 semester hours of education, including the basic courses in accounting and auditing required by paragraph B, and who expects to complete a minimum 4-year baccalaureate or higher degree required in paragraph B ~~within 120 days following the examination~~ is eligible to take the examination. ~~Grades may not be released, nor may credit for the examination or any part of the examination be given to the applicant unless the degree required in paragraph B is completed within 120 days following the examination or within such time as the board in its sole discretion may determine.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 298**

**H.P. 1205 - L.D. 1800**

**An Act to Prohibit Health Care Entities Providing Dental Plans from Requiring a Dental Provider to Charge Fees for Uncovered Dental Services**

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

**Sec. 1.** 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-I is enacted to read:

**12-I. Title 24-A, sections 2770-A, 2847-X and 4261.** Fees for covered dental care services, Title 24-A, sections 2770-A, 2847-X and 4261;

**Sec. 2.** 24-A MRSA §2770-A is enacted to read:

**§2770-A. Fees for covered dental services**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an insurance policy or contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.

B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.

**2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered.** An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or that issues health insurance that covers dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the insurer for a service that is not a covered dental service.

**3. Fees for covered dental services.** A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the insurer in good faith and may not be nominal.

**Sec. 3.** 24-A MRSA §2847-X is enacted to read:

**§2847-X. Fees for covered dental services**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an insurance policy or contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.

B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.

**2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered.** An insurer that issues group dental insurance or that issues group health insurance that covers dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the insurer for a service that is not a covered dental service.

**3. Fees for covered dental services.** A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the insurer in good faith and may not be nominal.

**Sec. 4.** 24-A MRSA §4261 is enacted to read:

**§4261. Fees for covered dental services**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Covered dental service" means a dental service for which reimbursement is available under an individual or group contract or for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual or lifetime maximum, frequency limitation, alternative benefit payment or any other similar limitation.

B. "Dental provider" means a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3.

**2. Prohibition of required fees for dental services not covered.** A health maintenance organization that issues individual or group dental insurance or individual or group contracts that include coverage for dental services may not require, directly or indirectly, that a participating dental provider provide dental services at a fee set by, or subject to the approval of, the health maintenance organization for a service that is not a covered dental service.

**3. Fees for covered dental services.** A fee for a covered dental service must be set by the health maintenance organization in good faith and may not be nominal.

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**CHAPTER 299**

**H.P. 1217 - L.D. 1819**

**An Act Regarding the  
Brunswick Naval Air Station  
Job Increment Financing Fund**

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

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA §13083-S-1, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §9, is amended to read:

F. Payments to the fund are not allowed for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2031~~ 2035. If at least ~~5,000~~ 8,000 net new jobs are created in the base area prior to ~~2031~~ 2035, the services funded under paragraphs A and B must be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters in order to determine whether continuance of the fund is necessary.

**Sec. 2. Annual financial report; strategic plan.** The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority shall include in its annual financial report for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13083-S, subsection 1 a strategic plan for the transfer of properties from the possession of the authority to a public or private party.

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**CHAPTER 300**

**S.P. 716 - L.D. 1834**

**An Act to Clarify the  
Availability of Alternative  
Claims Payment Methods to  
Dental Care Providers**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 232, §1, is further amended to read:

**1-A.** A claimant, including a health care provider, may submit simultaneously a claim for payment with all carriers potentially liable for payment of the claim whether primary or secondary. Payment or denial of a claim by each carrier must be made within 30 calendar days after the carrier has received all information needed to pay or deny the claim whether or not another carrier with which it is attempting to coordinate has acted on the claim. Upon request by a health care provider, a carrier shall provide the health care provider a method for making a claims payment using an electronic funds transfer through the automated clearing-house network. Any payment made must be in accordance with rules adopted by the superintendent relative to coordination of benefits. For the purposes of this subsection, "health care provider" includes a person licensed to provide dental care services under Title 32, chapter 143, subchapter 3 and "carrier" includes an insurer that provides dental insurance.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 301**

**S.P. 728 - L.D. 1858**

**An Act to Promote Local Seafood in Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 101, §1, is further amended to read:

**12. Local Foods Fund.** The Local Foods Fund is established within the department. The fund is authorized to receive revenue from public and private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The fund must be used to match \$1 for every ~~\$3~~ \$2 a school administrative unit pays for produce, value-added dairy, protein, including seafood, or processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, person who fishes commercially, aquaculture farmer, farmers' cooperative, aquaculture farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State, to a maximum state contribution of ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and subsequent years or ~~\$5,500~~ \$11,000 per school administrative unit if funding is received and the school administrative unit sends a food service employee to local foods training administered by the department under subsection 13. All foods purchased using the fund must be grown,

caught or produced in the State, with the exception of processed and value-added food products produced in the State, which must meet standards set by the department. The department shall create standards for allowable processed and value-added food products produced in the State and provide guidance to school administrative units regarding which of those products are allowable for reimbursement under this subsection and subsection 12-A. At the end of the fiscal year, the school administrative unit may provide the department with receipts documenting purchases pursuant to this subsection during that year. Reimbursement or partial reimbursement to school administrative units may only be made up to the amount available in the fund. Failure to reimburse does not constitute an obligation on behalf of the State to a school administrative unit. The department shall apply for federal grant funding to provide state contributions in excess of \$5,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2021-22 and subsequent years pursuant to this subsection if applicable grant funding is available. The department may accept grant funding from hospitals and other sources to provide state contributions in excess of \$5,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2021-22 and subsequent years pursuant to this subsection. Any available unexpended balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year may be used for training and materials related to the Local Foods Fund programs.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§12-A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 426, §2, is amended to read:

**12-A. Local Foods Fund reimbursement.** Reimbursement or partial reimbursement to school administrative units may be made only up to the amount appropriated to support the provisions of the Local Foods Fund as established in subsection 12. Funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose or for training and materials related to the Local Foods Fund programs.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. OOO, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

Funds received for the purposes of this subsection may be used to contract with 3rd-party entities to provide training.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§13-A** is enacted to read:

**13-A. Data collection; annual report to Legislature.** The department shall collect data on the usage of the Local Foods Fund under subsection 12 and the local foods training program under subsection 13 by school administrative units, including the procurement of seafood. Beginning January 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

education matters and marine resources matters on program participation, seafood purchases made by school administrative units and recommendations for program improvement. Each of the joint standing committees may report out legislation related to the content of the report.

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**CHAPTER 302**

**H.P. 1257 - L.D. 1886**

**An Act to Include Serious Bodily Injury in the Law Governing Motor Vehicle Violations Resulting in Death**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2413-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 182, §1, is amended to read:

**§2413-A. Motor vehicle violation resulting in death or serious bodily injury**

**1. Offense.** A person commits the civil violation of motor vehicle violation resulting in death or serious bodily injury if that person, while operating a motor vehicle and committing a traffic infraction, causes the death or serious bodily injury of another person.

**2. Pleading and proof.** The State must prove that the defendant's committing a traffic infraction while operating a motor vehicle caused the death or serious bodily injury under subsection 1. The court shall apply Title 17-A, section 33 in assessing any causation under this section.

**3. Penalties.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$5,000 may be adjudged. Any portion of the fine adjudged may be satisfied by a court-ordered requirement of community service work. The court shall also impose a license suspension of no less than 14 days and up to 4 years.

**4. Definition.** As used in this section, "serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 23.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 303**

**H.P. 1271 - L.D. 1900**

**An Act to Bring Parity to the State's Recognition of the Wabanaki Nations' Authority to Provide Electric Power Districts and Child Support Enforcement**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2201-A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 300, §1, is amended to read:

**§2201-A. Notice to licensing boards and obligor; judicial review; Penobscot Nation; Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Board" means any bureau, board or commission listed in Title 10, section 8001 or 8001-A, any other licenser that is affiliated with or is a part of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

B. "Support obligor" or "obligor" means an individual who owes a duty of support and over whom the Penobscot Nation and the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court have jurisdiction or over whom the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Maliseet Tribal Court have jurisdiction.

C. "Support order" or "order of support" means a judgment, decree or order, whether temporary, final or subject to modification, issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court for the support and maintenance of a child or a child and the parent with whom the child is living that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages or reimbursement and may include related costs and fees, interest and penalties, income withholding, attorney's fees and other relief.

**2. Notice.** The Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may serve notice upon a support obligor who is not in compliance with an order of support that informs the obligor of the Penobscot Nation's or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' intention to submit the obligor's name to the appropriate board as a licensee who is not in compliance with an order of support. The notice must inform the obligor that:

A. The obligor may request a court hearing in the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court to contest the issue of compliance;

B. A request for hearing must be made in writing and must be received by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court within 20 days of service;

C. If the obligor requests a hearing within 20 days of service, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians will stay the action to certify the obligor to a board for noncompliance with an order of support pending a hearing;

D. If the obligor does not request a hearing within 20 days of service and is not in compliance with an order of support, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians will certify the obligor to the appropriate board for noncompliance with an order of support;

E. If the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians certifies the obligor to a board for noncompliance with an order of support, the board must revoke the obligor's license and refuse to issue or reissue a license until the obligor provides the board with a written confirmation of compliance from the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that states the obligor is in compliance with the obligor's order of support. The notice must state that revocation by a board or a refusal to reissue, renew or otherwise extend the license or certificate of authority is deemed a final determination within the meaning of Title 5, section 10002; and

F. The obligor can comply with an order of support by:

- (1) Paying current support;
- (2) Paying all past-due support or, if unable to pay all past-due support and a periodic payment for past-due support has not been ordered by the court, by making periodic payments in accordance with a written payment agreement with the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; and
- (3) Meeting the obligor's health insurance obligation, if applicable.

The notice must include the address and telephone number of the Penobscot Nation's or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' support enforcement office that issues the notice and a statement of the need to obtain a written confirmation of compliance from that office as provided in subsection 10. The Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall attach a copy of the obligor's order of support to the notice. Service of the notice must be made in the manner provided for service of summons by the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4. For purposes of this subsection, support enforcement action must be deemed to be an action pursuant to Chapter XIII of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

### 3. Written agreement to pay past-due support.

An obligor who is presently unable to pay all past-due support may come into compliance with the support order by executing a written payment agreement with the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and by complying with that agreement. A condition of a written payment agreement must be that the obligor pay the current support when due. Before a written payment agreement is executed, the obligor shall:

A. Disclose fully to the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in writing on a form prescribed by the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians the obligor's financial circumstances, including income from all sources, assets, liabilities and work history for the past year; and

B. Provide documentation to the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians concerning the obligor's financial circumstances, including copies of the most recent state and federal income tax returns, both personal and business, a copy of a recent pay stub representative of current income and copies of other records that show the obligor's income and the present value of assets held by the obligor.

After full financial disclosure under this subsection, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall determine the obligor's ability to pay past-due support and request the obligor to execute a written payment agreement consistent with the obligor's ability to pay, not to exceed the limits on income withholding in section 2356.

### 4. Failure to comply with written agreement.

Failure to comply with a written payment agreement described in subsection 3 is grounds for license revocation unless the obligor notifies the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that the obligor is unable to comply with the agreement and provides the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians with evidence of the obligor's current financial circumstances to support the claim. The consequences of failing to comply with a written payment agreement and the requirements to avoid license revocation, if the obligor cannot comply with the agreement, must be stated in the agreement. If the obligor claims inability to comply with a written payment agreement, the Penobscot Nation, upon motion to the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court, or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, upon motion to the Maliseet Tribal Court, may request the tribal court to determine the obligor's ability to pay past-due support. After notice and an opportunity for hearing, the tribal court may make a finding of money due and render judgment in that amount.

**5. Hearing.** An obligor may request a hearing in the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet

Tribal Court upon service of the notice described in subsection 2. The request for hearing must be made in writing and must be received by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court within 20 days of service. The issues that may be determined at hearing are whether the obligor is required to pay support under an order of support and whether the obligor is in compliance with an order of support.

**6. Order.** The Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court shall issue an order after hearing without undue delay as to whether the obligor is in compliance with the obligor's order of support. The order must be based on the hearing record. The Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court shall send an attested copy of the order to the obligor by regular mail to the obligor's most recent address of record.

**7. Stay.** If an obligor timely requests a hearing to contest the issue of compliance, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may not certify the name of the obligor to a board for noncompliance with an order of support until the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court issues an order after hearing that finds the obligor is not in compliance with an order of support.

**8. Certification of noncompliance.** The Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may certify in writing to the appropriate board that a support obligor is not in compliance with an order of support if:

- A. The obligor does not timely request a hearing upon service of a notice issued under subsection 2 and is not in compliance with an order of support 21 days after service of the notice;
- B. The Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court issues a nonappealable, final judgment that the obligor is not in compliance with an order of support;
- C. The obligor abandons a timely request for a hearing on the Penobscot Nation's or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' notice of noncompliance and is not in compliance with the support order; or
- D. The obligor fails to comply with a written payment agreement described in subsection 3, does not notify the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that the obligor is unable to comply with the agreement and does not provide the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians with evidence of the obligor's current financial circumstances.

The Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall send by regular mail a copy of a certification of noncompliance filed with a board to the obligor at the obligor's most recent address of record. The certification of noncompliance is prima facie evidence that the obligor is required to pay support under an order of

support and is not in compliance with that order of support.

**9. Notice from board.** A board shall notify an obligor certified by the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under subsection 8, without undue delay, that the obligor's application for the issuance or renewal of a license may not be granted or that the obligor's license has been revoked because the obligor's name has been certified by the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians as a support obligor who is not in compliance with an order of support. The notice constitutes final agency action for the purposes of judicial review under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 11006, the Superior Court may supplement the record, including records of any proceedings before the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that resulted in the certification under subsection 8.

**10. Written confirmation of compliance.** When an obligor who is served notice under subsection 2 subsequently complies with the official order of support, the Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall provide the obligor with written confirmation that the obligor is in compliance with the order of support.

**11. Agreements.** The Penobscot Nation or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the various boards may enter into agreements that are necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.

**12. Motion to modify order of support; stay.** This section does not prohibit a support obligor from filing a motion to modify support with the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court or the Maliseet Tribal Court.

**13. Reporting.** As soon as economically feasible and at least annually, all boards subject to this section and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Division of Administrative Services shall provide to the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians specified information in machine-readable or electronic form, according to standards established by the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, about applicants for licensure and all current licensees. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities shall provide the specified information for only those current licensees who are residents of this State. The information to be provided must include all of the following information about the licensee:

- A. Name;
- B. Address of record;
- C. Federal employer identification number or social security number;
- D. Type of license;
- E. Effective date of license or renewal;

- F. Expiration date of license; and
- G. Active or inactive status.

**14. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report.** The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide annually to the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in machine-readable or electronic form watercraft, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle registration information concerning obligors who are residents of this State. The information to be provided must include all of the following information about the registrant:

- A. Name;
- B. Address of record;
- C. Make, model and identification number for each watercraft registered under Title 12, section 13052; each snowmobile registered under Title 12, section 13104; and each all-terrain vehicle registered under Title 12, section 13155;
- D. Type of registration;
- E. Effective date of registration or registration renewal; and
- F. Expiration of registration.

**15. Subsequent reissuance, renewal or other extension of license or certificate.** A board may reissue, renew or otherwise extend the license or certificate of authority of the obligor in accordance with the board's rules after the board receives a copy of the written confirmation of compliance specified in subsection 10. A board may waive any applicable requirement for reissuance, renewal or other extension if it determines that the imposition of that requirement places an undue burden on the obligor and that waiver of the requirement is consistent with the public interest.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3916**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 189, §1, is amended to read:

**§3916. Tribal power districts**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Passamaquoddy Indian territory" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 6.
- B. "Passamaquoddy Tribe" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 7.
- C. "Penobscot Indian territory" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 9.
- D. "Penobscot Nation" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 10.
- E. "Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 2.

F. "Houlton Band Trust Land" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 2-A.

G. "Mi'kmaq Nation" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 7203, subsection 4.

H. "Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 7203, subsection 6.

**2. Construction and application.** This section must be construed to provide the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe the opportunity to acquire, develop, finance and provide electric power within their respective trust lands and Indian territories to allow them to develop a sustainable local economy. The rights applicable to municipal power districts as provided in this chapter apply to any tribal power district of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Penobscot Nation or the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

**3. Tribal power districts.** ~~Under the authority specified in Title 30, section 6206, subsection 1~~ The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe may form power districts pursuant to this chapter, referred to in this section as "tribal power districts." A tribal power district formed by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Penobscot Nation or the Passamaquoddy Tribe may consist of all or part of the Houlton Band Trust Land, the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land, the Penobscot Indian territory or the Passamaquoddy Indian territory, respectively. For the purpose of forming a tribal power district, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Penobscot Nation or the Passamaquoddy Tribe shall designate appropriate tribal officers and proceedings in place of municipal officers and proceedings to implement the provisions of this chapter and any other laws referenced in this chapter.

Subject to the approval of the commission under sections 2102 and 2105, a tribal power district may furnish electric power transmission, distribution and supply services within the district. An application by a tribal power district to furnish electric power transmission, distribution or supply services must identify the boundaries of the trust land or Indian territory to be served. Approval of the commission under sections 2102 and 2105 is not required for a tribal power district to generate or manufacture electricity within the district or to purchase, acquire, accumulate or sell electricity at wholesale or by private contract for use within the tribal power district.

A tribal power district has the same rights, powers, privileges, obligations and limitations of a municipal power district formed under this chapter, including, but not limited to, the issuance of revenue obligation securities; the exemption of district property from taxation under Title 36, section 651; and, in the case of a tribal power

district that has received approval from the commission under sections 2102 and 2105, the right of eminent domain as provided under section 3911.

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**CHAPTER 304**

**S.P. 746 - L.D. 1905**

**An Act Regarding the Authority of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Licensing Boards and Commissions Within That Office to Pursue Complaints**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§5-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 167, §§7 to 9, is further amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) Delegate to staff the authority to review and approve applications for licensure pursuant to procedures and criteria established by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subparagraph are routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§5-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 167, §§7 to 9, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6-A) to read:

(6-A) Delegate to staff the authority to determine if a pending complaint describes a violation of law or rule that is not within the authority of the office, board or commission to enforce; and

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**CHAPTER 305**

**S.P. 768 - L.D. 1961**

**An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Licensure of Certain Facilities by the Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-C, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 309, §7, is amended to read:

C. A conditional license for a personal care agency with a provisional or a full license that fails to comply with applicable laws and rules when, in the judgment of the commissioner, issuing a conditional license is in the best interest of the public. The conditional license must specify what corrections the personal care agency is required to make during the term of the conditional license and a timeline for those corrections. The conditional license may be issued for a period of time not more than 12 months or the remaining period of the personal care agency's full license, whichever the commissioner determines is appropriate considering the laws and rules violated. A conditional license may be issued to an agency upon initial application if the agency has failed to comply with applicable laws and rules while operating under another license.

**Sec. A-2. 22 MRSA §1813, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 488, §1, is amended to read:

For nursing facilities providing both nursing ~~home~~ facility and assisted ~~living~~ housing services, the department shall issue one license reflecting both levels of care. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

**Sec. A-3. 22 MRSA §7701, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 645, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Facility.** As used in this subtitle, the word "facility" means any of the places described in section 7801 or defined in section 8001, 8101, 8201 or 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

**Sec. A-4. 22 MRSA §7802, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 386, §2, is amended to read:

C. A conditional license or approval may be issued by the department when the individual or agency fails to comply with applicable ~~law~~ laws and rules and, in the judgment of the commissioner, the best interest of the public would be so served by issuing a conditional license or approval. The conditional license or approval ~~shall~~ must specify when and what corrections must be made during the term of the conditional license or approval. A conditional license or approval may be issued upon initial application to an individual or agency that has failed to comply with applicable laws and rules while operating under another license.

**Sec. A-5. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 176, §14, is further amended to read:

**6. Independent housing with services program.** "Independent housing with services program" means a program of supportive services provided to residents in

private apartments ~~who receive~~ that receives funds through a written agreement with the department's office of aging and disability services.

**Sec. A-6. 26 MRSA §683, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §72, is repealed.

**Sec. A-7. 34-B MRSA §1203-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 227, §1, is amended to read:

A. The commissioner may issue a conditional license to an agency or facility applying or reapplying for a provisional or full license, if:

- (1) The applicant fails to comply with applicable laws and rules; and
- (2) In the judgment of the commissioner, the best interests of the public would be served by issuance of a conditional license.

**Sec. A-8. 34-B MRSA §1203-A, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 227, §1, is amended to read:

**5. Monitoring for compliance.** Regardless of the term of the license, the commissioner shall monitor the licensee, at least once ~~a year~~ every 2 years, for continued compliance with applicable laws and rules.

**Sec. A-9. 34-B MRSA §1203-B, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 89, §7, is amended to read:

A. The department may issue a conditional license to an agency applying for or renewing a provisional or full license if:

- (1) The applicant fails to comply with applicable laws and rules; and
- (2) In the judgment of the department, the best interests of the public would be served by issuance of a conditional license.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 22 MRSA §8752, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Division.** "Division" means the ~~Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services~~ department's division of licensing and certification.

**Sec. B-2. 22 MRSA §8752, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §48, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Health care facility.** "Health care facility" or "facility" means a general or specialty hospital including all facilities under the hospital's license, an ambulatory surgical facility, an end-stage renal disease facility and a state institution as defined under Title 34-B, chapter 1, except that it does not include a facility licensed as a nursing facility or licensed under chapter 1664.

**Sec. B-3. 22 MRSA §8752, sub-§3-A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 358, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. B-4. 22 MRSA §8752, sub-§4-A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 358, §1, is amended to read:

**4-A. Sentinel event.** "Sentinel event" means:

A. An unanticipated death, or patient transfer to another health care facility, unrelated to the natural course of the patient's illness or underlying condition or proper treatment of that illness or underlying condition in a health care facility;

B. A major permanent loss of function unrelated to the natural course of the patient's illness or underlying condition or proper treatment of that illness or underlying condition in a health care facility that is present at the time of the discharge of the patient or that occurs within 48 hours of treatment. If within 2 weeks of discharge from the facility, evidence is discovered that the major loss of function was not permanent, the health care facility is not required to submit a report pursuant to section 8753, subsection 2;

C. An unanticipated perinatal death or major permanent loss of function in an infant with a birth weight over 2,500 grams that is unrelated to the natural course of the infant's or mother's illness or underlying condition or proper treatment of that illness or underlying condition in a health care facility; ~~and~~

C-1. The suicide of a patient within 48 hours of receiving health care services in a health care facility; and

D. Other serious and preventable events as identified by using the most recent version of a nationally recognized quality forum ~~and determined in rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 8756.~~

**Sec. B-5. 22 MRSA §8753, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Notification.** Using the sentinel event notification process under this chapter, a health care facility shall notify the division of a sentinel event within 3 business days after the facility discovers that the event occurred.

**Sec. B-6. 22 MRSA §8753, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Reporting Written report.** The health care facility shall file a written report no later than 45 days following the notification of the occurrence of a sentinel event pursuant to subsection 1. The written report must be signed by the chief executive officer of the facility and must contain the following information:

- A. Facility name and address;

B. Name, title and phone number of the contact person for the facility;

C. The date and time of the sentinel event and the sentinel event case number;

D. The type of sentinel event and a ~~brief description~~ timeline of the sentinel event; and

H. A thorough and credible root cause analysis. A root cause analysis is thorough and credible only in accordance with the following.

(1) A thorough root cause analysis must include: a determination of the human and other factors most directly associated with the sentinel event and the processes and systems related to its occurrence; an analysis of the underlying systems and processes to determine where redesign might reduce risk; an inquiry into all areas appropriate to the specific type of event; an identification of risk points and their potential contributions to the event; a determination of potential improvement in processes or systems that would tend to decrease the likelihood of such an event in the future or a determination, after analysis, that no such improvement opportunities exist; an action plan that identifies changes that can be implemented to reduce risks or formulates a rationale for not undertaking such changes; and, where improvement actions are planned, an identification of who is responsible for implementation, when the action will be implemented and how the effectiveness of the action will be evaluated.

(2) A credible root cause analysis must include participation by the leadership of the health care facility and by the individuals most closely involved in the processes and systems under review, is internally consistent without contradictions or unanswered questions, provides an explanation for all findings, including those identified as "not applicable" or "no problem," and includes the consideration of any relevant literature.

(3) The root cause analysis submitted to the division may exclude protected professional competence review information pursuant to the Maine Health Security Act.

**Sec. B-7. 22 MRSA §8753, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Immunity.** A person who in good faith reports a ~~near miss, a~~ suspected sentinel event or a sentinel event or provides a root cause analysis pursuant to this chapter is immune from any civil or criminal liability for the act of reporting or participating in the review by the division. "Good faith" does not include instances

when a false report is made and the person reporting knows the report is false. This subsection may not be construed to bar civil or criminal action regarding perjury or regarding the sentinel event that led to the report.

**Sec. B-8. 22 MRSA §8753, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 358, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. B-9. 22 MRSA §8754, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §4, is further amended to read:

**1. Initial review; other action.** ~~Upon receipt of a notification or report of a sentinel event, the division shall complete an initial review and may take such other action as the division determines to be appropriate under applicable rules and within the jurisdiction of the division.~~ Upon receipt of a notification or report of a suspected sentinel event the division shall determine whether the event constitutes a sentinel event and complete an initial review and may take such other action as the division determines to be appropriate under applicable rules and within the jurisdiction of the division. The division may ~~conduct on-site reviews of~~ request medical records and may retain the services of consultants when necessary to the division.

~~A. The division may conduct on-site visits to health care facilities to determine compliance with this chapter.~~

B. Division personnel responsible for sentinel event oversight shall report to the division's licensing section only incidences of immediate jeopardy and each condition of participation in the federal Medicare program related to the immediate jeopardy for which the provider is out of compliance.

**Sec. B-10. 22 MRSA §8754, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 358, §6, is further amended to read:

**4. Report.** The division shall submit an annual report by ~~February~~ April 1st each year to the Legislature, health care facilities and the public that includes summary data of the number and types of sentinel events of the prior calendar year by type of health care facility, rates of change and other analyses and an outline of areas to be addressed for the upcoming year.

**Sec. B-11. 22 MRSA §8755, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 358, §7, is amended to read:

**1. Oversight.** The division shall place primary emphasis on ensuring effective corrective action by the facility. The division may conduct on-site visits to health care facilities to determine compliance with this chapter.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §7 and c. 309, §24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2-C. Registry notations.** The registry must include for a certified nursing assistant, a direct care worker and an immediate supervisor listed on the registry a notation of:

A. Disqualifying criminal convictions;

B. Nondisqualifying criminal convictions, except that a notation is not required on the registry for Class D and Class E criminal convictions over 10 years old that did not involve as a victim of the act a patient, client or resident; and

C. Substantiated findings, including but not limited to the following information:

(1) Documentation of an investigation of the certified nursing assistant, direct care worker or immediate supervisor, including the nature of the allegation and evidence supporting a determination that substantiates the allegation of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident;

(2) Documentation of substantiated findings of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident;

(3) If the certified nursing assistant, direct care worker or immediate supervisor appealed the substantiated finding, the date of the hearing; and

(4) The statement of the certified nursing assistant, direct care worker or immediate supervisor disputing the allegation of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident if the certified nursing assistant, direct care worker or immediate supervisor submitted such a statement.

**Sec. C-2. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§3-B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 241, §9, is amended to read:

**3-B. Petition for removal of a substantiated finding of neglect or misappropriation of property.**

No sooner than 12 months after the date a substantiated finding of neglect or misappropriation of property is placed on the registry, a direct care worker may petition the department to remove the notation from the registry if the substantiated ~~complaint~~ finding is a one-time occurrence and there is no pattern of neglect or misappropriation of property.

**Sec. C-3. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §10 and c. 309, §25, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**4. Department verification of credentials and training.** The department may verify the credentials and training of certified nursing assistants listed on the registry.

**Sec. C-4. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4-A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §11 and c. 309, §26, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**4-A. Provider verification fee.** The department may establish a provider verification fee not to exceed \$25 annually per provider for verification of a certified nursing assistant's credentials and training. Providers may not pass the cost on to the individual certified nursing assistant. Provider verification fees collected by the department must be placed in a special revenue account to be used by the department to operate the registry, including but not limited to the cost of criminal history record checks. The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. C-5. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §13 and c. 309, §27, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**6. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses.** An individual with a disqualifying offense, including a substantiated finding or a disqualifying criminal conviction, may not work as a certified nursing assistant, a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor, and an employer is subject to penalties for employing a disqualified or otherwise ineligible person in accordance with applicable federal or state laws.

**Sec. C-6. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §14 and c. 309, §28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**6-A. Background check.** Certified nursing assistants, direct care workers and immediate supervisors are subject to a background check as defined by rules adopted by the department and according to the following:

A. A training program for certified nursing assistants or direct care workers must secure or pay for a background check on each individual who applies for enrollment. The individual's current name and all previous names are subject to the background check. A copy of the background check is given to the individual who, upon successful completion of the training, submits it with an application to be listed on the registry as a certified nursing assistant or a registered direct care worker.

(1) Prior to enrolling an individual, a training program for certified nursing assistants or direct care workers must notify individuals that a background check will be conducted and that certain disqualifying offenses, including criminal convictions, may prohibit an individual from working as a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker.

B. Pursuant to sections 1717, 1724, 2137, 2149-A, 7706, 8606 and 9005 and Title 34-B, section 1225,

licensed, certified or registered providers shall secure and pay for a background check prior to hiring an individual who will work in direct contact with clients, patients or residents, including a certified nursing assistant, a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

C. The department may secure a background check on certified nursing assistants, registered direct care workers and immediate supervisors on the registry every 2 years.

D. A person or other legal entity that is not otherwise licensed by the department and that employs or places a certified nursing assistant or direct care worker to provide services allowing direct access shall secure and pay for a background check in accordance with state law and rules adopted by the department.

**Sec. C-7. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-B**, as repealed by PL 2023, c. 241, §15 and amended by c. 309, §29, is repealed.

**Sec. C-8. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-C, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §16 and c. 309, §30, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. A disqualifying criminal conviction prohibits employment as a certified nursing assistant or a direct access worker.

(1) An individual with a disqualifying criminal conviction is subject to an employment ban of 5, 10 or 30 years. The department shall adopt rules that specify disqualifying criminal convictions that prohibit employment for 5 years, disqualifying criminal convictions that prohibit employment for 10 years and disqualifying criminal convictions that prohibit employment for 30 years.

**Sec. C-9. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-C, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §17 and c. 309, §30, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. Nondisqualifying criminal convictions do not prohibit employment as a certified nursing assistant, a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

**Sec. C-10. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-D**, as repealed by PL 2023, c. 241, §18 and amended by c. 309, §31, is repealed.

**Sec. C-11. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §20 and c. 309, §32, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**10. Complaint investigation.** The department may investigate complaints and allegations against certified nursing assistants, direct care workers or immediate supervisors of abuse, neglect, exploitation or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

**Sec. C-12. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 241, §22 and c. 309, §34, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**13. Substantiated finding; lifetime employment ban.** A certified nursing assistant, a registered direct care worker or an immediate supervisor with a notation of a substantiated finding on the registry is banned for life from employment as a certified nursing assistant, a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 306**

**H.P. 736 - L.D. 1117**

**An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce Through Certified Preapprenticeship Training Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3213, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 705, §12, is amended to read:

**6. Funding.** As funds are available, the Maine Apprenticeship Program, through the department and in consultation with the Maine Apprenticeship Council, as considered appropriate and permissible by the department, shall make available grants to support certified preapprenticeship training programs under this section. A certified preapprenticeship training program shall use the grants to provide meaningful support and stipends to facilitate enrollment and participation in the program. Support may include funding for child care, transportation, training materials, membership fees and costs, tools and personal protective equipment and reimbursement of other expenses that may be incurred by a student an individual to facilitate the student's individual's attendance and participation in the certified preapprenticeship training program; funding for assistance to address obstacles to and to identify and access services necessary for successful participation in the certified preapprenticeship training program; and funding for facilitating an individual's readiness to commence on-the-job learning in a registered apprenticeship program. Stipends may include cash payments. In allocating grants among certified preapprenticeship training programs, the Maine Apprenticeship Program shall give priority to programs that have demonstrated successful enrollment of students from historically marginalized communities. allocate at least 51% of total grant funding to support certified preapprenticeship training programs that have:

A. Demonstrated successful engagement and enrollment of and completion by individuals from historically marginalized communities and suc-

successful placement and enrollment of and completion by individuals from historically marginalized communities in registered apprenticeship programs;

B. Consistently placed individuals in registered apprenticeship programs that result in a total package value of no less than \$35 per hour upon graduation from the registered apprenticeship program, based on Maine Apprenticeship Program evaluations as required pursuant to section 3204, subsection 2. On January 15, 2026 and each January 15th thereafter, the minimum total package value amount under this paragraph must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living is measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum total package value increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢; and

C. Demonstrated the provision of strong, comprehensive support services essential to ensure success, either through the use of funds provided under this subsection or through workforce funds provided by a different source.

Certified preapprenticeship training programs that cannot produce proof that graduates are employed in the field of their preapprenticeship after a period of 6 months following successful completion of their certified preapprenticeship training program or are represented by a labor organization are ineligible for grants under this subsection.

Funding for grants to support preapprenticeship training programs must be awarded to certified preapprenticeship training programs with strong direct entry links with registered apprenticeship programs through a competitive process administered by the department through the Maine Apprenticeship Program and to certified preapprenticeship training programs that train individuals for priority sectors for high-wage, in-demand jobs.

Funding for grants to support certified preapprenticeship training programs may also be used for program development, support and staffing for grantees.

**Sec. 2. Department of Labor; study.** The Department of Labor shall, within existing resources, conduct a study reviewing certified preapprenticeship training programs and registered apprenticeship programs in the State and in other states. The study must include an analysis of the programs reviewed, including but not limited to the funding methods of the programs.

The department shall invite relevant stakeholders to participate in the study. The department shall report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor by December 3, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 307**

**H.P. 818 - L.D. 1243**

**An Act Regarding the Licensing of Assisted Living Facilities**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** placement in assisted living facilities is limited, resulting in waiting lists; and

**Whereas,** existing facilities that are constructing new facilities should be licensed as quickly as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7851, sub-§3-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 176, §7, is amended to read:

B. The department may issue more than one license at the same license level to an applicant for an assisted living facility license or a residential care facility license that, on October 1, 2023, held more than one license at the same license level for services offered in the same location. The department may also issue more than one license at the same license level to an applicant for an assisted living facility license or a residential care facility license if the applicant received municipal approval and permits and project financing approvals prior to March 1, 2023 and began construction, prior to October 1, 2023, on a facility at the same license level for services offered in the same location as long as there were no quality of care and services or resident rights violations of the license substantiated prior to October 1, 2023.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 308**

**S.P. 24 - L.D. 11**

**An Act Regarding  
Temperature Standards for  
School Buildings**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§23** is enacted to read:

**23. Temperature standards for school buildings.** A school board shall adopt and implement a written policy establishing standards for minimum temperatures and maximum temperatures for school buildings. The policy must be posted on the school board's school administrative unit's publicly accessible website. A school board shall seek guidance from the department prior to adopting and implementing the written policy.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 309**

**S.P. 50 - L.D. 124**

**An Act to Protect the Right to  
Food**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §902, sub-§1-B,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 153, §1, is amended to read:

**1-B. Edible landscaping, food forests and community gardens.** The commission shall arrange for and oversee the development and implementation of a plan to incorporate food-producing plants, shrubs or trees into the landscaping of a portion of Capitol Park. ~~Use of edible~~ Edible landscaping must be consistent with the ~~overall~~ plan for the park under section 902-A, subsection 2 and is subject to available funding for the park.

The commission may seek and accept money and food-producing seeds, plants, shrubs or trees from public and private sources for the development and maintenance of edible landscaping throughout Capitol Park and may collaborate with local, state or regional public or private entities with expertise in the design and maintenance of permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens.

For the purposes of this subsection, "food forest" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 292, subsection 1 and "permaculture" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 292, subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2, sub-§6, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 677, §1, is amended to read:

D. Focusing on collective responsibility to amplify the voices of persons experiencing food insecurity; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §2, sub-§6, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 677, §1, is amended to read:

E. Closing the equity gap in household food insecurity by addressing underlying structural inequities; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §2, sub-§6, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. Protecting the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25.

**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §282,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 420, §1, is further amended to read:

**§282. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Direct producer-to-consumer transaction.** "Direct producer-to-consumer transaction" means an exchange of food or food products directly between a food producer and a consumer by barter, trade or purchase on the property or premises owned, leased or rented by the food producer; at roadside stands, fundraisers, farmers' markets and community social events; or through buying clubs, deliveries or community-supported agriculture programs, herd-share agreements and other private arrangements.

**1-A. Consumer.** "Consumer" means an individual who acquires food or food products directly from a food producer of the individual's choosing solely for consumption by the individual or the individual's family.

**2. Food or food products.** "Food or food products" means food or food products that are grown, produced, processed or prepared for human consumption, including, but not limited to, vegetables, fruit, eggs, grain or grain products, herbs, seasonings or spices, milk or milk products, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products, seafood or seafood products, cider or juice, acidified foods or, canned fruits or vegetables, honey, nuts, maple products or condiments or any combination of those items, such as baked goods, sandwiches or other meals, and that are provided in a direct producer-to-consumer transaction.

**2-A. Food producer.** "Food producer" means a person that provides directly to a consumer food or food products that the person:

A. Grows, raises or produces; or

B. Grows, raises, produces or acquires from another source and then processes or prepares in a kitchen.

For the purposes of this subsection, "kitchen" means a room, area, site or location where food or food products are produced, processed or prepared for a direct producer-to-consumer transaction.

**2-B. Food sovereignty.** "Food sovereignty" means the right of persons to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods and the right of persons to define their own food and agriculture systems.

**4. Traditional foodways.** "Traditional foodways" means the cultural, social and economic practices related to the production and consumption of food, including the conveyance of knowledge regarding food production, preservation, preparation and presentation.

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §283, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 314, §1, is amended to read:

It is the policy of this State to encourage food self-sufficiency for its citizens. The ~~department~~ State shall support policies that:

**Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §283, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 314, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Self-reliance and personal responsibility.** Promote self-reliance and personal responsibility by ensuring the ability of individuals, families and other entities to prepare, process, advertise and sell foods directly to customers intended solely for consumption by the customers or their families; ~~and~~

**Sec. 8. 7 MRSA §283, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 314, §1, is amended to read:

**5. Rural economic development.** Enhance rural economic development and the environmental and social wealth of rural communities; ~~and~~

**Sec. 9. 7 MRSA §283, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Right to food.** Protect the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25.

**Sec. 10. 7 MRSA §283-A** is enacted to read:

**§283-A. Food sovereignty principles**

The Legislature finds that advancing the principles of food sovereignty will further the preservation of rural life and values as set forth in section 1-B and protect the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25. Food sovereignty:

**1. Focuses on the people.** Centers the right to sufficient, healthy and culturally appropriate food for the people of the State in food, agriculture, livestock and fisheries policies;

**2. Values food producers.** Values all those who grow, harvest and process food, including women, small-scale farmers, herders, persons who fish commercially, forest dwellers, indigenous populations and agricultural, migrant and fisheries workers;

**3. Localizes food systems.** Brings food producers and consumers closer together so they can make joint decisions on food issues that benefit and protect the people of the State;

**4. Promotes local control.** Respects the right of food producers to have control over their land, seeds and water and protects natural resources for the people of the State;

**5. Builds knowledge and skills.** Values the sharing of local knowledge and skills that have been passed down through generations to safeguard traditional foodways and enhance sustainable food production, free from technologies that undermine bodily health and well-being; and

**6. Works with nature.** Focuses on production and harvesting methods that maximize the contribution of ecosystems and improve the resiliency of local food systems in the face of drought and other extreme weather conditions.

**Sec. 11. 7 MRSA §284,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 625, §3, is further amended to read:

**§284. Authority**

Pursuant to the home rule authority granted to municipalities by Title 30-A, section 3001 and by the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second, pursuant to the authority granted to plantations by Title 30-A, section 7051, and notwithstanding any provision of law regulating food in this Title or Title 22 to the contrary, except as contained in section 285, a municipality or plantation may adopt ordinances regarding traditional foodways and direct producer-to-consumer transactions, and the State shall recognize such ordinances by not enforcing those laws or implementing rules with respect to those traditional foodways or direct producer-to-consumer transactions that are governed by the ordinance.

Pursuant to the authority granted to county commissioners by Title 30-A, section 7505 and notwithstanding any provision of law regulating food in this Title or Title 22 to the contrary, except as contained in section 285, a county may adopt ordinances regarding traditional foodways and direct producer-to-consumer transactions within one or more unorganized territories within that county, and the State shall recognize such an ordinance by not enforcing those laws or implementing rules with respect to those traditional foodways or direct

producer-to-consumer transactions that are governed by the ordinance.

Sec. 12. 7 MRSA §284-A is enacted to read:

**§284-A. Application**

The provisions of this chapter apply to any local food ordinance adopted by a municipality, plantation or county, including those local food ordinances adopted prior to October 31, 2017.

Sec. 13. 7 MRSA §284-B is enacted to read:

**§284-B. Construction**

To advance food sovereignty, the principles of food sovereignty pursuant to section 283-A and the policy of the State as set forth in this chapter, and to protect the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, this chapter may not be construed to require a specific form or framework for any ordinance regarding traditional foodways or direct producer-to-consumer transactions authorized pursuant to section 284.

In accordance with Title 30-A, section 3001, subsections 1 and 3, any ordinance regarding traditional foodways or direct producer-to-consumer transactions must be liberally construed to effectuate the purpose of that ordinance.

Sec. 14. 7 MRSA c. 8-G is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 8-G**

**MAINE VEGETABLE GARDEN PROTECTION ACT**

**§291. Short title**

This chapter may be known and cited as "the Maine Vegetable Garden Protection Act."

**§292. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Food forest.** "Food forest" means a diverse planting of edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature.

**2. Permaculture.** "Permaculture" means sustainable landscape design and ecosystems based on a diversified crop of perennial trees, shrubs, herbs, vegetables, weeds, fungi and root systems that weave together microclimate, annual and perennial plants, soils, water management, wildlife and human needs into intricately connected, productive communities.

**3. Vegetable garden.** "Vegetable garden" means any plot of ground or elevated soil bed on residential property where annual or perennial vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, pollinator plants, leafy greens or other food-producing plants are cultivated.

**§293. Right to cultivate vegetable gardens**

Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an individual has the right to cultivate vegetable gardens on the individual's property or on the private property of another with the permission of the owner of that property, in any municipality, village, plantation, county, unorganized territory or other political subdivision of this State.

**§294. Permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests and community gardens**

Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, any political subdivision of the State may develop and implement a program to promote permaculture and establish edible landscaping, food forests and community gardens in public spaces, including publicly owned properties, rights-of-way, school grounds, parks and parking lots.

A political subdivision of the State that develops and implements a program under this section may seek and accept money from public and private sources for the development and maintenance of permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens and collaborate with local, state or regional public or private entities with expertise in the design and maintenance of permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens.

**§295. No prohibition or regulation**

Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State or any political subdivision of the State may not prohibit or regulate vegetable gardens, permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens in a manner inconsistent with this chapter.

**§296. Construction**

This chapter may not be construed to prohibit the adoption of an ordinance or regulation pursuant to the home rule authority granted to municipalities by the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second; the powers granted to villages, plantations, counties or other political subdivisions of the State by Title 30-A; the powers granted to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by Title 12; and the powers granted to the Department of Environmental Protection by Title 38 of a general nature that does not solely or specifically apply to vegetable gardens, permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens, including, but not limited to, ordinances or regulations relating to setbacks, water quality, plant and animal habitats, water use, fertilizer use, pesticide use or control of invasive species, as long as the ordinance or regulation does not

have the effect of precluding vegetable gardens, permaculture, edible landscaping, food forests or community gardens in any political subdivision of the State.

**Sec. 15. 7 MRSA §318, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 167, §1, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The panel, to the extent practicable, may give priority consideration to applications from applicants who have a history of generational poverty or land dispossession in the United States or from applicants who are veterans. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces and meets the definition of "veteran" under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.1 or who has served or is currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard or Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

**Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §1814**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 240, §1; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§1814. Convey land**

**1. Generally.** Consistent with section 598-A, the bureau may sell and convey lands under this subchapter and improvements on those lands. With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner and subject to the provisions of section 598-A, the bureau may convey interests in lands or lease the same. Any lease to the Federal Government requires the approval of the Legislature. Any lease entered into must be canceled or revoked after due notice of intention to cancel or revoke the lease by action of the bureau when the use for which that lease was given has been abandoned or materially modified or whenever the conditions imposed in any lease have been broken.

**2. Lease for cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for livestock.** Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25, the bureau, with the consent of the Governor and the commissioner and subject to the provisions of section 598-A, may lease the right to use parcels of land under this subchapter for purposes of cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for dairy animals or other livestock. Each lease must contain a provision that authorizes the bureau to terminate the lease at any time when the bureau in its sole discretion determines that termination is in the best interests of the State. The bureau may not issue any adjustment or compensation to any lessee under this subsection on account of that termination. The bureau, to the extent practicable, in establishing a lease under this subsection, may give priority consideration to individuals with a history of generational poverty or land dispossession in the United States or to individuals who are veterans. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means an individual who served in the United

States Armed Forces and meets the definition of "veteran" under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.1 or who has served or is currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard or Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

**Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §1838, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Lease for cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for livestock.** Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25 and consistent with section 598-A, the bureau, with the consent of the Governor and the commissioner, may lease the right to use parcels of nonreserved public land for purposes of cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for dairy animals or other livestock. Each lease must contain a provision that authorizes the bureau to terminate the lease at any time when the bureau in its sole discretion determines that termination is in the best interests of the State. The bureau may not issue any adjustment or compensation to any lessee under this subsection on account of that termination. The bureau, to the extent practicable, in establishing a lease under this subsection, may give priority consideration to individuals with a history of generational poverty or land dispossession in the United States or to individuals who are veterans. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces and meets the definition of "veteran" under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.1 or who has served or is currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard or Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

**Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §1852, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Lease for cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for livestock.** Pursuant to the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25 and consistent with section 598-A, the bureau, with the consent of the Governor and the commissioner, may lease the right to use parcels of public reserved land for purposes of cultivating edible crops, hay or pasturage for dairy animals or other livestock. Each lease must contain a provision that authorizes the bureau to terminate the lease at any time when the bureau in its sole discretion determines that termination is in the best interests of the State. The bureau may not issue any adjustment or compensation to any lessee under this subsection on account of that termination. The bureau, to the extent practicable, in establishing a lease under this subsection, may give priority consideration to individuals with a history of generational poverty or land dispossession in the United States or to individuals who are veterans. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces and meets the definition of "veteran" under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.1 or who

has served or is currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard or Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

**Sec. 19. 30-A MRSA §7051, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 625, §5, is further amended to read:

**11. Ordinances.** Chapter 141, but only with respect to animal control ordinances, subject to Title 7, section 3950, the sale and use of consumer fireworks within the plantation, subject to Title 8, section 223-A, the accumulation of garbage, refuse, rubbish or trash or unwanted or discarded material of any kind or source on private property and ordinances regarding traditional foodways and direct producer-to-consumer transactions adopted in accordance with Title 7, chapter 8-F.

**Sec. 20. 30-A MRSA §7505,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 625, §6, is amended to read:

**§7505. Ordinances authorized under the Maine Food Sovereignty Act**

The county commissioners of each county may adopt ordinances regarding traditional foodways and direct producer-to-consumer transactions in accordance with Title 7, chapter 8-F. Ordinances adopted by the county commissioners govern traditional foodways and direct producer-to-consumer transactions in any unorganized territory within the county whose residents have opted, in a manner prescribed by the county commissioners, to have the ordinance apply in that unorganized territory.

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**CHAPTER 310  
H.P. 118 - L.D. 185**

**An Act to Expand  
Opportunities to Invest  
Municipal Tax Increment  
Financing Revenues**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 142, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (9) to read:

(9) Costs related to the construction, renovation or operation of municipal or plantation public safety facilities, including facilities used as emergency shelters, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed ~~15%~~ 25% of the captured assessed value of the development district;

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 142, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (12) to read:

(12) Up to 50% of the capital costs related to the construction or renovation of ~~a municipality's or plantation's central administrative office~~ facilities owned by a municipality or plantation and used to provide municipal or plantation services, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed ~~15%~~ 25% of the captured assessed value of the development district;

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**CHAPTER 311  
H.P. 268 - L.D. 414**

**An Act to Prohibit Deceptive  
Pricing in the Rental of Short-  
term Lodging and in the Sale of  
Tickets**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 206-D** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 206-D**

**PRICE TRANSPARENCY FOR SHORT-TERM  
LODGING RENTALS AND TICKET SALES**

**§1250-P. Price transparency for short-term lodging rentals and ticket sales**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Mandatory fee" means a fee or charge required as part of an advertised price, including, but not limited to, a resort fee, service charge or convenience fee. "Mandatory fee" does not include:

(1) Taxes or fees imposed by a government or quasi-governmental entity or assessment fees imposed on the transaction by a government-created special district or program;

(2) Shipping fees or charges that reasonably reflect the amount of the charges a business incurs to send physical goods to consumers through the mail, including private mail services; or

(3) Amounts charged for ancillary goods or services offered to a consumer as part of the same transaction.

B. "Short-term lodging" means an accommodation for transient occupancy in a hotel, motel, vacation

rental or similar establishment, typically for under 30 days.

C. "Ticket" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 1301, subsection 1, paragraph C.

**2. Total price disclosure.** A person advertising or offering for rent or renting a short-term lodging or a person advertising or offering for sale or selling a ticket:

A. Shall clearly and conspicuously disclose the total price of the short-term lodging or ticket, including any mandatory fee, whenever the price is advertised or displayed;

B. Shall display the total price of the short-term lodging or ticket more prominently than other pricing information in all advertisements, offers or displays; and

C. May not misrepresent any fee or charge associated with a short-term lodging or ticket in any advertisement, offer or display.

The requirements of this subsection do not apply to a provider of short-term lodging or a person advertising or offering for sale or selling a ticket that complies with the provisions of 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 464.

**3. Enforcement.** The Attorney General shall enforce this section.

**4. Violation.** A person that violates this section commits an unfair and deceptive act and a violation of Title 5, chapter 10.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 312**

**H.P. 396 - L.D. 628**

**An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 171, §1, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Eligibility for students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.** Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements in subsection 1, a student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

This subsection is repealed on September 1, 2026.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

**1-C. Exception for disruption to student's education conditions.** A student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is at least a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because of a disruption to the student's education during the student's secondary school education history. A disruption to the student's education may include, but is not limited to, conditions described in section 5161, subsection 2-A.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5161, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 445, §3, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Education disruption.** "Education disruption" means disruption of the educational program of an elementary or secondary school student as a result of:

A. Homelessness or foster care placement or another housing disruption;

B. Absence for 10 or more consecutive school days due to placement in an interim program more than 10% of the school days in a school year due to unforeseen circumstances, including, but not limited to, placement in an interim program, unplanned hospitalization or serious medical condition;

C. Enrollment in 3 or more schools or educational programs in a single school year during the student's secondary school education; or

D. The student's being an immigrant student or a migrant student.

"Education disruption" does not include an absence for 10 or more consecutive school days as a result of a planned absence for a reason such as a family event or a medical absence for a planned hospitalization or recovery or pursuant to a superintendent's determination developed in accordance with section 5205, subsection 2.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 313**

**H.P. 399 - L.D. 631**

**An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1358** is enacted to read: **§1358. Home distillery establishments**

**1. Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Home distillery" means a distillery located in a dwelling or on property connected with a dwelling, including, but not limited to, a shed, yard or enclosure. For purposes of this paragraph, "dwelling" means a residential structure, including, but not limited to, a house, individual condominium unit, mobile home or trailer, if it is used as a residence.

B. "Mash capacity" means the volume of a mash tun, which is the vessel used to mix crushed grains and water to begin the brewing process.

C. "Proof gallon" means one liquid gallon of spirits that is 50% alcohol at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**2. Personal use allowed.** Notwithstanding chapter 83, the owner of a home distillery may produce distilled spirits solely for personal use, including, but not limited to, personal consumption or serving the product to the owner's family members and guests to be consumed on the premises where the home distillery is located.

**3. Prohibitions.** The owner of a home distillery may not:

A. Have on the premises of the home distillery stills or distilling apparatuses that have a mash capacity of more than 15.5 gallons;

B. Produce more than 24 proof gallons of distilled spirits per person 21 years of age or older residing on the premises where the home distillery is located in a calendar year;

C. Produce more than 48 proof gallons in a calendar year; or

D. Sell or offer for sale any spirits produced in the home distillery.

**4. Violation.** Violation of this section is a Class E crime.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 314**

**H.P. 417 - L.D. 649**

**An Act to Certify Chiropractic Assistants Who Perform X-rays as Chiropractic Radiographers**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §451, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Chiropractic radiographer.** "Chiropractic radiographer" means a licensed chiropractic assistant who has been issued a certificate pursuant to section 559.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §451, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

**3-B. Chiropractic radiography.** "Chiropractic radiography" means the use of ionizing radiation on human beings for chiropractic diagnostic purposes while under the supervision and control of a chiropractor in accordance with this chapter.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §555**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §52, is further amended to read:

**§555. Assistants**

This chapter does not prohibit an individual from rendering ancillary diagnostic or therapeutic services as used in chiropractic practice, other than the adjustive or manipulative techniques, if those services are rendered under the supervision and control of a licensed chiropractor as long as that individual has successfully completed a training program recognized by the board. "Supervision and control" may not be construed as requiring the personal presence of the supervising and controlling chiropractor at the place where those services are rendered, unless physical presence is necessary to provide patient care of the same quality as provided by the chiropractor. This chapter does not prohibit a chiropractor from delegating to an employee certain activities relating to the care and treatment being performed by custom and usage when those activities are under the direct control of and in the presence of the chiropractor. The chiropractor delegating those activities to an employee, to a program graduate or to a participant in an approved training program is legally liable for those activities performed by such an individual, and that individual is considered to be the chiropractor's agent. A chiropractic assistant may practice chiropractic radiography as long as the chiropractic assistant has been issued a certificate as a chiropractic radiographer pursuant to section 559.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §559** is enacted to read:

**§559. Chiropractic radiographer certificate**

**1. Certificate required.** In addition to being licensed under section 556, an individual employed in a chiropractic office whose duties include the production of x-rays and who is not licensed under subchapter 3 must be certified by the board as a chiropractic radiographer under this section.

**2. Requirements.** The requirements for an individual to be certified by the board as a chiropractic radiographer under this section include that the individual:

A. Possesses a valid license under section 556;

B. Satisfactorily completes a board-approved course in radiologic technology that satisfies the standards of care governing the production of x-rays, including:

- (1) At least 50 hours of instruction; and
- (2) Sufficient instruction in:
  - (a) Physics and equipment of radiographic imaging;
  - (b) Principles of radiographic exposure;
  - (c) Radiographic protection;
  - (d) Anatomy and physiology; and
  - (e) Radiographic positioning and procedure;

C. Passes a proficiency examination in radiologic technology developed and administered by or under the authority of the board; and

D. Pays a fee not to exceed \$100 under section 558.

A person registered as active with the American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists or a successor organization meets the requirements of paragraphs B and C.

**3. Renewal.** A certificate issued under this section expires at the end of the calendar year in which it is issued. A certificate holder may renew the holder's certificate upon:

- A. Completion and submission of a renewal application form approved by the board;
- B. Completion of board-approved continuing radiologic technology education during the year; and
- C. Payment of a fee not to exceed \$100 under section 558.

A certificate may be renewed under this section within 24 months of expiration if the certificate holder completes the requirements of paragraph B for or attributed to each calendar year that the certificate was expired and pays the fee required pursuant to paragraph C. If a certificate has been expired for more than 24 months, the certificate may be renewed if the certificate holder completes the requirements of paragraph A and subsection 2, paragraph C and pays the fee required pursuant to paragraph C.

**4. Display of certificate.** A certificate issued under this section must be displayed in the area of a chiropractic office where x-ray production is performed by the certificate holder and in a manner that is viewable by a patient.

**5. Violation.** An individual who violates this section, including an individual licensed under subchapter 3 who allows a violation of this section to occur, is subject to disciplinary sanctions under section 503-B, subsection 4.

**6. Rules.** The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section, including the provision of continuing radiologic technology education for the purposes of subsection 3, paragraph B. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §9854, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 100, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Exceptions.** The requirement of a license does not apply to:

A. A dentist, dental hygienist, expanded function dental assistant or dental radiographer licensed under chapter 143;

C. A resident physician or a student enrolled in and attending a school or college of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry or radiologic technology or an individual who is concurrently obtaining the education and clinical training required by the board by rule who applies ionizing radiation to a human being while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner;

D. Any person serving in the United States Armed Services or public health service or employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other federal agency performing the person's official duties as long as the duties are limited to that service or employment; ~~or~~

E. A cardiovascular technologist credentialed by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Cardiovascular Credentialing International or a successor organization who is performing the activities permitted under this paragraph and is acting under the delegated authority and direct supervision of a physician while the physician is performing cardiac catheterization or electrophysiology procedures. For the purposes of this paragraph, the activities permitted are limited to procedure table actions that are necessary during cardiac catheterization or electrophysiology procedures, including enabling fluoroscopy to start the procedure, changing the field of view, positioning the image intensifier, adjusting collimation, placing the wedge filter, panning the procedure table during exposure, stepping on the pedal at the physician's direction when the physician cannot reach the pedal and performing other similar actions under the delegated authority and direct supervision of the physician; ~~or~~

F. A chiropractic assistant certified as a chiropractic radiographer pursuant to section 559.

**Sec. 6. Exemption from sunrise review.** This Act is enacted without review under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12015, subsection 3.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 315**  
**H.P. 662 - L.D. 1033**

**An Act to Regulate Alcoholic  
Beverage Competitions**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRS**A §1057 is enacted to read:

**§1057. Liquor judging competition event permit**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Homemade liquor" means malt liquor, wine or hard cider made by a person's own efforts in the person's home for personal use that is not offered for sale and that does not contain added spirits.

B. "Liquor judging competition event" means an event where judges evaluate entries of malt liquor, wine, hard cider or spirits, except for homemade spirits, based on a set of criteria to determine a winner of the competition.

**2. Liquor judging competition event permit; eligibility.** One or more certificate of approval holders that are manufacturers may apply for a permit to host a liquor judging competition event subject to the conditions prescribed by this section.

**3. Liquor judging competition event participants.** A certificate of approval holder or a person who produces homemade liquor that does not contain spirits may participate in the liquor judging competition event in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as a person permitted under this section.

**4. Application.** An applicant for a liquor judging competition event permit described in subsection 2 shall submit a written application to the bureau no later than 15 calendar days prior to the date of the liquor judging competition event. The application must include the following:

A. The name and address of each liquor judging competition event participant;

B. The title and purpose of the liquor judging competition event;

C. The date, time and duration of the liquor judging competition event;

D. The address and location of the liquor judging competition event, including a description of the liquor judging competition event; and

E. The address and the location of areas where liquor for the liquor judging competition event may be stored by the applicant for the liquor judging competition event permit.

**5. Fee.** The permit fee for a liquor judging liquor judging competition event permit under subsection 2 is \$20.

**6. Ruling on application.** Upon receipt of an application under subsection 4, the bureau shall immediately approve or deny the application. The bureau shall advise applicants that the permit for a liquor judging competition event under subsection 2 may be suspended or revoked pursuant to chapter 33.

**7. Up to 10 permitted liquor judging competition events per year; one liquor judging competition event per permit.** A person eligible for a permit under subsection 2 may obtain up to 10 permits under this section per calendar year.

**8. Location and participation fee.** A certificate of approval holder issued a permit under this section may charge a fee for participation in a liquor judging competition event. The liquor judging competition event is not required to occur on premises licensed by the bureau.

**9. Conditions.** The following conditions apply to a liquor judging competition event permitted under this section.

A. If the venue for the liquor judging competition event is currently licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor, the bureau shall temporarily suspend the authority of the on-premises retail licensee to sell liquor for on-premises consumption in an area designated for the liquor judging competition event. The on-premises retail licensee may sell liquor for on-premises consumption outside the area designated for the liquor judging competition event.

B. The liquor judging competition event may not be open to the general public.

C. Only judges and stewards may taste liquor entered in a liquor judging competition event. For purposes of this paragraph, "steward" means liquor judging competition event staff that work with judges in conducting the liquor judging competition event.

D. Points of entry to the liquor judging competition event must be clearly marked and monitored to ensure consumption of liquor entered in the liquor judging competition event takes place only within the designated area of the liquor judging competition event.

E. A minor may not attend the liquor judging competition event.

F. A person who is visibly intoxicated may not be served.

G. Homemade spirits may not be entered into a liquor judging competition event.

H. Liquor may not be sold or offered for sale at a liquor judging competition event except as provided in paragraph A.

**10. Rulemaking.** The bureau may adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to administer this section.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1358** is enacted to read:

**§1358. Unlicensed manufacture**

A license for the manufacture of homemade liquor is not required under this Title if the conditions prescribed in this section are met. For purposes of this section, "homemade liquor" has the same meaning as in section 1057, subsection 1, paragraph A.

**1. Permitted liquor judging competition events.** Homemade liquor may be removed from the premises where the homemade liquor was made if the homemade liquor is entered into a permitted liquor judging competition event as provided in section 1057.

**2. Prohibition on added spirits.** Homemade liquor may not contain added spirits.

**3. Prohibition on sale.** Homemade liquor may not be sold or offered for sale.

**4. Violation.** A violation of this section is a Class E crime.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 316**

**H.P. 771 - L.D. 1166**

**An Act to Change the Professional Title and Identification of Physician Assistants to Physician Associates**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2594-E**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 132, §3, is further amended to read:

**§2594-E. Licensure of physician ~~assistants~~ associates**

**1. License required.** A physician ~~assistant~~ associate may not render medical services until the physician ~~assistant~~ associate has applied for and obtained from either the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine:

A. A license, which must be renewed biennially with the board that issued the initial license.

An application for licensure as a physician ~~assistant~~ associate must be submitted to either the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

A license granted by either the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine authorizes the physician ~~assistant~~ associate to render medical services.

**2. Qualification for licensure.** The board may issue to an individual a license to practice as a physician ~~assistant~~ associate under the following conditions:

A. A license may be issued to an individual who:

(1) ~~Graduated from a~~ Has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistant program approved by the board assistants or physician associates accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization or, prior to 2001, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;

(2) Passed a physician assistant national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor organization;

(3) Demonstrates current clinical competency;

(4) Does not have a license or certificate of registration that is the subject of disciplinary action such as probation, restriction, suspension, revocation or surrender;

(5) Completes an application approved by the board;

(6) Pays an application fee of up to \$300; and

(7) Passes an examination approved by the board; and

B. No grounds exist as set forth in section 2591-A to deny the application.

**4. Delegation by physician ~~assistant~~ associate.**

A physician ~~assistant~~ associate may delegate to the physician ~~assistant's~~ associate's employees or support staff or members of a health care team, including medical assistants, certain activities relating to medical care and treatment carried out by custom and usage when the activities are under the control of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician ~~assistant~~ associate ensures that the employees or support staff or members of a health care team have the appropriate training, education and experience to perform these delegated activities; and the physician ~~assistant~~ associate ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician ~~assistant~~ associate who delegates an activity permitted under this subsection is legally liable for the activity performed by an employee, a medical assistant, support staff or a member of a health care team.

**5. Rules.** The Board of Osteopathic Licensure is authorized to adopt rules regarding the licensure and practice of physician ~~assistants~~ associates. These rules, which must be adopted jointly with the Board of Licensure in Medicine, may pertain to, but are not limited to, the following matters:

- A. Information to be contained in the application for a license;
- C. Education requirements for the physician ~~assistant~~ associate;
- E. Requirements for collaborative agreements and practice agreements under section 2594-F, including uniform standards and forms;
- F. Requirements for a physician ~~assistant~~ associate to notify the board regarding certain circumstances, including but not limited to any change in address, the permanent departure of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate from the State, any criminal convictions of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate and any discipline by other jurisdictions of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate;
- G. Issuance of temporary physician ~~assistant~~ associate licenses;
- H. Appointment of an advisory committee for continuing review of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate rules. The physician ~~assistant~~ associate members of the board pursuant to section 2561 must be members of the advisory committee;
- I. Continuing education requirements as a precondition to continued licensure or licensure renewal;
- J. Fees for the application for an initial physician ~~assistant~~ associate license, which may not exceed \$300; and
- M. Fees for the biennial renewal of a physician ~~assistant~~ associate license in an amount not to exceed \$250.

**6. Title and practice protection.** A person who is not licensed under this section may not hold that person out to be a physician associate or use the title or designation "physician associate" or the abbreviation "P.A." or any other title, designation, words, letters or device tending to indicate that that person is licensed under this section, except that a person who meets the qualifications for licensure under subsection 2 but does not possess a current license may use the title or designation "physician associate" or the abbreviation "P.A." but may not practice as a physician associate. Notwithstanding this subsection, a person licensed as a physician assistant as of the effective date of this subsection may use the title or designation "physician assistant" or "physician associate" and this subsection does not change any rights or privileges of a person licensed as a physician assistant during the term of that person's li-

cence. Upon license renewal, a person previously licensed as a physician assistant must be licensed as a physician associate and shall thereafter hold that person out to be a physician associate and use the title or designation "physician associate."

A violation of this subsection is a Class E crime.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3270-E**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 132, §5, is further amended to read:

**§3270-E. Licensure of physician ~~assistants~~ associates**

**1. License required.** A physician ~~assistant~~ associate may not render medical services until the physician ~~assistant~~ associate has applied for and obtained from either the Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure:

- A. A license, which must be renewed biennially with the board that issued the initial license.

An application for licensure as a physician ~~assistant~~ associate must be submitted to either the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine. A license granted by either the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine authorizes the physician ~~assistant~~ associate to render medical services.

**2. Qualification for licensure.** The board may issue to an individual a license to practice as a physician ~~assistant~~ associate under the following conditions:

- A. A license may be issued to an individual who:
  - (1) ~~Graduated from a~~ Has successfully completed an educational program for physician assistant program approved by the board assistants or physician associates accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization or, prior to 2001, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;
  - (2) Passed a physician assistant national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor organization;
  - (3) Demonstrates current clinical competency;
  - (4) Does not have a license or certificate of registration that is the subject of disciplinary action such as probation, restriction, suspension, revocation or surrender;
  - (5) Completes an application approved by the board;
  - (6) Pays an application fee of up to \$300; and
  - (7) Passes an examination approved by the board; and

B. No grounds exist as set forth in section 3282-A to deny the application.

**4. Delegation by physician ~~assistant~~ associate.**

A physician ~~assistant~~ associate may delegate to the physician ~~assistant's~~ associate's employees or support staff or members of a health care team, including medical assistants, certain activities relating to medical care and treatment carried out by custom and usage when the activities are under the control of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician ~~assistant~~ associate ensures that the employees or support staff or members of a health care team have the appropriate training, education and experience to perform these delegated activities; and the physician ~~assistant~~ associate ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician ~~assistant~~ associate who delegates an activity permitted under this subsection is legally liable for the activity performed by an employee, a medical assistant, support staff or a member of a health care team.

**5. Rules.** The Board of Licensure in Medicine is authorized to adopt rules regarding the licensure and practice of physician ~~assistants~~ associates. These rules, which must be adopted jointly with the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, may pertain to, but are not limited to, the following matters:

A. Information to be contained in the application for a license;

C. Education requirements for the physician ~~assistant~~ associate;

E. Requirements for collaborative agreements and practice agreements under section 3270-G, including uniform standards and forms;

F. Requirements for a physician ~~assistant~~ associate to notify the board regarding certain circumstances, including but not limited to any change in address, the permanent departure of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate from the State, any criminal convictions of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate and any discipline by other jurisdictions of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate;

G. Issuance of temporary physician ~~assistant~~ associate licenses;

H. Appointment of an advisory committee for continuing review of the physician ~~assistant~~ associate rules. The physician ~~assistant~~ associate members of the board pursuant to section 3263 must be members of the advisory committee;

I. Continuing education requirements as a precondition to continued licensure or licensure renewal;

J. Fees for the application for an initial physician ~~assistant~~ associate license, which may not exceed \$300; and

M. Fees for the biennial renewal of a physician ~~assistant~~ associate license in an amount not to exceed \$250.

**6. Title and practice protection.** A person who is not licensed under this section may not hold that person out to be a physician associate or use the title or designation "physician associate" or the abbreviation "P.A." or any other title, designation, words, letters or device tending to indicate that that person is licensed under this section, except that a person who meets the qualifications for licensure under subsection 2 but does not possess a current license may use the title or designation "physician associate" or the abbreviation "P.A." but may not practice as a physician associate. Notwithstanding this subsection, a person licensed as a physician assistant as of the effective date of this subsection may use the title or designation "physician assistant" or "physician associate" and this subsection does not change any rights or privileges of a person licensed as a physician assistant during the term of that person's license. Upon license renewal, a person previously licensed as a physician assistant must be licensed as a physician associate and shall thereafter hold that person out to be a physician associate and use the title or designation "physician associate."

A violation of this subsection is a Class E crime.

**Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.** Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "physician assistant" appear or reference is made to those words, those words are amended to read "physician associate" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes, except that the words "physician assistant" are not amended when referring to the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and where the words "physician assistant" appear in Title 32, section 2594-E, subsection 2, paragraph A and Title 32, section 3270-E, subsection 2, paragraph A as amended by this Act and in Title 32, chapter 145-A.

**Sec. 4. Scope of practice.** This Act may not be interpreted to expand the scope of practice of a physician associate beyond the current scope of practice for a physician assistant in the Maine Revised Statutes and rules of the Board of Licensure in Medicine pursuant to Title 32, chapter 48 and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 317  
H.P. 833 - L.D. 1258

An Act to Include Qualified  
Out-of-state Electric Vehicle  
Providers and Clarify  
Provisions Regarding Electric  
Bicycles Under the Electric  
Vehicle Fund

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§1, ¶A-2 is enacted to read:

A-2. "Eligible electric vehicle provider" means:

- (1) An authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer in the State or an authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer located outside of the State that meets all of the requirements applicable to in-state authorized licensees of the original equipment manufacturer as determined by the trust;
- (2) A licensed automobile dealer in the State or a licensed automobile dealer located outside of the State that meets all of the requirements applicable to in-state licensed automobile dealerships as determined by the trust; and
- (3) The original equipment manufacturer, wherever located.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§3, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §56, is amended to read:

**3. Incentive Electric vehicle incentive program established; eligibility.** In accordance with the provisions of this section, the trust shall establish and administer a program that provides incentives for the purchase or lease of electric vehicles. A person may apply for and, as resources within the fund allow, receive an incentive for an electric vehicle, subject to eligibility requirements established by the trust. Eligibility criteria for the vehicle must include that the vehicle is a battery electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle; the vehicle is purchased, or leased for a term of 36 months or more, from an ~~authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer or a licensed automobile dealer in the State or from its original equipment manufacturer, wherever located~~ eligible electric vehicle provider; and, to the extent required by Title 29-A, chapter 5, the vehicle is registered in the State. An automobile, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 7, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less is not eligible for the program if it has a manufacturer's suggested retail price greater than \$55,000. To the extent funds are available, the trust may extend program

eligibility to medium duty vehicles and heavy duty vehicles that are battery electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and to electric bicycles in accordance with subsection 3-A. Eligibility requirements for the recipient of the incentive must include that the recipient attests to a commitment to maintain a registration in this State to the extent required by Title 29-A, chapter 5, whether through purchase or lease, of the eligible electric vehicle for at least 36 months from the date of purchase or lease. The trust may require a recipient of an incentive under this section who does not maintain a registration in this State of the eligible electric vehicle for at least 36 months to repay the trust up to the full amount of the incentive. ~~If the trust extends program eligibility to electric bicycles, the trust shall limit the electric bicycle incentives to recipients who are low income and moderate income individuals and to entities that serve those individuals, as determined by the trust. For a recipient to receive an incentive for the purchase of an electric bicycle under the program, the electric bicycle must serve as the recipient's principal means of commuting, as determined by the trust.~~

The trust shall establish the incentive amount for each eligible electric vehicle. The trust shall establish incentive amounts that it determines most effectively increase the use of eligible electric vehicles in the State to advance the State's carbon reduction targets and reduce transportation-related energy costs. For each model of an eligible electric vehicle, the trust may establish different incentive amounts based on the size of the vehicle battery. The trust may establish different incentive amounts for the purpose of providing reasonable opportunity for participation in the program across different customer groups and geographic areas. The trust may establish reasonable limits on the number of incentives per vehicle or per person.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

**3-A. Electric bicycle incentive; eligibility.** If the trust extends the electric vehicle incentive program eligibility under subsection 3 to electric bicycles, the trust shall establish eligibility criteria that include the following.

- A. An electric bicycle incentive recipient must be a low-income or moderate-income individual or an entity that serves low-income or moderate-income individuals, as determined by the trust.
- B. The electric bicycle for which the recipient is receiving the incentive must serve as the recipient's principal means of commuting, as determined by the trust.
- C. The electric bicycle must be purchased, or leased for a term of 36 months or more, from:
  - (1) An authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer in the State;

(2) An authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer located outside of the State that meets all the requirements applicable to in-state authorized licensees of the original equipment manufacturer, as determined by the the trust; or

(3) The original equipment manufacturer, wherever located.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 318  
H.P. 915 - L.D. 1393**

**An Act to Require Continuing Education for Licensed Architects**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §224-B** is enacted to read:

**§224-B. Continuing education for licensed architects**

**1. Requirement.** Beginning July 1, 2026, as a prerequisite to renewal of a licensed architect's license under section 224, an applicant shall satisfactorily complete continuing education courses, programs or activities each year in the area of health, safety and welfare as set forth by rules adopted by the board. The rules must require an applicant to complete not less than 12 hours of approved health, safety and welfare continuing education as a condition of renewal. An applicant may not repeat for credit the same continuing education course, program or activity within a license renewal cycle. An applicant is responsible for maintaining evidence of that applicant's continuing education hours and shall submit such evidence of continuing education hours to the board upon renewal of that applicant's license.

**2. Exemption.** An architect who receives an initial license to practice architecture from any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, is exempt from the requirements of subsection 1 for 2 years from the date of issuance of that initial license, as long as the architect has not been previously licensed by any jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, for a period of 2 or more years.

**3. Program approval.** Each application for approval of a continuing education course, program or activity must be submitted to the board annually according to the rules adopted by the board together with any fees required pursuant to section 222.

**4. Rulemaking.** The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out this section. Rules adopted pursuant

to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the administrative costs of adding one Office Specialist I position to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,117	\$14,685
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,117</b>	<b>\$14,685</b>

**Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352**

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs to manage the newly established continuing education requirements for licensed architects.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,613	\$91,572
All Other	\$16,187	\$15,588
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,800</b>	<b>\$107,160</b>

<b>PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$90,917</b>	<b>\$121,845</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$90,917</b>	<b>\$121,845</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 319  
H.P. 954 - L.D. 1462**

**An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3015** is enacted to read:

**§3015. Regulation of vending of expressive matter**

**1. Expressive matter defined.** For the purposes of this section, "expressive matter" means materials or objects created by a vendor with expressive content, including written material, such as newspapers, books or writings, and including visual art, such as paintings, prints, photography or sculpture. "Expressive matter" includes the activity of performance artists whether or not the artist seeks a monetary donation. "Expressive matter" does not include materials or objects that are essentially commercial in content, any expression that is related solely to the economic interests of the speaker and its audience and expression that does no more than propose a commercial transaction.

**2. Municipal ordinances; permissible restrictions.** A municipality may not adopt or enforce any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the vending of expressive matter, except that a municipality may adopt restrictions regulating the time, place and manner of the vending of expressive matter if the restrictions are:

- A. Directly related to health, safety or welfare concerns;
- B. Necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources and recreational opportunities;
- C. Necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of a park owned or operated by the municipality;
- D. Limitations on hours of operation that are not unduly restrictive;
- E. Necessary to maintain sanitary conditions; or
- F. Necessary to ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other disability access standards.

**3. Existing ordinance or regulation.** This section may not be construed to require a municipality to adopt a new ordinance or regulation pertaining to the vending of expressive matter if the municipality has an existing ordinance or regulation that substantially complies with the requirements in this section.

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**CHAPTER 320**

**S.P. 671 - L.D. 1718**

**An Act to Establish the Maine Charter School Commission as a Public Instrumentality of the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 183, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Maine Charter School Commission.** The Maine Charter School Commission, established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 10-D, is and referred to in this chapter as "the commission," is established as a public body corporate and politic and an incorporated public instrumentality of the State. The exercise of powers conferred by this subsection is held to be the performance of essential government functions.

A. The commission consists of 7 members. The commission shall elect a chair and such other officers as may be necessary to conduct its business. Four members constitute a quorum.

(1) Three members must be members of the state board, appointed by the state board for 3-year terms, and the other 4 members are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate, for 4-year terms.

(2) Members appointed to the commission must have diverse professional experience in education, social services, youth training, business startup and administration, accounting and finance, strategic planning and non-profit governance. In appointing members to the commission, the Governor shall give proper consideration to candidates with experience in a noncharter public school in the State in one of the following positions: school board member, superintendent, teacher and special education director.

(3) A commission member may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms, but may serve again after not serving on the commission for at least one term.

(4) A commission member may receive an amount equal to the legislative per diem and be reimbursed for expenses.

(5) A commission member who is a member of the state board serves on the commission only during that person's membership on the

state board. Upon expiration of that person's state board membership, the position on the commission becomes vacant and must be filled in the manner provided for filling vacancies.

(6) A vacancy on the commission must be filled in the same manner as the position in which the vacancy occurs is regularly filled. A vacancy is filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the person serves more than 1 1/2 years of an unexpired term, that service counts as one term for purposes of the limitation set forth in subparagraph (3).

(7) A member of the commission may be removed for failure to perform the duties of office, as specified in commission rules, by a majority vote of the state board.

B. The commission shall adopt rules for the organization and operation of the commission and to develop, implement and refine its procedures for authorizing public charter schools in this State. Rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this paragraph before June 30, 2014 are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Beginning June 30, 2014, rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this paragraph are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

C. The commission shall, in keeping with its authorizing responsibilities:

- (1) Engage professional and administrative staff, separate from the department;
- (2) Convene stakeholder groups and engage experts; and
- (3) Seek and receive state, federal and private funds.

D. The commission is the sole authorizer in this State for virtual public charter schools, except that a local school board may authorize a public charter school within its jurisdiction that integrates online and on-site instruction.

E. The commission, or a representative of the commission, shall appear annually in January before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to present the annual report required in subsection 4. The commission's appearance before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters must be in person unless otherwise authorized by the committee.

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## CHAPTER 321 H.P. 1197 - L.D. 1786

### An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2660-Z** is enacted to read:

#### **§2660-Z. Information regarding PFAS; private drinking water wells**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

B. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance that is detectable in drinking water using standard laboratory methods established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including regulated PFAS contaminants.

C. "Regulated PFAS contaminants" means:

(1) The specific PFAS compounds regulated pursuant to the drinking water standards adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with Resolve 2021, chapter 82; or

(2) If maximum contaminant levels for PFAS are adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services subsequent to the adoption of the drinking water standards described in subparagraph (1), the specific PFAS compounds regulated pursuant to those maximum contaminant levels.

**2. Posting of information regarding maximum contaminant levels for PFAS.** The department shall post on its publicly accessible website information regarding the most stringent maximum contaminant levels adopted by a federal agency or the State for regulated PFAS contaminants, measured in parts per trillion, that are in effect at the time the information is posted and update the information whenever a maximum contaminant level is changed.

**3. Provision of information to owner of private drinking water well tested for PFAS contamination.** If the department conducts or facilitates the testing of a

private drinking water well for potential PFAS contamination, it shall provide to the owner of the well, by mail and, if possible, by e-mail, the following information at the time that it provides the owner with the results of that testing:

A. Information regarding the most stringent maximum contaminant levels adopted by a federal agency or the State for regulated PFAS contaminants, measured in parts per trillion, that are in effect at the time of the testing;

B. A comparison of the testing results to the most stringent maximum contaminant levels adopted by a federal agency or the State for regulated PFAS contaminants, measured in parts per trillion, that are in effect at the time of the testing; and

C. Information regarding resources available to owners of private drinking water wells affected by PFAS contamination, including information regarding available mitigation strategies for PFAS in private drinking water wells, information regarding entities that test for PFAS in private drinking water wells and information regarding financial assistance, if available, from state, federal and local governments and other sources to support testing and mitigation of PFAS in private drinking water wells.

**4. Provision of information to other private drinking water well owners.** If the department has not conducted or facilitated the testing of a private drinking water well for potential PFAS contamination, the department shall provide to the owner of the private drinking water well, by mail and, if possible, by e-mail, the information under subsection 3, paragraphs A and C if the department has knowledge that the well may be contaminated by PFAS or if the owner requests such information by telephone, in writing or by e-mail.

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**CHAPTER 322**

**S.P. 695 - L.D. 1793**

**An Act to Amend Eligibility  
Criteria Under the Maine Solid  
Waste Diversion Grant  
Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2201-B, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 461, §7, is amended to read:

**4. Eligibility criteria.** The department may disburse grants under the program to any public or private entity demonstrating that a proposed program, project, initiative or activity is, in the department's determination, likely to increase the diversion of solid waste from

disposal within a particular community, municipality or region or the State, including, but not limited to, municipal or regional composting, organics recovery or recycling programs, including the establishment of such programs or the purchase of infrastructure, equipment or other items necessary to implement such programs or improve existing programs; programs designed to provide equipment for or otherwise support residential composting and recycling; programs or business models designed to collect, transport for processing or process organic or recyclable materials; pilot programs designed to evaluate the feasibility of targeted composting, organics recovery, recycling or other waste management programs or initiatives; ~~and~~ initiatives or programs designed to educate certain categories of individuals or the general public about composting, organics recovery or recycling or to otherwise improve individual or community waste management practices; and programs, projects, initiatives or activities relating to the collection and transportation of waste that is diverted from disposal. Grants disbursed by the department under the program to public and regional entities may cover necessary costs incidental to or associated with the implementation of a proposed program, project, initiative or activity, including, but not limited to, the hiring of or contracting with consultants or specialists, the conducting of feasibility studies and the promotion of collaborative regional efforts relating to the collection and transportation of solid waste.

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**CHAPTER 323**

**S.P. 682 - L.D. 1736**

**An Act to Increase the Supply  
of Child Care Services  
Through the Use of Contracts**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Direct contracts with child care providers.** In order to increase the availability of child care in the State and to better stabilize payment practices for providers of child care, the office may directly contract with providers of child care to provide contracted child care slots to those providers in accordance with this subsection.

A. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Direct contract" means a contract entered into by the office with a provider of child care to provide contracted child care slots.

(2) "Office" means the Office of Child and Family Services established in section 5308.

B. The office shall use direct contracts to increase the availability of child care for children under 3 years of age, children with disabilities and children in underserved geographic areas.

C. The office may use direct contracts to increase the availability of child care for children other than children identified in paragraph B based on priorities identified by the office. Such priorities may include, but are not limited to, homeless children, children who are receiving services under the child welfare system, children who need care during nontraditional hours, children for whom English is a 2nd language and other regional child care needs.

D. The office shall review regional needs assessment information to determine priorities for the use of direct contracts, including, but not limited to, needs assessment information from Head Start programs and early childhood learning and development resource groups.

E. To the extent permitted by federal law, the office may use funding from any public or private source for the purposes of this subsection.

F. The office shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 324**

**H.P. 1094 - L.D. 1653**

**An Act to Develop Maine's  
Credentialed Workforce**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 447 is enacted to read:**

**CHAPTER 447**

**MAINE CREDENTIALED WORKFORCE PROGRAM**

**§12995. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Authority. "Authority" means the Finance Authority of Maine.

2. Eligible student loan. "Eligible student loan" means an undergraduate or graduate school student loan obtained for study at an accredited institution of higher

education by a student eligible to receive assistance under a federal student assistance program authorized under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV.

3. Fund. "Fund" means the Maine Credentialed Workforce Program Fund established in section 12997.

4. Priority occupation. "Priority occupation" means a profession needing skilled workers as identified by the authority in consultation with workforce experts and in the Department of Economic and Community Development publication "Maine Economic Development Strategy 2020-2029," or successor economic development strategy for the State.

5. Program. "Program" means the Maine Credentialed Workforce Program established in section 12996.  
**§12996. Maine Credentialed Workforce Program**

1. Establishment; administration. The Maine Credentialed Workforce Program is established to support the credentialing needs of current and future participants in the State's workforce. The authority shall administer the program. The authority's chief executive officer may consult with experts on an ad hoc basis regarding business, education, labor and workforce needs in prioritizing targeted professions.

2. Eligibility requirements. The authority shall establish by rule eligibility requirements for the program, which must include, at a minimum:

A. That the applicant has received an associate degree, bachelor's degree or graduate degree or a credential within 5 years of the date of application;

B. That the applicant has outstanding student loan debt or eligible student loans; and

C. That the applicant is willing to accept and maintain employment in a priority occupation position in the State for a minimum of 4 years in return for repayment by the authority of a portion of that applicant's student loan debt.

3. Application. An application to the program must be made directly to the authority at a time and in a format to be determined by the authority.

4. Maximum loan repayment. The maximum loan repayment amount available to a participant in the program is \$25,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years.

5. Loan repayment agreement; provisions. The authority shall enter into loan repayment agreements with participants in the program on terms and conditions acceptable to the authority, which at a minimum must require the participant and the participant's employer to certify annually, before any payment by the authority under the loan repayment agreement may be made, that the participant has been employed in a priority occupation position for the preceding 12-month period.

**§12997. Maine Credentialed Workforce Program Fund**

**1. Fund created.** The Maine Credentialed Workforce Program Fund is established within the authority as a nonlapsing, interest-earning, revolving fund to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The fund consists of any funds appropriated, allocated or contributed from private or public sources, including from state and federal sources, and any existing funding for other authority programs that, at the discretion of the authority, may be combined with the program. The funds, to be accounted within the authority, must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**2. Fund administration.** The authority may receive, invest and expend on behalf of the fund money from gifts, grants, bequests and donations in addition to money appropriated or allocated by the State and any federal funds received by the State for the benefit of workers in the State who have outstanding eligible student loans. Money received by the authority on behalf of the fund must be used for the purposes of this chapter. The fund must be maintained and administered by the authority. Any unexpended balance in the fund carries forward for continued use under this chapter, except for federal funds that must be expended according to guidelines issued by the Federal Government governing the use of those funds.

**3. Fund expenses.** Costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the fund and of administering the program may be paid out of amounts in the fund.

**§12998. Awards**

**1. Publication of priority occupations.** The authority shall publicize, using a method determined by the authority and taking into consideration the recommendations of workforce experts, the priority occupations for the upcoming application cycle.

**2. Application cycle.** The authority shall publicize the dates and deadlines of the application cycle using a method determined by the authority.

**3. Award amounts.** The authority shall maintain financial projections and establish the targeted number of annual awards to be made to applicants each year who meet the criteria described in section 12996, subsection 2. In accordance with the priority occupations and point system established by the authority, an annual award may not:

- A. Exceed \$25,000 annually;
- B. Exceed \$100,000 in aggregate or 50% of a recipient's outstanding eligible student loan debt at

the time of application to the program, whichever is less; or

C. Be awarded to a recipient for more than 4 years total.

**§12999. Rules**

The authority may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Maine Credentialed Workforce Program Fund N524**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received from public or private sources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	\$500	\$500

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**CHAPTER 325**

**H.P. 1000 - L.D. 1516**

**An Act to Strengthen the  
Maine Development  
Foundation**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §919**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 662, §3, is amended to read:

**§919. Board of directors; officers**

The Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation, referred to in this chapter as "the "board of directors," consists of a minimum of 15 directors elected or appointed to serve in that capacity in accordance with this section. The board of directors shall annually determine the number of directors for the succeeding year. The incorporators shall elect 1/2 of the elected directors from among the private sector incorporators and 1/2 of the elected directors from among the public sector incorporators. The Governor shall appoint 2 directors from among the ex officio incorporators. ~~Except for the president of the Maine Development Foundation, a person may not serve as a director for more than 5 years in succession. Elected directors must be elected to 4-year staggered terms, as provided by the board of directors, and may not be elected for more than~~

2 successive terms. The incorporators shall elect a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer from among the board of directors. The board of directors shall appoint a president of the Maine Development Foundation. The president may not be appointed from among the other directors. Upon appointment, the president becomes a director and the chief executive officer of the Maine Development Foundation.

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**CHAPTER 326**  
**H.P. 889 - L.D. 1366**

**An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Cocaine and the quantity possessed is more than 14 grams; or

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1118-A, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 485, §3, is amended to read:

C. At the time of the offense, the person illegally imports cocaine in a quantity of 112 grams or more ~~or cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.~~ Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

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**CHAPTER 327**  
**H.P. 751 - L.D. 1146**

**An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to Robbery**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §651, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 157, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The actor intentionally or knowingly threatens to use force against any person present or otherwise ~~intentionally or knowingly~~ places any person present in fear of the imminent use of force with the intent:

- (1) To prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, or to the retention of the property immediately after the taking; or
- (2) To compel the person in control of the property to give it up or to engage in other conduct that aids in the taking or carrying away of the property.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

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**CHAPTER 328**  
**S.P. 144 - L.D. 358**

**An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §604, 3rd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 710, §1, is amended to read:

Registers shall ~~photocopy each warranty or quit-claim deed~~ send an electronic or paper copy of transfers received and send the copy to the assessors of the appropriate municipality in the format requested by the assessors within 30 days of recordation. ~~They~~ Registers may charge a reasonable fee for ~~such service~~ a paper copy provided pursuant to this paragraph.

**Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Instruments generally.** Receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in this section or in any other section, ~~the sum of \$19 for the first record page and \$2 for each additional record page or portion of an additional record page.~~ In addition, if more than 4 names are to be indexed, a fee of \$1 must be paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and grantees; a flat fee charged as follows:

A. Twenty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of the State or a municipality; and

B. Thirty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of all other persons.

**Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §2, is further amended to read:

**9. Plans.** Recording, indexing and preserving plans, the sum of ~~\$24~~ \$45;

**Sec. 4. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§13-A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-B, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §3, is further amended to read:

A. ~~Five Ten~~ dollars per page for paper copies of plans; and

**Sec. 6. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-D**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §4, is amended to read:

**14-D. Downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds.** Acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds that is equipped to and voluntarily agrees to provide downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ pursuant to a written agreement with the person requesting the downloads, ~~5¢ 25¢~~ per image ~~or electronic abstract~~;

**Sec. 7. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-E**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §5, is amended to read:

**14-E. Electronic images, or printed images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds website.** Acquiring electronic images, or printed images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds website as follows:

A. No charge for the first ~~500 400~~ electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts, or a combination of the first 500 images and electronic abstracts,~~ acquired by a person in a calendar year; ~~and~~

B. Fifty cents per electronic image ~~or electronic abstract~~ after ~~500 400~~ electronic images acquired under paragraph A in the same calendar year, except that a municipality may not be charged a fee under this paragraph for acquisition of any number of electronic images from a county registry of deeds website; and

C. One dollar per printed image acquired, not including any applicable postage rates set by the county; and

**Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 116, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Surcharge.** In addition to any other fees required by law, a register of deeds may collect a surcharge of ~~\$3 \$5~~ per document for all records that are recorded in the registry of deeds, except those recorded by agencies of State Government, including quasi-independent state entities as defined in Title 5, section 12021, subsection 5, and municipalities.

**Sec. 9. 33 MRSA §753, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §6, is repealed.

**Sec. 10. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 329**

**S.P. 74 - L.D. 138**

**An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§19** is enacted to read:

**19. Public-use airports.** Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the department may not include in any permit issued pursuant to this article any conditions that, as determined by the department, would decrease safety within the air operations area at a public-use airport.

As used in this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Air operations area" has the same meaning as in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, except that, for a public-use airport that does not have an airport security program, "air operations area" means those portions of the public-use airport that, as determined by the department, are substantially similar to those portions of an airport described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, including aircraft movement areas, aircraft parking areas, loading ramps and safety areas for use by aircraft and any adjacent areas not separated by adequate security systems, measures or procedures.

B. "Airport security program" means a security program approved by the United States Transportation Services Administration under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1542.101.

C. "Public-use airport" has the same meaning as in 49 United States Code, Section 47102(22).

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §485-A, sub-§1-E** is enacted to read:

**1-E. Public-use airports.** Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the department may not include in any permit issued pursuant to this article any conditions that, as determined by the department, would decrease safety within the air operations area at a public-use airport.

As used in this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Air operations area" has the same meaning as in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, except that, for a public-use airport that does not

have an airport security program, "air operations area" means those portions of the public-use airport that, as determined by the department, are substantially similar to those portions of an airport described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, including aircraft movement areas, aircraft parking areas, loading ramps and safety areas for use by aircraft and any adjacent areas not separated by adequate security systems, measures or procedures.

B. "Airport security program" means a security program approved by the United States Transportation Services Administration under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1542.101.

C. "Public-use airport" has the same meaning as in 49 United States Code, Section 47102(22).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 330  
H.P. 575 - L.D. 889**

**An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** individuals who are eligible to enroll in certain state programs will be referred to other programs for which they are eligible through an automatic referral project created by Public Law 2023, chapter 412; and

**Whereas,** individuals must be able to opt out of information sharing, and establishing that ability requires a statutory change; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies, quasi-state agencies and other entities are currently developing and implementing the project, and this legislation must take effect immediately to avoid any delays; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3110, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. VV, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Authorization required.** Before providing any information pursuant to this section, the department must receive ~~express~~ authorization from the recipient of assistance agreeing to the release of that information in accordance with ~~federal and state law~~ this section. The department shall develop a simplified process to give the recipient of assistance the choice to opt out of authorizing ~~the~~ a release of information pursuant to this section at the time of application or recertification for assistance under this subtitle or at another time of the individual's choice.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 2025.

**CHAPTER 331  
H.P. 1137 - L.D. 1702**

**An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** many municipalities in the State will hold elections in June; and

**Whereas,** this legislation makes changes to polling place restrictions on candidates, and those changes need to be in place prior to those elections; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1, subsection 5 and includes a write-in candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 51. "Candidate" includes a candidate of any party designation and a candidate that is not enrolled in a political party.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 109, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Influence prohibited.** On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not:

A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office that is on the ballot for the election that day, whether or not the candidate's name is on the ballot, or a question that is on the ballot for the election that day; or

B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office that is on the ballot for the election that day, whether or not the candidate's name is on the ballot, or a question that is on the ballot for the election that day.

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate, or no more than one representative of a candidate, from greeting a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking, engage in the conduct described in subsection 7 or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Other political activities prohibited by candidates; collection of signatures; funding.** On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a candidate or a representative of a candidate may not:

A. Collect or solicit voter signatures on a petition in support of the candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year;

B. Collect or solicit contributions in support of the candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1012, subsection 2; or

C. Collect or solicit qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act in support of the participating candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "participating candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 6 and "qualifying contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 7.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 2025.

**CHAPTER 332  
H.P. 48 - L.D. 84**

**An Act to Improve the  
Coordination of Health Care  
for Minors in State Care**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶U,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §4, is further amended to read:

U. To a panel coordinator of the maternal, fetal and infant mortality review panel pursuant to section 261, subsection 4, paragraph B-1 for the purposes of reviewing health care information of a deceased person and a mother of a child who died within one year of birth, including fetal deaths after 28 weeks of gestation. For purposes of this paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 261, subsection 1, paragraph E and "deceased person" has the same meaning as in section 261, subsection 1, paragraph B; and

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶V,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §5, is amended to read:

V. To a panel coordinator of the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel pursuant to section 264, subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (4) for the purposes of reviewing health care information of an adult receiving services who is deceased, in accordance with section 264, subsection 5, paragraph A. For purposes of this paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 264, subsection 2, paragraph B; and

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶W** is enacted to read:

W. To the medical director of the Office of Child and Family Services or a child and adolescent psychiatric consultant or nurse consultant employed by the Office of Child and Family Services, or to case aide staff when acting under the direction of the medical director or a child and adolescent psychiatric consultant or nurse consultant employed by the Office of Child and Family Services, for the exclusive purpose of coordinating health care of an individual who has not attained 18 years of age and is in the department's custody pursuant to chapter 1071. The department shall request records directly from the individual's providers. Disclosure under this paragraph may include allowing access to health information from a state-designated statewide health information exchange. Information accessed through a state-designated statewide health information exchange may be

used only for understanding and providing continuity of treatment with regard to any current health conditions, medications and immediate medical needs of the individual.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 333

### H.P. 60 - L.D. 95

#### An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Wildlife Laws

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 239, §11, is further amended to read:

D. For a resident 70 years of age or older. For a person who holds a valid senior lifetime license under this section at any time during the calendar year that person turns 70 years of age, that lifetime license includes all hunting permits and licenses authorized in this Part and may renew at no cost a guide license under section 12853. A license holder under this paragraph who qualifies to hunt during the ~~special~~ special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. A person who is 70 years of age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 638, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Paraplegics.** A resident paraplegic or a non-resident paraplegic who is a resident of another state may obtain upon application, at no cost, all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish. A license holder under this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the ~~special~~ special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. The commissioner shall issue all fishing, trapping and hunting licenses and permits applied for under this subsection if the commissioner determines the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection and is not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license. For the purposes of this subsection, "paraplegic" means a person who has lost, or who has permanently lost the use of, both lower extremities.

A license issued to a resident paraplegic under this subsection remains valid for the life of the license holder if

the license holder continues to be a resident as that term is defined under section 10001, subsection 53 and the license is not revoked or suspended. A nonresident paraplegic may apply for and be qualified to be issued the complimentary licenses and permits referred to in this subsection as long as the state where the person resides provides a reciprocal privilege for resident paraplegics of this State.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §19, is amended to read:

**4. Disabled veteran.** A resident disabled veteran or a nonresident disabled veteran who is a resident of another state may obtain upon application, at no cost, all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, and, upon meeting the qualifications as established in section 12853, subsection 4, a guide license. A license holder under this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the ~~special~~ special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. The commissioner shall issue all fishing, trapping and hunting licenses and permits requested under this subsection if the commissioner determines the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection and is not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license. For the purposes of this subsection, "disabled veteran" means a person who:

B. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard; and

C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more.

Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. An applicant for a license or permit under this section is subject to the provisions of this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. A permit or license issued under this subsection remains valid for the life of the permit or license holder, as long as the permit or license holder continues to remain a resident of this State or another state and the permit or license issued under this subsection is not revoked or suspended. For a nonresident to be eligible under this subsection, that nonresident's state must have a reciprocal agreement with this State.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §15, is further amended to read:

**8. Members of federally recognized Indian nation, band or tribe.** The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including an archery hunting license under this chapter, and including

all permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, to a person who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Mi'kmaq Nation that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or fee pursuant to section 11109, if the person presents certification from the appropriate reservation chief or governor or the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council stating that the person described is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. Members of a federally recognized Indian nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection are exempt from the trapper education program required for a license under section 12201, the bear trapping education course required by section 12260-A, subsection 4 and the archery hunter education course under section 11106. A license holder under this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §2 and affected by §23, is further amended to read:

A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person under 16 years of age, is \$8 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a resident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt at no additional cost. A license holder under this paragraph who qualifies to hunt during the special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. A resident junior hunting license does not exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under this Part. A resident under 16 years of age who hunts without a resident junior hunting license commits a civil violation.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §3 and affected by §23, is further amended to read:

F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person under 16 years of age, is \$35 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a nonresident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt at no

additional cost. A license holder under this paragraph who qualifies to hunt during the special expanded archery season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. A nonresident junior hunting license does not exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under this Part. A nonresident under 16 years of age who hunts without a nonresident junior hunting license commits a civil violation.

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

C. Three antlerless deer and one deer of either sex during the special expanded archery season in accordance with section 11402, subsection 4 rules adopted pursuant to section 11401.

**Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11153**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. C, §5, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§11153. ~~Special-season~~ Expanded archery season deer permits; fees**

**Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §11153, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. C, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. ~~Special-season~~ Expanded archery season deer hunting permits; authority to issue for ~~special-season~~ fees.** The commissioner may implement a permit system to regulate hunter participation in a ~~special-season~~ the expanded archery season established by the commissioner pursuant to ~~section 11402, subsection 4, paragraph B~~ section 11401, subsection 2, paragraph B and the number, sex and age of deer harvested. A person may hunt or possess a deer of either sex during a ~~special-season~~ the expanded archery season on deer if that person has a valid permit issued by the commissioner. If permits are issued, the fee for an either-sex permit is \$32 and the fee for an antlerless deer permit is \$12.

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §11153, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Prohibition.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not hunt deer during a ~~special-season~~ the expanded archery season established under this section unless that person has a valid permit issued pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 134, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and sections 10952, 11152, 11153, 11403 and

11404 or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to ~~section 11402, subsection 4~~ subsection 2, there is an open season for deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State between September 15th and December 20th annually. In a year that the regular season extends beyond November 30th, the regular season must start no later than the 4th Monday preceding Thanksgiving.

**Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Rule.** The commissioner by rule may:

A. Open any of the areas closed to deer hunting listed in rule, as long as the legislative body of each affected town approves the opening. For purposes of this subsection, "affected town" means a town, township or municipality that contains within its borders any area proposed to be opened pursuant to this paragraph;

B. Create special hunting seasons or expanded archery seasons for the taking of deer in any part of the State to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat, subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

(1) The demarcation of each area must follow recognizable physical boundaries, such as rivers, roads and railroad rights-of-way.

(2) The commissioner may establish limits on the number of deer taken or possessed by persons during a special season or expanded archery season. Limits established by the commissioner under this subparagraph are exceptions to the limits imposed under section 11501.

(3) The commissioner may specify types of weapons and hunting methods to be used during a special season or expanded archery season.

(4) The commissioner may specify fees for permits issued during a special season, as long as they do not exceed the fees established in section 11153; and

C. Establish a 2-day youth deer hunting period, to be held on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Saturday designated as an open day for residents of the State pursuant to section 11401.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §11402**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 593, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §12804**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §40, is further amended to read:

**§12804. Conservation of threatened and endangered species**

**1. Conservation of nongame threatened and endangered species.** The commissioner may establish such programs as are necessary to bring any endangered or threatened species to the point where it is no longer endangered or threatened, including:

A. Acquisition of land or aquatic habitat or interests in land or aquatic habitat;

B. Propagation;

C. Live trapping;

D. Transplantation. Prior to the transplantation, introduction or reintroduction of an endangered or threatened species in the State, the commissioner shall, in conjunction with the Department of Marine Resources, when appropriate, develop a recovery plan for that species, conduct a public hearing on that recovery plan pursuant to Title 5, Part 18 and submit that plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters. The introduction or reintroduction of that species must be conducted in accordance with the recovery plan developed under this paragraph and may not begin sooner than 90 days after all conditions of this paragraph have been met; and

E. In the extraordinary case where population pressures ~~within a given group ecosystem can not~~ for a given species cannot be otherwise relieved, regulated taking.

**2. Habitat.** For species designated as endangered or threatened under this subchapter the commissioner may by rule identify areas currently or historically providing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species and that may require special management considerations. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**3. Protection guidelines.** The commissioner may by rule develop guidelines for the protection of species designated as endangered or threatened under this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**5. Confidential information.** Specific information concerning the location of a threatened or endangered species or species of special concern is confidential ~~and not a public record under Title 1, chapter 13 if, in the judgment of the commissioner, disclosure of that information would threaten the continued existence of the threatened or endangered species or species of special concern.~~ If the commissioner determines that information is confidential under this subsection, the commissioner may not disclose the information except to the landowner whose property is the location of the

threatened or endangered species or species of special concern.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 334  
H.P. 109 - L.D. 176**

**An Act to Authorize the  
Formation of Emergency  
Medical Services Districts**

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 164, headnote** is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 164**

**FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
DISTRICTS**

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3531, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 698, §2, is amended to read:

**1. District.** "~~District~~" "District," "emergency medical services district" or "fire district" means a district created by vote of a group of municipalities for the purpose of providing fire protection or emergency medical services.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3532, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 698, §2, is amended to read:

**2. General powers; area of service.** The district formed under subsection 1 is a quasi-municipal corporation that may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a name, adopt and alter a common seal, borrow funds and do all things necessary to furnish emergency medical services or fire protection within that district.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §3532, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 698, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Draft agreement.** Prior to voting on formation of a an emergency medical services district or a fire district, the municipalities shall negotiate an agreement on terms for governing the district, including such matters as the number and distribution of district directors, length of term for a director, the time frame of the fiscal year of the district and such other matters as are essential to the operation of the district.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 335  
H.P. 113 - L.D. 180**

**An Act Regarding  
Reimbursements by Health  
Insurance Carriers or  
Pharmacy Benefits Managers  
to Pharmacies**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4349-A** is enacted to read:

**§4349-A. Discriminatory reimbursement of pharmacy providers prohibited**

A carrier, or a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with a carrier, may not reimburse a pharmacy provider for a prescription drug or pharmacy service in an amount that is less than the reimbursement amount paid to a pharmacy provider affiliated with the carrier or pharmacy benefits manager for the same prescription drug or pharmacy service.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 336  
H.P. 144 - L.D. 221**

**An Act to Address the Effect of  
Changes to Federal Income  
Tax Laws on Maine Income  
Tax Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5231, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Material budgetary impact.** The assessor may not grant a generally applicable extension of time for payment or filing that would have a material budgetary impact on the State without the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services. Prior to granting the approval, the commissioner shall report in writing to the Governor the nature of the extension and its budgetary impact and shall send a copy of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, the chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and the chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5295** is enacted to read:

**§5295. Temporary adjustments to Maine income tax filing requirements based on federal changes**

**1. Federal income tax law changes; report.**

Whenever it appears to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services that the Legislature has not had the opportunity before the bureau begins processing returns for the most recently completed tax year to conform or adjust Maine laws in response to federal income tax law changes affecting the tax year, the commissioner shall report in writing to the Governor a description of the federal income tax law changes and their potential effect on Maine income tax laws and the state budget. The commissioner shall timely send a copy of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, the chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and the chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

**2. Determination by Governor of temporary adjustment of Maine income tax filing requirements.**

After receiving the report pursuant to subsection 1, the Governor may direct the assessor to temporarily adjust, in a manner determined equitable by the Governor, the assessor's administration of the tax year based on some or all of the federal income tax law changes as the Governor may equitably determine, contingent on the future enactment by the Legislature of legislation that addresses the federal income tax law changes. The Governor, to the extent practicable, shall make the determination consistent with the intent of the Legislature in enacted Maine income tax laws and consider the budgetary implications of the determination and the extent to which the determination reduces the complexity of the affected tax year to ease taxpayers' compliance with, and the bureau's administration of, Maine income tax laws.

**3. Notice.** Immediately upon making a determination pursuant to subsection 2, the Governor shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, the members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and the chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs of the specific direction provided to the assessor and the effect of that determination on Maine income tax laws and the state budget.

Upon receipt of notice pursuant to this subsection, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters may convene to consider action taken under this section. A hearing held

under this section must be held with public notice provided at least 2 full weeks prior to the day of the hearing. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the session of the Legislature to which the report is submitted or, if the Legislature is not in session, to the next regular or special session of the Legislature occurring after submission of the report.

**4. Action by assessor.** Upon receiving the direction of the Governor pursuant to subsection 2, the assessor shall proceed in accordance with that direction, including in the processing of income tax returns and notices, the acceptance of tax payments and the issuance of refunds.

The tax return filing instructions or related public information must:

A. State that the tax return filing instructions and processing of those returns are, in whole or in part, contingent on the enactment by the Legislature of legislation that addresses federal income tax law changes;

B. Explain that a taxpayer may choose to wait for the enactment by the Legislature of legislation that addresses federal income tax law changes by filing under extension pursuant to section 5231, subsection 4;

C. Require a taxpayer that files a tax return to do so in a manner consistent with the issued tax returns, forms, instructions and other guidance; and

D. State that if the Legislature enacts legislation that addresses federal income tax law changes that are at variance with the filing instructions in effect at the time of filing:

(1) The affected taxpayer is not subject to interest or penalty for a resulting underpayment related to the variance;

(2) Any incorrect refund will not result in interest or penalty accruing prior to the date of enactment of such legislation; and

(3) The affected taxpayer shall file an amended return to address the variance.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 337  
H.P. 194 - L.D. 294**

**An Act to Expand Municipal Volunteer Program Eligibility Requirements in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶EE**, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 2, §111, is amended to read:

EE. To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, an amount constituting benefits received under a municipal property tax assistance program established pursuant to section 6232, ~~subsection~~ subsections 1-A and 1-B;

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 159, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Conditions of program.** Except as provided in subsection 1-A and 1-B, a program adopted under this section must:

- A. Require that the claimant has maintained a homestead in the municipality for a certain period of time, as determined by the municipality;
- B. Provide benefits for both owners and renters of homesteads; and
- C. Calculate benefits in a way that provides greater benefits proportionally to claimants with lower incomes in relation to their property taxes accrued or rent constituting property taxes accrued.

A program adopted under this section may impose additional standards of eligibility and procedures, as long as those standards are established by the municipality by ordinance.

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Expanded municipal volunteer program.** Beginning January 1, 2026, a municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that permits claimants who are eligible volunteers to earn benefits up to an annual maximum of \$1,000 or 100 times the state minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664, subsection 1, whichever is greater, by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this subsection.

Notwithstanding the age requirements under this section, for the purposes of this subsection, "eligible volunteer" means a person who is at least 60 years of age or a person who is a volunteer firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4, a volunteer municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 5 or a volunteer emergency medical services person. For the purposes of this subsection, "volunteer emergency medical services person" means an emergency medical services person as defined in Ti-

tle 32, section 83, subsection 12 who is licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 2-B, who receives up to 20% of the compensation of a worker employed 40 hours per week at the state minimum wage and who may receive injury and death benefits.

Receiving benefits from a municipal program established pursuant to this subsection does not make a person ineligible to participate in the program as an eligible volunteer.

**Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

**1-C. Single benefit.** A volunteer may not participate in both a program established pursuant to subsection 1-A and a program established pursuant to subsection 1-B in the same tax year.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 338**

**H.P. 326 - L.D. 497**

**An Act Regarding the Regulation of Significant Vernal Pools Under the Natural Resources Protection Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-BB, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Significant vernal pool habitat; definitions.** With respect to significant vernal pool habitat, define:

A. "Critical terrestrial habitat" to mean uplands and wetlands associated with significant vernal pools used by pool-breeding amphibians for migration, feeding and hibernation, in particular, forested wetlands and forested uplands that provide deep organic litter, coarse woody debris and canopy shade;

B. "Significant vernal pool habitat" to mean a significant vernal pool and that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 250 feet of the spring or fall high-water mark of the vernal pool depression; and

C. "Significant vernal pool protection zone" to mean that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 100 feet of the spring or fall high-water mark of a significant vernal pool depression. With respect to habitat management standards for significant vernal pool habitat, the rule must require no disturbance within the significant vernal pool depression and the significant vernal pool protection zone to the greatest extent practicable;

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-BB, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 231, §§4 and 5, is further amended to read:

2. Certain landowners not subject to regulation. Provide the following exemptions to regulation.

A. ~~A landowner proposing to cause an impact on the buffer area defined for a significant vernal pool habitat is not subject to regulation pursuant to the rule if the significant vernal pool habitat depression is not on property owned or controlled by that landowner.~~

B. If a vernal pool depression is bisected by a property boundary and a landowner proposing to cause an impact does not have permission to enter the abutting property, only that portion of the vernal pool depression located on property owned or controlled by that landowner may be considered in determining whether the vernal pool is significant. A written department determination that a vernal pool is not significant pursuant to this paragraph remains valid regardless of timeframe.

Where the critical terrestrial habitat for a significant vernal pool is bisected by one or more property boundaries, the critical terrestrial habitat located on a property that does not contain the vernal pool depression must be afforded the same habitat protections under the rule as the critical terrestrial habitat located on the property that contains the vernal pool depression.

C. Rules adopted under this section may not require an applicant for a license for a working waterfront activity on working waterfront land that is part of a state or federal brownfields program or a voluntary response action program under section 343-E to compensate for lost habitat function with a function of equal or greater value or to provide a compensation fee pursuant to section 480-Z;

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §480-BB, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

**4-A. Identification of significant vernal pools; drying.** Provide that, when a vernal pool habitat has not previously been determined to be significant and the department or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife makes a determination concerning whether the vernal pool habitat is significant, either department may determine that the vernal pool habitat is not significant if:

A. The vernal pool is located in northern Maine and dries out after filling and before July 15th; or

B. The vernal pool is located in southern Maine and dries out after filling and before July 1st;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 339  
S.P. 325 - L.D. 767

An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing Licensing of Certain  
Types of Establishments and  
Professions by the Department  
of Health and Human Services

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2494, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 125, §11, is further amended to read:

Each application for, or for renewal of, a license to operate an eating establishment, lodging place, recreational camp, youth camp, public pool, public spa or campground within the meaning of this chapter must be accompanied by a fee, appropriate to the size of the establishment, place, camp, pool, spa or area of the licensee, determined by the department and not to exceed the fees listed below. All fees collected by the department must be deposited into a special revenue account established for this purpose. No such fee may be refunded. No license may be assignable or transferable, except as provided in section 2495. The fees may not exceed:

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2495, as amended by PL 2021, c. 125, §13, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

In the case of death of the licensee, a license issued under this chapter may be transferred, for the benefit of the estate of the deceased licensee, to the personal representative, receiver or trustee of the deceased licensee's estate to operate the premises to which the license applies for one year from the date the personal representative, receiver or trustee is appointed, after which the license is void. Pending appointment of a personal representative, receiver or trustee of the estate, the following individuals may be approved by the department to operate the premises temporarily: the surviving spouse; a person who has filed a petition for appointment as executor or administrator for the estate of the deceased licensee; the sole heir of the deceased licensee or a person designated by all of the heirs of the deceased licensee. A person may not operate under the license unless approved by the department. The department may require an individual seeking approval to operate the premises temporarily to provide documentation showing that the individual is eligible pursuant to this paragraph.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2504 is enacted to read:

**§2504. Confidentiality of investigative records**

**1. Complaints and investigative records; confidentiality.** Information identifying an individual who files a complaint in connection with the department's public health activities associated with the department's licensing and regulatory functions authorized by this

chapter and Title 32, chapters 18, 63, 63-A and 64 is confidential unless otherwise directed by the court. With the exception of information that identifies the complainant, investigative records become public records upon the conclusion of an investigation, unless confidentiality is required by some other provision of law. For the purposes of this section, an investigation is concluded when:

- A. A notice of an adjudicatory hearing under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 has been issued;
- B. A consent agreement has been executed;
- C. A letter of dismissal has been issued; or
- D. The investigation has otherwise been closed.

2. Exceptions. Notwithstanding subsection 1, during the pendency of an investigation, the identity of a complainant or the investigative record may be disclosed:

- A. To department employees designated by the commissioner to facilitate the investigation; and
- B. To other state or federal agencies when disclosure is determined necessary by the commissioner to avoid imminent and serious harm. The commissioner may not delegate the commissioner's authority to determine the need for disclosure under this paragraph.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1222, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 264, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. License required.** A person may not practice electrology in this State unless that person is licensed by the department under this chapter. A license issued under this chapter is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A license issued in error by the department is void and must be returned to the department on demand. Notice of the demand to return the license must be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the licensee.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §4252**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 125, §26, is further amended to read:

#### **§4252. Issuance of licenses**

The Department of Health and Human Services may license persons to practice the art of tattooing. Such licenses are issued for a term of one year and may be renewed annually. The fee for an initial license or a renewal license may not exceed \$250. The license for a person engaged in both the arts of body piercing, as defined in section 4321, and tattooing may not exceed \$300. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited in a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program.

**1. Additional inspection fees.** When an additional inspection is required to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure under this chapter, the department is authorized to charge, in addition to the usual fees under this section for one license, which includes

one licensure inspection and one follow-up inspection, an additional fee not to exceed \$200 to cover the costs of each additional inspection or visit. The department may impose on the applicant a penalty for the applicant's failure to pay an additional inspection fee within 30 days of the billing date.

**2. License issued in error.** A license issued in error by the department is void and must be returned to the department on demand. Notice of the demand to return the license must be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the licensee.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §4312, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 383, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Term of license.** A license issued under this chapter expires ~~on September 30th~~ 2 years from the date of issue and is renewable biennially.

**Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §4312, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

**2-C. License issued in error.** A license issued in error by the department is void and must be returned to the department on demand. Notice of the demand to return the license must be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the licensee.

**Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §4314, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 589, §12, is further amended to read:

~~The fee for a license under this chapter may not exceed \$150. The fee required by this section includes the cost of a biennial inspection of the micropigmentation facility by the department. However, the~~ A license issued by the department pursuant to this chapter is issued biennially upon payment of a fee not to exceed \$150. The department may inspect the micropigmentation facility at any time. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited into a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program.

**Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §4324, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 125, §37, is amended to read:

**3. Additional inspection fees.** When an additional inspection is required to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure, the department is authorized to charge, in addition to the usual fees under section 4325 ~~for one license, one licensure inspection and one follow-up inspection~~, an additional fee not to exceed \$200 to cover the costs of each additional inspection or visit. The department may impose on the applicant a penalty assessment for the applicant's failure to pay an additional inspection fee within 30 days of the billing date.

**Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §4325**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 589, §13, is further amended to read:

#### **§4325. Issuance of licenses**

The department may license persons to practice the art of body piercing. Licenses are issued annually by

the department upon the payment of a fee not to exceed \$250. The license fee for a person engaged in both the arts of tattooing, as defined by ~~chapter 63~~ in section 4201, and body piercing may not exceed \$300. The fee required by this section includes the cost of ~~an annual~~ one inspection and one follow-up inspection of the body piercing establishment by the department. Licenses expire one year from date of issue. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited into a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program.

A license issued in error by the department is void and must be returned to the department on demand. Notice of the demand to return the license must be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the licensee.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 340  
H.P. 517 - L.D. 810**

**An Act Regarding the  
Approval of Transmission  
Lines**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 644, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, a high-impact electric transmission line is deemed to have received the majority legislative approval required by this subsection if the high-impact electric transmission line is approved for a contract after a competitive procurement conducted by the commission or a state agency pursuant to statutory authority granted under this Title.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 341  
H.P. 596 - L.D. 931**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Allowing Individuals Subject to  
Pretrial or Presentence  
Incarceration to Be Credited  
Time for Participation in Work  
Projects Within a Jail**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1606, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 169, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Sentence prorated.** Inmates participating in a public works-related project or an improvement of property owned by a charitable organization under subsection 1 and inmates participating in a work project within a jail under subsection 1-B may have their sentences to the jail prorated at the rate of up to one day removed from the sentences for every 16 hours of participation in the project, except that inmates committed to the custody of the sheriff for nonpayment of fines under Title 17-A, section 1711 must have their sentences prorated at the rate that is applicable to the individual inmate pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1711, subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraph (1).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 342  
H.P. 860 - L.D. 1325**

**An Act to Create Clarity in the  
Laws Regarding Property Tax  
Abatement Appeals**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §844, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 396, §18, is further amended to read:

**1. Municipalities without board of assessment review.** Except when the municipality or primary assessing area has adopted a board of assessment review, if the assessors or the municipal officers refuse to make the abatement asked for, the applicant may apply to the county commissioners within 60 days after notice of the decisions from which the appeal is being taken or within 60 days after the application is deemed to have been denied. The applicant may not apply to the county commissioners to appeal a decision of the assessors or the municipal officers with respect to nonresidential property or properties having an equalized municipal valuation of \$1,000,000 or greater, either separately or in the aggregate. The applicant must make such an appeal to the State Board of Property Tax Review pursuant to subsection 2. If the commissioners think that the applicant is over-assessed, the applicant is granted such reasonable abatement as the commissioners think proper. If the applicant has paid the tax, the applicant is reimbursed out of the municipal treasury, with costs in either case. If the applicant fails, the commissioners shall allow costs to the municipality, taxed as in a civil action in the Superior Court, and issue their warrant of distress against the applicant for collection of the amount due the municipality. The commissioners may require the assessors or municipal clerk to produce the valuation by which the assessment was made or a copy of it. Either party may appeal from the decision of the county commissioners to the Superior Court, in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B. If the county commissioners fail to give written notice of their

decision within 60 days of the date the application is filed, unless the applicant agrees in writing to further delay, the application is deemed denied and the applicant may appeal to the Superior Court as if there had been a written denial.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §844, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 548, §13, is further amended to read:

**2. Nonresidential property of \$1,000,000 or greater.** ~~Notwithstanding subsection 1, the~~ The applicant may appeal the decision of the assessors or the municipal officers on a request for abatement with respect to nonresidential property or properties having an equalized municipal valuation of \$1,000,000 or greater, either separately or in the aggregate, to the State Board of Property Tax Review within 60 days after notice of the decision from which the appeal is taken or after the application is deemed to be denied. If the State Board of Property Tax Review determines that the applicant is over-assessed, it shall grant such reasonable abatement as it determines proper. For the purposes of this subsection, "nonresidential property" means property that is used primarily for commercial, industrial or business purposes, excluding unimproved land that is not associated with a commercial, industrial or business use.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This Act applies to property tax abatement appeals filed on or after January 1, 2026.

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**CHAPTER 343**

**S.P. 632 - L.D. 1548**

**An Act to Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §10, is further amended to read:

E. Taking fish by explosive, poisonous or stupefying substances, in violation of section 12653; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §11, is amended to read:

F. Fishing or any violation of section 10906 while that person's license is revoked; ~~or~~

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶G** is amended to read:

G. Illegally possessing live fish, in violation of section 12611.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §§9 to 11, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner shall suspend a person's fishing license for ~~5~~ 10 years and may suspend any other license issued under this Part and held by that person if the person is convicted or adjudicated ~~of illegally importing, transporting or possessing live freshwater fish or fish gametes of an offense~~ under sections 12509, 12510, and 12512 ~~and 12611~~, except that this mandatory revocation does not apply to offenses under section 12509 involving live bait fish or smelts.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12509, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §20, is further amended to read:

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not introduce, import or transport any live fish or ~~gametes~~ fish eggs into the State or receive or have in that person's possession fish or ~~gametes~~ fish eggs so introduced, imported or transported without a valid permit issued under this section.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12509, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may grant permits to introduce, import or transport any live fish or ~~gametes~~ fish eggs into the State or to receive or have in possession fish or ~~gametes~~ fish eggs so introduced, imported or transported if the commissioner determines that the species does not pose an unreasonable risk to any species of fish or other organism after evaluating fish health, habitat and population management issues. The commissioner may not adopt rules or issue permits governing any aspect of either the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic salmon when intended for use in commercial aquaculture in coastal waters, or in land-based aquaculture facilities, or the Atlantic salmon restoration program.

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §12509, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. A statement from a fish health inspector certified by the American Fisheries Society, a fish pathologist certified by the American Fisheries Society or a licensed accredited veterinarian, certifying that the fish or ~~gametes~~ fish eggs are from sources that show no evidence of viral hemorrhagic septicemia, infectious pancreatic necrosis, infec-

tious hematopoietic necrosis, Myxosoma cerebralis or other diseases that may threaten fish stocks within the State; and

**Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12510**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §21 and c. 263, §1, is further amended to read:

**§12510. Permit to stock inland waters**

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not introduce fish or fish eggs of any kind into any inland waters without a valid permit issued under this section. ~~A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000.~~

**1-A. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000.

**1-B. Restitution.** In the case of a person who violates subsection 1, the court shall:

A. Order that person to pay the department an amount equal to the cost of labor, equipment, chemicals and all other related expenses directly associated with mitigating or reclaiming waters affected as a result of the violation; and

B. Direct that person to provide the commissioner, upon making full payment as ordered by the court under paragraph A, proof of that payment.

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a written permit allowing a person to introduce fish or fish eggs of any kind into any inland waters by means of live fish or otherwise.

**3. Limited permit.** The commissioner may issue a written limited permit to a local government under this subsection. A limited permit:

A. Allows the local government to introduce fish or fish eggs only into a great pond that:

- (1) Is within the jurisdiction of the local government; and
- (2) Was previously stocked by the department and in which stocking was suspended prior to January 1, 2019 and has not been resumed by the department due to inadequate public access;

B. Allows the introduction of only:

- (1) The same species of fish that was stocked at the time the department suspended stocking; and
- (2) Fish or fish eggs obtained by the local government at its own expense from an in-state commercial facility that meets testing and

health guidelines approved by the department; and

C. May be issued only if the local government identifies public access to the great pond that:

- (1) Is at least suitable for the hand carrying of boats to the water;
- (2) Includes a parking area; and
- (3) Has been marked with signage adequate to ensure public awareness of the public access.

For purposes of this subsection, "local government" means a municipality or, in the unorganized territory, a county.

**Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12511**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §22, is further amended to read:

**§12511. Permit to introduce fish or fish spawn eggs into private pond**

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not introduce fish or fish ~~spawn~~ eggs into a private pond without a valid permit issued under this section. ~~A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.~~

**1-A. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000.

**1-B. Restitution.** In the case of a person who violates subsection 1, the court shall:

A. Order that person to pay the department an amount equal to the cost of labor, equipment, chemicals and all other related expenses directly associated with mitigating or reclaiming waters affected as a result of the violation; and

B. Direct that person to provide the commissioner, upon making full payment as ordered by the court under paragraph A, proof of that payment.

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a written permit to introduce fish or fish ~~spawn~~ eggs into a private pond.

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §12512**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §23, is further amended to read:

**§12512. Permit to transport live fish ~~for breeding and advertising~~**

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not ~~take and~~ transport within the limits of the State live fish taken in the State ~~for breeding or advertising purposes, other than baitfish, Atlantic salmon used in commercial aquaculture and smelts,~~ without a valid permit issued under this section. A person who violates this subsection

commits a Class E crime, except that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1704, the fine may not be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a permit to a person permitting that person to ~~take and~~ transport within the limits of the State fish taken in the State ~~for breeding or advertising purposes.~~

**Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12557** is enacted to read:

**§12557. Disposal of live baitfish or smelts**

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not dispose of any live baitfish or smelts into inland waters of the State.

**2. Penalty.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

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**CHAPTER 344**

**H.P. 1130 - L.D. 1695**

**An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶N,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §8, is further amended to read:

N. Unannounced execution of search warrants; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶O,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §9, is amended to read:

O. By January 1, 2024, the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, which must include, at a minimum, processes to protect and ensure confidentiality of attorney-client communications and processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

P. Persons who are believed to be experiencing sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation.

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**CHAPTER 345**

**H.P. 1152 - L.D. 1725**

**An Act to Require Reporting Regarding County Jail Boards of Visitors**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1651, sub-§4, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 383, §1, is amended to read:

F. Each board of visitors shall share copies of that board's annual report with ~~the other boards of visitors of that sheriff's office~~ each other board of visitors appointed pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 2. Board of visitors report.** By December 3, 2025, the sheriff for each county shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding the status of board of visitors vacancies for each jail or other county correctional facility under the sheriff's supervision. The report must include, at a minimum, for each jail or other county correctional facility, what actions the sheriff is taking to ensure that the board of visitors of the jail or facility is meeting its statutory membership requirements; what current difficulties the jail or facility is facing in meeting board of visitors membership requirements; how many members are currently appointed to the board of visitors; and whether the board of visitors is inactive and, if so, for how long it has been inactive. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 346**

**S.P. 687 - L.D. 1769**

**An Act to Ensure Data Reporting for Temporary Nurse Agencies**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 434, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Registration; renewal.** A temporary nurse agency shall register with the department and renew the registration annually. In the event of a change of ownership, operation or location of the temporary nurse

agency, the temporary nurse agency shall update the registration in accordance with rules adopted by the department. For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "temporary nurse agency" means a business entity or subdivision of a business entity that primarily provides or procures nurses, certified nursing assistants and other qualified staff to another organization on a temporary basis within this State. "Temporary nurse agency" includes an online platform or marketplace that advertises for and assists or facilitates placement of temporary nurses, certified nursing assistants or other qualified staffing in an organization within the State. A temporary "Temporary nurse agency" does not include an agency licensed in this State as a home health care services provider.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§1-B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 434, §2, is amended to read:

**1-B. Employee quality assurance.** A temporary nurse agency shall ensure that each employee the agency assigns or refers to a health care facility for a position meets the state and federal qualification requirements for that position and has the appropriate work experience for that position. A temporary nurse agency shall use the Background Check Center, established in section 9052, for direct access workers, as defined in section 9053, subsection 14. A temporary nurse agency shall maintain a record for each employee that must include documented evidence of credentials and required immunizations and documentation of any orientation, in-service education and completion of training or an educational program required by law. On request, a temporary nurse agency shall make available a record described in this subsection to the department. On request by a health care facility and with justification according to rules adopted by the department, a temporary nurse agency shall provide a record described in this subsection for an employee of that health care facility to that health care facility.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§4, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. The department may enter into a consent agreement with an applicant or registrant to resolve any matter arising under this chapter, chapter 417-A, chapter 1691 or a rule adopted by the department without further proceedings. A consent agreement may be entered into pursuant to this paragraph only with the consent of the applicant or registrant, the department and the Office of the Attorney General. Any remedy, penalty or fine that is otherwise available by law, even if only in the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, may be achieved by a consent agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 347  
S.P. 714 - L.D. 1832**

**An Act to Clarify Available Relief for the Protection of At-risk Children**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §152, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 366, §3, is amended to read:

**16. At-risk noncitizen children; petitions and motions.** Jurisdiction over petitions and motions regarding the protection, well-being, care and custody of unmarried noncitizens ~~18 years of age or older and~~ under 21 years of age pursuant to Title 19-A, section 1511 and Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 17.

**Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §5-104, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 366, §4, is amended to read:

**1-A. At-risk noncitizen petitions children; motions.** The court has ~~original~~ jurisdiction over a ~~petition motion~~ regarding the protection, well-being, care and custody of an unmarried noncitizen pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 17 who has not attained 18 years of age.

**Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §1511** is enacted to read:  
**§1511. At-risk noncitizen children**

In a court action under this Title involving parental rights and responsibilities, a court may adjudicate a motion under Title 22, section 4099-I, subsection 9 for special findings for at-risk noncitizen children.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4099-I,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 366, §5, is amended to read:

**§4099-I. At-risk noncitizen children**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "At-risk" means there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child's health, safety and welfare ~~is in jeopardy~~ has been affected due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances and that return to the child's or the child's parent's country of ~~origin~~ nationality or country of last habitual residence would not be in the best interest of the child.

B. Notwithstanding section 4002, subsection 2, "child" means an unmarried person who has not attained 21 years of age.

C. "Court" ~~includes~~ includes or "juvenile court" means any court in the State with jurisdiction to make judicial determinations about the dependency, custody or care of children or parental rights and responsibilities with regard to children, including, but ~~is not~~

limited to, the Probate Court and District Court, ~~or any other state court with juvenile jurisdiction.~~

D. "Dependent on the court" means subject to the jurisdiction of a court competent to make decisions concerning the protection, well-being, care and custody of a child for findings, orders or referrals to support the health, safety and welfare of a child or to remedy the effects on a child of abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances.

E. "Noncitizen" means any person who is not a United States citizen.

F. "Similar circumstances" means conditions that have an effect on a child comparable to abuse, neglect or abandonment, including, but not limited to, the death of a parent.

**2. Petition for special findings and relief for certain at-risk noncitizen children.** An at-risk noncitizen child may petition the court for special findings and relief. Upon reviewing the petition or complaint seeking special findings and relief, any supporting affidavits and other evidence presented, the court shall order relief to redress the effects of the abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances, including but not limited to relief under subsection 6, and issue findings of fact and rulings of law that must determine whether the child who is the subject of the proceeding:

- A. Is dependent on the court;
- B. Has suffered from abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances;
- C. May not be viably reunified with one or both parents due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances; and
- D. May not be returned to the child's or the child's parent's country of ~~origin~~ nationality or country of last habitual residence because it is not in the best interest of the child.

~~A court making a decision under this subsection is acting as a juvenile court in that it has jurisdiction over a child.~~

~~The health and safety of the child must be of paramount concern. When considering the child's health and safety, the court shall consider whether present or past living conditions will adversely affect the child's physical, mental or emotional health.~~

All proceedings and records related to this subsection are confidential and closed to the public. Only the parties to the proceeding, including, but not limited to, the petitioner, the noncitizen child and the child's parents, the attorneys of the petitioner and the noncitizen child and the child's parents, the attorneys' authorized agents and the child's designee, may have access to the proceedings or records.

**2-A. Motion for special findings for at-risk noncitizen children.** In addition to or in lieu of filing a petition for relief under subsection 2, an at-risk noncitizen child may request the court for a special finding to be made in actions under Title 18-C, Title 19-A or this Title or any other action before a juvenile court. When it is in the best interest of the child who is the subject of the proceedings, and upon review of a motion or other request, any supporting affidavits and other evidence presented, the court shall issue findings of fact and rulings of law that must determine whether the child who is the subject of the proceeding:

- A. Is dependent on the court;
- B. Has suffered from abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances;
- C. May not be viably reunified with one or both parents due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances; and
- D. May not be returned to the child's or the child's parent's country of nationality or country of last habitual residence because it is not in the best interest of the child.

**3. Notice.** If the identity or location of the child's parents is unknown or if the parents reside outside of the United States, the court may serve notice using any alternative method of service the court determines is appropriate or waive service when the child is described in 8 United States Code, Section 1101(a)(27)(J)(2019) and 8 United States Code, Section 1357(h)(2019).

**4. Expedient adjudication.** A court shall hear, adjudicate and issue findings of fact and rulings of law on any petition ~~or~~ complaint, motion or other request for special findings under this section as soon as it is administratively feasible and prior to the child reaching 21 years of age to serve the best interest of the child.

~~**5. Availability of special findings.** Special findings are available under subsection 2 for the protection, well-being, care and custody of an at-risk noncitizen child for whom a remedy is not otherwise available or appropriate under Title 18-C, Title 19-A or this Title.~~

**6. Referral for services or protection.** A child who is the subject of a petition for special findings under subsection 2 may be referred for psychiatric, psychological, educational, occupational, medical, dental or social services or for protection against human trafficking or domestic violence. Participation in any referred services is voluntary.

~~**7. Additional available remedies; similar findings of fact and rulings of law.** Nothing in this This section prevents does not prevent a petitioner from filing a complaint court from ordering relief under Title 18-C, Title 19-A or this Title or for any other remedy available under the laws of this State to protect the at-risk noncitizen child from further abuse or other harm; or to provide support. Nothing in this section prevents~~

~~the court from issuing similar findings of fact and rulings of law to those in subsection 2 in any other proceeding concerning a noncitizen child.~~

**8. Construction.** This section must be liberally construed to promote the best interest of the child.

**9. Reunification not viable.** A finding under this section that reunification is not viable does not require termination of parental rights. Visitation or contact with a parent, including by court order, does not preclude the court from finding that reunification with that parent is not viable due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar circumstances.

**10. Juvenile court.** A court that issues a decision pursuant to this subchapter is acting as a juvenile court.

**11. Health and safety.** The health and safety of the child must be of paramount concern to a court issuing a decision pursuant to this subchapter. When considering the child's health and safety, the court shall consider whether present or past living conditions will adversely affect the child's physical, mental or emotional health.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 348**

**S.P. 720 - L.D. 1837**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Affecting Insurance**

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2320-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. No cost-sharing requirements.** A nonprofit hospital and medical care service organization may not impose any cost-sharing requirements on a screening mammogram performed by a provider in accordance with this section. This subsection does not apply to an individual policy offered for use with a health savings account unless the United States Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 223(c)(2).

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §222, sub-§14, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 356, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) ~~After notice and hearing impose by order and administrative forfeiture upon such person, enforceable by such revocation, suspension or refusal to issue, renew or reissue of any such license or licenses or otherwise pursuant to the law of this State, in an amount not to ex-~~

~~ceed \$100~~ Impose civil penalties in accordance with section 12-A for each such violation and for each day's continuance thereof;

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §222, sub-§14, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 356, §1, is amended by repealing subparagraph (3).

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §222, sub-§14, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 356, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Any or all of the foregoing;

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §222, sub-§14, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. The superintendent may proceed in a court of competent jurisdiction within or without this State for an injunction to prevent a violation of this section, to reverse or hold invalid any transaction made in violation of this section or in violation of a rule adopted or order issued pursuant to this section, to enforce any order issued pursuant to this section and for other equitable relief as the nature of the case and the interest of the insurer's policyholders, creditors and shareholders or the public may require.

(1) If the superintendent finds probable cause that a violation of this section constitutes grounds provided for the rehabilitation, conservatorship or liquidation of an insurer, the superintendent may initiate a delinquency proceeding under chapter 57.

(2) The Superior Court may, on the application of an insurer or the superintendent:

(a) Enjoin any offer, request, invitation, agreement or acquisition made in contravention of this section or any rule adopted or order issued by the superintendent pursuant to this section;

(b) Enjoin the voting of any security that is the subject of any agreement or arrangement regarding acquisition or that is acquired or to be acquired in contravention of the provisions of this section or of any rule adopted or order issued by the superintendent and, if appropriate, may void any vote of the security already cast at any meeting of shareholders;

(c) Seize or sequester any voting securities of the insurer owned or controlled directly or indirectly by a person who has acquired or is proposing to acquire a voting security of the insurer in violation of this section or any rule adopted or order issued by the superintendent; and

(d) Issue any other order as may be appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §222, sub-§14-C** is enacted to read:

**14-C. Prohibited voting of securities.** In regard to a security that is the subject of any agreement or arrangement regarding acquisition or that is acquired or to be acquired in contravention of the provisions of this section or of any rule adopted or order issued by the superintendent, a person may not vote the security at any shareholder's meeting or count the security for quorum purposes, and any action of shareholders requiring the affirmative vote of a percentage of shares may be taken as though the securities were not issued and outstanding. An action taken at any meeting at which a security described by this section has been voted is not invalidated by the voting of the security unless the action would materially affect control of the insurer or unless the courts of this State have so ordered.

**Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §414, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 828, §13, is further amended to read:

4. Insurers required to file an annual statement must, as a condition to the issuance or continuance of a certificate of authority, provide the National Association of Insurance Commissioners with all information required for participation in the Insurance Regulatory Information System. This filing must contain the insurer's current annual statement convention blank and, if requested by the superintendent or the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, publicly available financial reports of any affiliated insurers or other entities necessary for analyzing any insurer licensed in this State. Each statement furnished by an insurer must be ~~manually~~ executed by those persons who are required by section 423 to verify an annual statement utilizing the prescribed jurat following the practices and procedures prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Any amendments and addendums to the annual statement subsequently filed with the superintendent must also be filed with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Insurers shall provide written certification to the superintendent that they have complied with this subsection when they file their annual statements. This subsection does not apply to any insurer doing business under chapter 51.

In the absence of bad faith, fraud or intentional act, an officer or an employee of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners may not be subject to civil liability for libel, slander or any other cause of action in tort as a result of processing data or other information filed by insurers under this subsection or distribution of reports prepared on the basis of that information to insurance regulatory officials of any state that has subscribed to and used the Insurance Regulatory Information System through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Information provided to the

superintendent that is held confidential by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners must be held confidential by the superintendent unless that information is relevant to any hearing conducted by the superintendent pursuant to section 229 or an order requiring disclosure is issued by the Superior Court.

**Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §601, sub-§16, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 232, §1, is further amended to read:

A-1. For filing application for authority to self-insure under Title 39-A, section 403, subsection 16, including all documents submitted as part of the application, \$500; and

**Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §601, sub-§16, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 232, §1, is further amended to read:

B. For authorization and each annual continuation, ~~\$300 \$400;~~ and.

**Sec. 10. 24-A MRSA §601, sub-§16, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 232, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 24-A MRSA §2001-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 331, §1 and affected by §§16 and 17, is amended to read:

**§2001-A. Scope**

~~This~~ Except as provided by section 2002-A, subsection 1, this chapter applies exclusively to transactions when this State is the home state of the applicant or insured. Nothing in this chapter applies to the sale, solicitation, negotiation, placement or writing of contracts of insurance for eligible lines of business for any applicant or insured whose home state is in a jurisdiction other than in this State.

**Sec. 12. 24-A MRSA §2002-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 20, §1, is further amended to read:

1. The following kinds of insurance must be procured from authorized insurers and are not eligible for export in the surplus lines market:

- A. Life insurance;
- B. Health insurance, except disability insurance; ~~or~~
- C. Employee benefit excess insurance; ~~or~~
- D. Workers' compensation insurance.

**Sec. 13. 24-A MRSA §2002-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 153, §16, is amended to read:

2. This surplus lines law may not be used to place reinsurance. ~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection ~~prohibits~~ does not prohibit the cession or assumption of reinsurance, including reinsurance of workers' compensation self-insurers, as otherwise permitted by this Title.

**Sec. 14. 24-A MRSA §2003, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 331, §3 and affected by §§16 and 17, is amended to read:

8. "Nonadmitted insurance" means any ~~property and casualty~~ insurance permitted to be placed through a surplus lines ~~broker~~ producer with a nonadmitted insurer eligible to accept that insurance.

**Sec. 15. 24-A MRSA §2004, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

If certain insurance coverages cannot be procured from authorized insurers, such coverages, hereinafter designated "surplus lines," may be procured from ~~unauthorized~~ nonadmitted insurers, subject to the following conditions:

**Sec. 16. 24-A MRSA §2006, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §52, is further amended to read:

2. The producer shall file with or as directed by the superintendent a memorandum as to each such coverage placed by the producer ~~in an unauthorized~~ with a nonadmitted insurer, in such form and context as the superintendent may reasonably require for the identification of the coverage and determination of the tax payable to the State relative thereto.

**Sec. 17. 24-A MRSA §2007, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §54, is further amended to read:

2. The superintendent shall from time to time publish a list of all surplus lines insurers determined by the superintendent to be eligible currently, and shall mail a copy of such list to each producer at the producer's office last of record with the superintendent. This subsection may not be construed to cast upon the superintendent the duty of determining the actual financial condition or claims practices of any ~~unauthorized nonadmitted~~ insurer; and the status of eligibility, if granted by the superintendent, may indicate only that the insurer appears to be sound financially and to have satisfactory claims practices, and that the superintendent has no credible evidence to the contrary. While any such list is in effect, the producer shall restrict to the insurers so listed all surplus lines business placed by the producer.

**Sec. 18. 24-A MRSA §2007, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 331, §4 and affected by §§16 and 17, is amended to read:

A. Is authorized to write such insurance in its domiciliary jurisdiction; and

**Sec. 19. 24-A MRSA §2007, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 331, §4 and affected by §§16 and 17, is repealed.

**Sec. 20. 24-A MRSA §2007, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 331, §4 and affected by §§16 and 17, is amended to read:

5. A non-United States insurer is considered eligible to write insurance on ~~an unauthorized~~ a nonadmitted basis in this State if it is listed on the quarterly listing of alien insurers maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

**Sec. 21. 24-A MRSA §2008, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §55, is further amended to read:

2. A producer may not issue any such certificate or any cover note, or purport to insure or represent that insurance will be or has been granted by any ~~unauthorized nonadmitted~~ insurer, unless the producer has prior written authority from the insurer for the insurance, or has received information from the insurer in the regular course of business that such insurance has been granted, or an insurance policy providing the insurance actually has been issued by the insurer and delivered to the insured.

**Sec. 22. 24-A MRSA §2009**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §56, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2009. Identification and notice on contract and application**

The surplus lines licensee shall give a consumer notice to every person applying for insurance with a nonadmitted insurer. The notice must be printed in 16-point type on a separate document affixed to the application. The applicant shall sign and date a copy of the notice to acknowledge receiving it. The surplus lines licensee shall maintain the signed notice in its file for a period of 5 years from expiration of the policy. The surplus lines licensee shall send a copy of the signed notice to the insured at the time of delivery of each policy the licensee transacts with a nonadmitted insurer. The copy must be a separate document affixed to the policy. The notice must read as follows:

"Notice: A nonadmitted or surplus lines insurer is issuing the insurance policy that you have applied to purchase. These insurers do not participate in insurance guaranty funds. The guaranty funds will not pay your claims or protect your assets if the insurer becomes insolvent and is unable to make payments as promised. For additional information about the above matters and about the insurer, you should ask questions of your insurance agent, broker or surplus lines broker. You may also contact your insurance department consumer helpline."

An insurance contract procured and delivered as a surplus lines coverage under this chapter must contain or be accompanied by a notice in a form acceptable to the superintendent, a copy of which must be maintained by the licensee or the surplus lines producer with the records of the contract and available for possible examination, that includes a statement that:

1. The insurer with which the licensee places the insurance is not licensed by this State and is not subject to its supervision; and

2. In the event of the insolvency of the surplus lines insurer, losses will not be paid by any state insurance guaranty association.

**Sec. 23. 24-A MRSA §2009-A**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 172, §1, is amended to read:

**§2009-A. Cancellation ~~and~~ or nonrenewal of surplus lines coverage**

**1. Notice.** Cancellation ~~and~~ or nonrenewal by an insurer of surplus lines coverage subject to this chapter ~~shall is not be~~ effective unless received by the named insured ~~at least 14 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or, when the cancellation is for nonpayment of premium, at least 10 days prior to the effective date of cancellation on or before the date specified in this subsection.~~ A postal service certificate of mailing to the named insured at the insured's last known address ~~shall be is~~ conclusive proof of receipt on the 5th calendar day after mailing. The notice must be received:

A. No later than the 30th day before policy expiration for any nonrenewal;

B. No later than the 10th day before the effective date of cancellation if the cancellation is for nonpayment of premium; or

C. No later than the 14th day before the effective date of any cancellation other than a cancellation for nonpayment of premium, or no later than the 20th day if required by section 3050.

**2. Exemption.** Cancellation ~~and~~ or nonrenewal by an insurer of surplus lines coverage subject to this chapter ~~shall is not be~~ subject to sections 2908 and 3007. Cancellation or nonrenewal by an insurer of surplus lines coverage for risks identified in section 3048 is subject to chapter 41, subchapter 5, except those provisions of chapter 41, subchapter 5 that, by their terms, apply to authorized insurers or the admitted market.

**Sec. 24. 24-A MRSA §2010**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

**§2010. Surplus lines insurance valid**

Insurance contracts procured as surplus line coverage from ~~unauthorized nonadmitted~~ insurers in accordance with this chapter ~~shall be are~~ fully valid and enforceable as to all parties, and ~~shall must~~ be given recognition in all matters and respects to the same effect as like contracts issued by authorized insurers.

**Sec. 25. 24-A MRSA §2011**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §57, is further amended to read:

**§2011. Insurer's liability for losses and unearned premiums**

**1.** As to a surplus lines risk that has been assumed by ~~an unauthorized~~ a nonadmitted insurer pursuant to this chapter, and if the premium has been received by the producer with surplus lines authority who placed such insurance, in all questions arising under the coverage as between the insurer and the insured the insurer is deemed to have received the premium due to it for such coverage; and the insurer is liable to the insured as to losses covered by such insurance, and for unearned premiums that may become payable to the insured upon cancellation of such insurance, whether or not in fact the producer is indebted to the insurer with respect to the insurance or for any other cause.

**2.** Each ~~unauthorized nonadmitted~~ insurer assuming a surplus lines risk under this chapter is deemed to have subjected itself to the terms of this section, and any policy terms or conditions contrary to this section are void.

**Sec. 26. 24-A MRSA §2019, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

**1.** ~~An unauthorized~~ A suit in this State against a nonadmitted insurer ~~shall be sued,~~ upon any cause of action arising in the State under any contract issued by it as a surplus lines contract pursuant to this law, must be brought in the Superior Court.

**Sec. 27. 24-A MRSA §2019, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 592, §64, is further amended to read:

**3.** ~~An unauthorized~~ A nonadmitted insurer issuing ~~such a policy subject to this chapter~~ is deemed thereby to have authorized service of process against it in the manner and to the effect as provided in this section. Any such policy must contain a provision stating the substance of this section, and designating the person to whom process must be served as provided in subsection 2.

**Sec. 28. 24-A MRSA §2159-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §36, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2159-A. Insurance discrimination solely on account of blindness physical or mental disability prohibited**

**Sec. 29. 24-A MRSA §2263, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Ancillary service provider.** "Ancillary service provider" means a person that is not a licensee and that contracts with a 3rd-party service provider or with another ancillary service provider to maintain, process or store nonpublic information obtained from the licensee or is otherwise permitted access to nonpublic information obtained from the licensee through its provision of services to the 3rd-party service provider or other ancillary service provider.

**Sec. 30. 24-A MRSA §2264, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 24, §1, is amended to read:

**6. Oversight of 3rd-party service provider arrangements.** A licensee shall:

A. Exercise due diligence in selecting its 3rd-party service providers; ~~and~~

B. Require each 3rd-party service provider to implement appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to protect and secure the information systems and nonpublic information that are accessible to or held by the 3rd-party service provider; ~~and~~

C. No later than January 1, 2027, require each 3rd-party service provider to notify the licensee when the 3rd-party service provider becomes aware of any cybersecurity event affecting nonpublic information obtained from the licensee that has occurred in an information system maintained by the 3rd-party service provider or by an ancillary service provider if the cybersecurity event has a reasonable likelihood of materially harming any consumer or any material part of the normal operations of the licensee.

**Sec. 31. 24-A MRSA §2266, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 24, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Notice regarding cybersecurity events of 3rd-party service providers and ancillary service providers.** In the case of a cybersecurity event in an information system maintained by a 3rd-party service provider or ancillary service provider of which the licensee has become aware:

A. The licensee shall respond to the cybersecurity event as described under subsection 1; and

B. The computation of the licensee's deadlines for notification under this section begins on the day after the 3rd-party service provider notifies the licensee of the cybersecurity event or the day after the licensee otherwise has actual knowledge of the cybersecurity event, whichever is sooner.

~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter may not be construed to prevent or abrogate an agreement between a licensee and another licensee, a 3rd-party service provider or any other party to fulfill any of the investigation requirements imposed under section 2265 or notice requirements imposed under this subsection.

**Sec. 32. 24-A MRSA §2849, sub-§3, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 349, §53, is amended to read:

A. Request that the person provide or otherwise seek to obtain evidence of individual insurability. ~~This in no way limits~~ does not limit the insurer's right to require information concerning the health of the individuals in the group to the extent that the information is relevant to determine ~~whether the~~

~~group as a whole is insurable or to determine rates for the group as a whole;~~

**Sec. 33. 24-A MRSA §4302, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 673, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

E. The ~~percentage number~~ number of disenrollments by enrollees and providers from the health plan within the previous 12 months and the reasons for the disenrollments. With respect to enrollees, the information provided in this paragraph must differentiate between voluntary and involuntary disenrollments; and

**Sec. 34. 24-A MRSA §4303-E, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Confidentiality.** Except as provided in this subsection, all records of the bureau or an independent dispute resolution entity relating to an independent dispute resolution request or proceeding are confidential and not a public record under Title 1, chapter 13.

**Sec. 35. 24-A MRSA §4312, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 742, §19, is amended to read:

**6. Binding nature of decision.** An external review decision is binding on the carrier. An enrollee or the enrollee's authorized representative may not file a request for a subsequent external review involving the same adverse health care treatment decision for which the enrollee has already received an external review decision pursuant to this section. An external review decision made under this section is not considered final agency action pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H~~ 7.

**Sec. 36. 24-A MRSA §4377, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

1. If upon the entry of an order of liquidation under this chapter or at any time thereafter during liquidation proceedings the insurer is not clearly solvent, the court shall, upon hearing after such notice as it ~~deems~~ considers proper, make and enter an order adjudging the insurer to be ~~solvent~~ insolvent.

**Sec. 37. 24-A MRSA §4433, sub-§2, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 478, §4 and affected by §11, is amended to read:

I. ~~Insurance~~ Other than coverages that may be set forth in a cybersecurity insurance policy, insurance of warranties or service contracts, including insurance that provides for the repair, replacement or service of goods or property, or indemnification of repair, replacement or service; for the operational or structural failure of the goods or property due to a defect in materials, workmanship or normal wear and tear; or for reimbursement for the liability incurred by the issuer of agreements or service contracts that provide such benefits;

**Sec. 38. 24-A MRSA §4435, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 478, §5 and affected by §11, is further amended to read:

**4. Covered claim.** "Covered claim" means an unpaid claim, including one for unearned premiums but excluding one for punitive damages, arising under and within the coverage and applicable limits of a policy of a kind of insurance referred to in section 4433 to which this subchapter applies issued by an insurer that becomes an insolvent insurer after May 9, 1970, and where:

- A. The claimant or insured is a resident of this State at the time of the insured event; or
- B. The property from which the claim arises is permanently located in this State.

"Covered claim" includes claim obligations that arose through the issuance of an insurance policy by a member insurer, which are later allocated, transferred, merged into, novated, assumed by or otherwise made the sole responsibility of a member or nonmember insurer if: the original member insurer has no remaining obligations on the policy after the transfer; a final order of liquidation with a finding of insolvency has been entered against the insurer that assumed the member's coverage obligations by a court of competent jurisdiction in the insurer's state of domicile; the claim would have been a covered claim if the claim had remained the responsibility of the original member insurer and the order of liquidation had been entered against the original member insurer, with the same claim submission date and liquidation date; and, in cases for which the member's coverage obligations were assumed by a nonmember insurer, the transaction received prior regulatory or judicial approval.

"Covered claim" does not include any amount due any insurer, reinsurer, affiliate, insurance pool or underwriting association, as subrogation recoveries or otherwise, except that any payment made to the workers' compensation residual market pool pursuant to section 4438, subsection 1, paragraph A-1 must be included as a covered claim. "Covered claim" does not include any first-party claims by an insured whose net worth exceeds \$25,000,000 on December 31st of the year prior to the year in which the member insurer becomes an insolvent insurer. An insured's net worth on that date is deemed to include the aggregate net worth of the insured and all its subsidiaries as calculated on a consolidated basis.

**Sec. 39. 24-A MRSA §4435, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Cybersecurity insurance.** "Cybersecurity insurance" means first-party or 3rd-party coverage, in a policy or endorsement, written on a direct, admitted basis for losses and loss mitigation arising out of or relating to data privacy breaches, unauthorized information

network security intrusions, computer viruses, ransomware, extortion through electronic means, identity theft and similar exposures.

**Sec. 40. 24-A MRSA §4438, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 129, §1 and affected by §13, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

- (2) An amount not exceeding \$25,000 per policy for a covered claim for the return of an unearned premium; ~~or~~

**Sec. 41. 24-A MRSA §4438, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 129, §1 and affected by §13, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (2-A) to read:

(2-A) An amount not exceeding \$500,000 for covered claims arising out of a single insured event under a policy or endorsement of cyber-security insurance, regardless of the number of claims made or the number of claimants; or

**Sec. 42. 24-A MRSA §4438, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1969, c. 561, is amended to read:

- A. Employ or retain such persons as are necessary to handle claims, provide covered policy benefits and services and perform other duties of the association;

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**CHAPTER 349**

**S.P. 736 - L.D. 1866**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Regarding the State-designated  
Agency Advocating for  
Individuals with Serious  
Mental Illness**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3012** is enacted to read:

**§3012. Advocacy services for individuals with serious mental illness**

**1. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature to effectuate the State's commitment to protecting the rights of individuals with serious mental illness, as demonstrated by the successful resolution and dismissal of the Augusta Mental Health Institute Consent Decree, issued on December 3, 2024, by the Superior Court, Kennebec County, Civil Action Docket No. 89-88. Independent advocacy was a key component of the system improvements that supported that resolution, and the Legislature seeks to ensure that those protections continue through the ongoing delivery of advocacy services in both institutional and community settings.

**2. Contract for protection and advocacy services.** The department shall contract with and make a good faith effort to obtain sufficient appropriations to fund the agency designated under Title 5, section 19502 to carry out the duties related to protecting the rights of individuals with serious mental illness in both institutional and community settings. The contract must be consistent with the scope of authority and protections provided in Title 5, chapter 511 and must ensure that advocacy services are provided statewide through a presence in at least 5 geographically dispersed areas.

**3. Access to state mental health institute records.** In addition to the agency's authority to access records under Title 5, chapter 511 and notwithstanding subsection 1207, the agency contracted under subsection 2 may access medical records of individuals with serious mental illness who are hospitalized in a state mental health institute as defined in section 3801, subsection 9 when necessary to provide advocacy services as authorized under Title 5.

**4. Medical advice.** Advocates providing services in accordance with this section are prohibited from providing medical advice.

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**CHAPTER 350**  
**S.P. 696 - L.D. 1794**

**An Act to Provide Protection  
from Unfair Parking Tickets  
on Lots Accessible to the Public**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 239**

**ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING VIOLATIONS  
ON LOTS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

**§1500-Z. Enforcement of parking violations on property accessible to the public**

A person or entity that owns, operates or manages property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles, or that provides collection or enforcement services with respect to the parking of motor vehicles, may not impose, assess or seek to enforce or collect any fine, fee or charge to any person for the violation of any parking rule applicable to that property except in compliance with this section.

**1. Fine, fee or charge amount must be reasonable and conspicuously posted.** The amount of any fine, fee or charge to any person for the violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles must be reasonable and must be conspicuously and prominently posted

within the property so that it is visible at any entrance and exit of a parking lot or parking structure within the property by a person entering and exiting in a motor vehicle.

**2. Written notice of violation required.** Written notice of a violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles, including the failure to pay an amount of money to park a motor vehicle, must be provided to the registered owner of the motor vehicle. At a minimum, the written notice must include the following information:

- A. The date and time of the violation;
- B. The nature of the violation, including the parking rule violated;
- C. The amount of the fine, fee or charge for the violation and the payment due date for the fine, fee or charge for the violation, which must be at least 10 business days after the date of the written notice of the violation;
- D. Payment instructions; and
- E. Contact information for the person or entity responsible for collecting the fine, fee or charge for the violation.

**3. Use of automated license plate recognition system prohibited.** The provisions of Title 29-A, section 2117-A prohibit the use of an automated license plate recognition system at a property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles, subject to the exceptions enumerated in that section.

**4. Violation; remedies.** A violation of this section is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. In addition to any remedies available under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, a claimant may obtain an award of damages equal to 3 times the amount of a fine, fee or charge assessed, imposed or sought to be enforced in violation of this section.

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**CHAPTER 351**  
**H.P. 1266 - L.D. 1895**

**An Act to Require the Removal  
from a Property Tax Lien the  
Name of a Previous Owner  
Who Paid Prorated Property  
Taxes**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §943**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. A, §7 and c. 640, §2, is further

amended by enacting after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

If the party named on the tax lien mortgage has sold or otherwise conveyed the property to another person and provides proof of payment of that party's own pro rata share of taxes due, the municipal treasurer or the treasurer's designee of record shall prepare and record a discharge of the tax lien mortgage against that party in the same manner as is now provided for the discharge of real estate mortgages, except that a facsimile signature of the treasurer or treasurer's assignee may be used. The discharge under this paragraph is only for the seller. The discharge of the tax lien must include a statement that the assignee, following the release of the property, did not owe property taxes as to the released property. The assignee of the discharge is responsible for the cost of recording the discharge. The assignee of the discharge must be limited to the seller of the property that is the subject of the tax lien mortgage.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 352  
H.P. 9 - L.D. 45**

**An Act Allowing the  
Department of Corrections to  
Offset Some of the Costs of  
Technology Provided to  
Residents of Correctional  
Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1220** is enacted to read:

**§1220. Resident Technology Fund**

The Resident Technology Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department as a nonlapsing fund for the purpose of offsetting the cost of technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

**1. Funds.** All funds collected from any fees established by the commissioner pursuant to section 1403, subsection 14 must be deposited into the fund. The department may accept money for deposit into the fund from other sources.

**2. Use.** The fund may be used by the department to offset the cost of buying and maintaining technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1403, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

**14. Technology fee.** The commissioner may establish a reasonable fee, as provided in this subsection, for the use of technology, including, but not limited to,

computers, laptop computers and external storage devices, that is provided to residents of correctional facilities in connection with educational or vocational programs, remote work or other purposes. For each calendar month in which the technology is used by a resident, as defined in section 3015, subsection 1, paragraph B, the fee charged may not exceed 7% of the resident's earnings during the month after any deductions for court-ordered or statutory obligations, including, but not limited to, child support, court filing fees, victim restitution, fines, facility restitution, facility monetary sanctions, medical and dental services fees and room and board, or \$35, whichever is less. The commissioner may not charge a fee under this subsection for:

A. Technology that is provided to a resident for the purpose of research related to a criminal case or civil lawsuit in which the resident is involved; or

B. Technology that is provided to a resident who has earnings of less than \$100 during the calendar month after any deductions that are provided for in this subsection.

Money received by the resident and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department under section 3039, subsection 4 for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this subsection. Money received by the resident as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this subsection.

A correctional facility shall collect any fees received under this subsection and deposit them into the Resident Technology Fund established in section 1220.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF  
Resident Technology Fund N383**

Initiative: Establishes the Resident Technology Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$38,598	\$38,598
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,598</b>	<b>\$38,598</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 353  
H.P. 89 - L.D. 156**

**An Act to Improve  
Notifications Related to  
Substance-exposed Infants**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§5-D is enacted to read:

5-D. Family care plan. "Family care plan" means a plan of safe care as described in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 342, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4004-C is enacted to read:

**§4004-C. Infants born affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder**

The department shall:

**1. Receive notifications.** Receive notifications from health care providers, or their designees, regarding infants who are identified as having been born affected by substance abuse or having withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or who have a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

**2. Develop family care plan.** For each infant for whom the department receives a notification under subsection 1, develop, with the assistance of any health care provider involved in the infant's caregiver's or the infant's medical or mental health care, a family care plan, including any appropriate referrals for services for the child or caregiver. This subsection may not be construed as limiting a health care provider's ability to develop a family care plan for any family who could benefit from one;

**3. Collect data.** Collect data for reporting in a manner that complies with the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act;

**4. Comply with section 4004.** For any infant about whom the department receives a report of abuse or neglect, comply with section 4004, subsection 2; and

**5. Adopt rules.** Adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

For the purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a person described in section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) to (10), (15), (17) to (20) and (22) or any person who assists in the delivery or birth of a child for compensation, including, but not limited to, a midwife.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4011-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 342, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4011-C is enacted to read:

**§4011-C. Notification regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder**

**1. Notification regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.** A health care provider involved in the delivery or care of an infant the provider identifies as having been born affected by substance abuse, as having withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or as having a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder shall notify the department of that condition in the infant.

A. This section, and any notification made pursuant to this section, may not be construed to establish a definition of "abuse" or "neglect."

B. This section, and any notification made pursuant to this section, may not be construed to require prosecution for any illegal action, including, but not limited to, the act of exposing a fetus to drugs or other substances.

**2. Report.** When a health care provider suspects that an infant has been abused or neglected, the provider shall report to the department in accordance with section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A. If the infant has a family care plan developed under section 4004-C, subsection 2, a copy of the family care plan must accompany the report.

**3. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a person described in section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) to (10), (15), (17) to (20) and (22) or any person who assists in the delivery or birth of a child for compensation, including, but not limited to, a midwife.

**4. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 354**

**S.P. 403 - L.D. 913**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Regulating the Resale of  
Tickets**

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

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 37, as amended, is amended to read:**

**CHAPTER 37**

**SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS**

**§1301. Resale** Sale and resale of tickets

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Entertainment event" means an event for which a ticket has been purchased, including, but not limited to, a performance, concert, exhibit, game or contest.

A-1. "Bot" means any program, device or software designed to circumvent security measures or access controls on a ticket sales platform to obtain tickets.

B. "Place of entertainment" means a facility used to host an entertainment event including, but not limited to, a theater, stadium, arena, racetrack, museum or amusement park.

B-1. "Mandatory fee" means a fee or charge required as part of the advertised price of a ticket, including, but not limited to, a service fee or convenience fee.

B-2. "Service fee" means an additional fee added to the total price of a ticket to pay for administrative costs, including, but not limited to, ticket software, credit card processing and venue fees.

B-3. "Speculative ticket" means a ticket not in the actual or constructive possession of the ticket reseller at the time the ticket is listed for resale.

C. "Ticket" means documentation of a right to attend an entertainment event.

C-1. "Ticket issuer" means a person or entity that issues tickets for original sale, including, but not limited to, musicians or their agents, venues, promoters, theater companies and marketplaces for initial purchases. "Ticket issuer" does not include a nonprofit corporation as defined in Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 9.

D. "Ticket reseller" means a business entity whose primary business is the sale or resale of tickets. "Ticket reseller" does not include any of the following: a nonprofit corporation as defined in Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 9.

(1) A nonprofit corporation as defined in Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 9; or

(2) A place of entertainment that engages in the sale or resale of tickets to entertainment events at the place of entertainment.

E. "Total price" means the maximum total of all fees or charges a consumer must pay for a ticket, except that shipping charges and government charges may be excluded.

F. "Venue" means a place of entertainment used to host an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a theater, stadium, arena, racetrack, museum or amusement park.

**1-A. Required ticket disclosures.** A ticket reseller or ticket issuer advertising, offering for sale, selling or reselling a ticket shall:

A. Clearly and conspicuously disclose the total price of the ticket, including all mandatory fees, whenever the price is advertised or displayed;

B. Display the total price of the ticket more prominently than other pricing information in all advertisements, offers or displays;

C. Provide a complete itemization of the total price of the ticket that includes the nature, purpose and amount of any mandatory fee in a font size smaller than that of the total price; and

D. Clearly and conspicuously disclose to the consumer at the time of purchase the seat number or section at the venue associated with the ticket.

**2. Refunds required.** A ticket reseller that engages in the resale of a ticket in the State to a place of entertainment venue shall, upon the request of the consumer, refund the amount paid by the consumer for the ticket in any of the following circumstances:

A. The entertainment event is cancelled;

B. The ticket is not accepted by the entity venue holding the entertainment event because it is counterfeit or does not conform with the requirements established by the entity venue holding the entertainment event or was never inventoried by the ticket issuer or recognized at the venue as valid;

C. The ticket is cancelled by the entity venue holding the entertainment event for any reason; or

D. The person who purchased the ticket consumer does not receive the ticket in time to attend the entertainment event; or

E. The ticket reseller made a material misrepresentation relating to the sale of the ticket.

A person operating a venue shall provide a person holding a counterfeit, duplicate or otherwise invalid ticket purchased from a ticket reseller the contact information for the Office of the Attorney General.

This subsection does not prevent a ticket issuer from setting limits on maximum ticket purchases or enforcing terms and conditions. For the purposes of this subsection, a ticket to an entertainment event is deemed a license.

**2-A. Prohibited practices.** A ticket reseller or ticket issuer may not:

A. Misrepresent any fee or charge associated with a ticket in any advertisement, offer or display;

B. Exclude a mandatory fee from the advertised price of a ticket without clearly and conspicuously disclosing the nature, purpose and amount of the

mandatory fee prior to a consumer's consenting to pay for the ticket;

C. Sell or offer to sell or resell more than one copy of the same ticket to an entertainment event;

D. Sell speculative tickets;

E. Use deceptive website addresses or imply endorsement or ownership of any intellectual property of the venue or artist without explicit written authorization of the venue or artist;

F. Circumvent Internet sales limitations using bots or similar tools; or

G. Charge more than 10% of the total price of the original ticket, including taxes and fees, for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket.

**2-B. Enforcement.** The Attorney General shall enforce this section.

**3. Penalty.** Violation of this section is an unfair trade practice as prohibited by Title 5, section 207.

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**CHAPTER 355**

**H.P. 595 - L.D. 930**

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

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

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

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

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

**4.** If the prison contraband under subsection 1, paragraph B is electronic contraband that is not intended to be used to commit a separate crime, trafficking in prison contraband is a Class D crime. For purposes of this subsection, "electronic contraband" means a mobile telephone or other handheld electronic communication device not authorized or issued by the custodial authority.

**Sec. 3.** 17-A MRSA §757-A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 386, §2, is amended to read:

**§757-A. Trafficking of tobacco or vaping device in adult correctional facilities**

**1.** A person is guilty of trafficking tobacco or a vaping device in an adult correctional facility if:

A. That person intentionally conveys or attempts to convey tobacco or tobacco products or a vaping device to a person confined in an adult correctional facility that has banned the use of tobacco or tobacco products or vaping devices by prisoners; or

B. That person is confined in an adult correctional facility that has banned the use of tobacco or tobacco products or vaping devices by prisoners and the person intentionally obtains or possesses tobacco or tobacco products or a vaping device.

**2.** As used in this section, "adult correctional facility" means a county jail or correctional facility other than a juvenile facility under the control of the Department of Corrections and "vaping device" means a device, also known as a vape, e-cigarette, electronic cigarette or electronic vaporizer, that simulates smoking using an atomizer, a power source such as a battery and a container such as a cartridge or a tank and is used for ingesting any substance, including a drug identified in section 1101, subsection 11.

**3.** Trafficking of tobacco or a vaping device in an adult correctional facility is a Class E crime.

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**CHAPTER 356**

**H.P. 673 - L.D. 1044**

**An Act to Clarify the  
Qualifying Use of Tax  
Increment Financing for  
Extension of a Development  
District**

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

**Sec. 1.** 30-A MRSA §5224, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2023, c. 472, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) A development district that is a tax increment financing district may not exceed a total of 30 tax years beginning with the tax year in which the designation of the development district is effective pursuant to section 5226, subsection 3 or, if specified in the development program, the subsequent tax year, except that, during the 10 calendar years after the general effective date of laws enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature October 25, 2023, a district may be extended an additional 20 years if the district uses in total at least 75% of tax increment financing revenue for affordable housing projects or transit-oriented development, or both. A district that

is extended under this subparagraph may continue to use the original assessed value of the district.

For purposes of this subparagraph, "affordable housing" means a decent, safe and sanitary dwelling, apartment or other living accommodation for a household whose income does not exceed 120% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8; "transit-oriented development" means a type of development that links land use with transit facilities by combining housing with complementary public uses, including jobs, and retail or services establishments, that are located in transit-served nodes or corridors rely on transit as one of the means of meeting the transportation needs of residents, customers and occupants, regardless of whether the development is located in a transit-oriented development district, area or corridor or a transit-served node; and "original assessed value" means the taxable assessed value of a district as of March 31st of the tax year preceding the year in which it was designated by a municipality and approved by the commissioner under section 5226, subsection 2; and

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**CHAPTER 357**

**H.P. 779 - L.D. 1174**

**An Act to Limit the Liability of Gun Shops That Provide Firearm Hold Agreements**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2017 is enacted to read:**

**§2017. Limitation of liability of holder of firearm hold agreement**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A.

B. "Firearm hold agreement" means a written agreement between a firearm owner and another person in which the person at the owner's request takes physical possession of a lawfully possessed firearm of the owner and holds the firearm for an agreed period of time.

C. "Gun shop" has the same meaning as in section 2015, subsection 1, paragraph D.

**2. Holding firearms for 3rd parties.** A gun shop may take possession of a firearm from a person for safekeeping under the following conditions:

A. The gun shop enters into a firearm hold agreement with the owner of the firearm; and

B. The gun shop contacts the owner of the firearm every 6 months after taking possession of the firearm until the firearm is returned to the owner of the firearm.

**3. Immunity from liability.** An action may not be taken against a gun shop that entered into a firearm hold agreement for returning the firearm to the owner of the firearm at the termination of the firearm hold agreement. The immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to otherwise unlawful conduct of the gun shop returning the firearm to the owner of the firearm under this section. An action may not be brought against a person for refusing to enter into a firearm hold agreement with any person.

**4. Rules.** The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Department of Public Safety to create firearm hold agreement form.** By January 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall create a firearm hold agreement form to be used by gun shops that hold firearms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2017. The firearm hold agreement form must indicate an immediate family member or other individual who may lawfully possess a firearm and who may take possession of the firearm upon proof of the death of the owner of the firearm during the pendency of the firearm hold agreement.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 358**

**H.P. 995 - L.D. 1511**

**An Act to Expand Direct Health Care Service Arrangements**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 403-A, headnote is amended to read:**

**CHAPTER 403-A**

**DIRECT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1771**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 112, §1, is amended to read:

**§1771. Direct primary health care service agreements**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Direct primary health care service agreement" means a contractual agreement between a direct primary health care provider and an individual patient, or the patient's legal representative, in which:

- (1) The direct primary health care provider agrees to provide primary health care services to the individual patient for an agreed-to fee over an agreed-to period of time; and
- (2) The direct primary health care provider agrees not to bill 3rd parties on a fee-for-service or capitated basis for services already covered in the direct primary health care service agreement.

B. "Direct primary health care provider" means an individual who is a licensed allopathic physician or osteopathic physician or other advanced health care practitioner who is authorized to engage in independent medical practice in this State, ~~who is qualified to provide primary care services~~ and who chooses to practice direct primary health care by entering into a direct primary health care service agreement with patients. The term includes, but is not limited to, an individual primary health care provider or a group of primary health care providers.

C. ~~"Primary care" means outpatient, nonspecialty health care services or the coordination of health care for the purpose of:~~

- ~~(1) Promoting or maintaining mental and physical health and wellness; and~~
- ~~(2) The diagnosis, treatment or management of acute or chronic conditions caused by disease, injury or illness.~~

D. "Health care" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph C.

**2. Not insurance.** A direct primary health care service agreement is not an insurance policy and is not subject to regulation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

**3. Ability to contract.** A direct primary health care service agreement is an agreement between the direct primary health care provider and either an individual or the individual's representative, regardless of whether the periodic fee or other fees are paid by the individual, the individual's representative or a 3rd party.

**4. Covered services.** A direct primary health care service agreement covers only the services specified in the agreement. Any goods or services that are not covered by the direct primary health care service agreement may be billed separately.

**5. Disclosure.** A direct primary health care service agreement must clearly state within the agreement that direct primary health care services are not considered health insurance and do not meet requirements of any federal law mandating individuals to purchase health insurance and that the fees charged in the agreement may not be reimbursed or apply towards a deductible under a health insurance policy with an insurer.

**6. Other care not prohibited.** A primary health care provider is considered a direct primary health care provider only when the provider is engaged in a direct primary health care service agreement with a patient or group of patients. A primary health care provider is not prohibited from providing care to other patients under a separate agreement or contract with an insurer.

**7. Other agreements not prohibited.** This section does not prohibit a direct primary health care provider from entering into:

- A. An agreement with an insurer offering a policy specifically designed to supplement a direct primary health care service agreement; or
- B. A pilot program for direct primary care or direct health care with a federal or state agency that provides health coverage.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§22**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 178, §1, is further amended to read:

**22. Denial of referral by out-of-network provider prohibited.** Beginning January 1, 2018, a carrier may not deny payment for any health care service covered under an enrollee's health plan based solely on the basis that the enrollee's referral was made by a direct primary health care provider who is not a member of the carrier's provider network. A carrier may not apply a deductible, coinsurance or copayment greater than the applicable deductible, coinsurance or copayment that would apply to the same health care service if the service was referred by a participating primary care provider. A carrier may require a direct primary health care provider making a referral who is not a member of the carrier's provider network to provide information demonstrating that the provider is a direct primary health care provider through a written attestation or copy of a direct primary health care service agreement with an enrollee and may request additional information necessary to implement this subsection. As used in this subsection, "direct primary health care provider" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1771, subsection 1, paragraph B.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 359  
H.P. 998 - L.D. 1514**

**An Act to Change the Laws  
Regarding Real Estate  
Appraisers**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14011, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. GG, §3, is further amended to read:

**2. Members.** The board consists of ~~7~~ 9 members appointed by the Governor. Each member must be a resident of this State. The board consists of:

A. Two public members as defined in Title 5, section 12004-A; ~~and~~

B. Five members who hold valid appraiser licenses, including at least one member who holds a certified general license; ~~and one member who holds a certified residential real property appraiser license;~~

C. One member who is actively engaged in the business of real estate brokerage as defined in section 13001, subsection 2; and

D. One member who is actively engaged in the business of banking, including lending for the purpose of buying real property, or who is actively engaged in the mortgaging of real property as governed by Title 33, chapter 9.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14037, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 518, §8, is amended to read:

**1. Scope of license.** For federally related transactions, a residential real property appraiser entitles the holder to appraise noncomplex residential property of one to 4 units ~~having a transaction value of less than \$1,000,000~~ and complex residential property of one to 4 units ~~having a transaction value of less than \$250,000 as specified in the criteria adopted and published by the appraiser qualifications board in effect at the time of the transaction.~~ For purposes of this section, "complex residential property of one to 4 units" means property that is atypical based on the nature of the property, the form of ownership or the market conditions. For nonfederally related transaction appraisals, "transaction value" means market value. A residential real property appraiser license entitles the holder to appraise vacant or unimproved land that is used for one to 4 family purposes or for which the highest and best use is for one to 4 family purposes. A residential real property appraiser license does not entitle the holder to appraise subdivisions for which a development analysis and appraisal is necessary.

**Sec. 3. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 14011, subsection 2,

a member of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Real Estate Appraisers serving on the effective date of this Act continues to serve until the expiration of that member's term.

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**CHAPTER 360  
H.P. 1119 - L.D. 1684**

**An Act to Implement  
Additional Criteria and  
Processes for the Supervised  
Community Confinement  
Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2-A, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 376, §3, is amended to read:

B. The process must reflect best practices for evaluating the likelihood of a prisoner's completion of supervised community confinement if transferred and must provide guidance to department staff as to how to apply the established criteria when conducting the evaluation. The process must require, when information is obtained by the department from persons in the community for the purpose of determining whether to approve a prisoner for transfer to supervised community confinement, that those persons be informed of the prisoner's fulfillment of expectations as to conduct, fulfillment of expectations as to work, education, and rehabilitation programs assigned in the case plan and other rehabilitative efforts and accomplishments. The process must include consideration of any information provided by the Office of Victim Services, as established in section 1214, and, if requested by the office, allow for an extension of time necessary for the office to make additional good faith efforts to contact any victims of the crimes for which the prisoner is incarcerated. The process must include an evaluation of whether the proposed supervised community confinement plan is responsive to reasonable safety concerns raised by persons in the community, including any victims of the crimes for which the prisoner is incarcerated. The process must also include the right of a prisoner who is eligible for transfer to supervised community confinement as provided in subsection 2 but who has not been approved for transfer to appeal that determination to the commissioner.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Additional process for prisoners incarcerated for crime committed against family or household member or dating partner.** In addition to the

process required by subsection 2-A, in determining whether a prisoner incarcerated for a crime that was committed against a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, is approved for transfer, the process under this subsection must provide for the following:

A. Review and consideration of the results of any validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment, including one that has been completed by a law enforcement officer in accordance with Title 19-A, section 4114, subsection 6, paragraph E as part of the criminal case for which the prisoner is incarcerated; and

B. Notification of the application for transfer to supervised community confinement to the district attorney of the county in which the conviction was entered as well as a local domestic violence resource center.

**Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§3, ¶K** is enacted to read:

K. When required by the commissioner and to the extent that the commissioner determines that the prisoner has the financial resources, the prisoner shall continue to pay any outstanding victim restitution at a level similar to what the prisoner would have had to pay if the prisoner had remained incarcerated at a department correctional facility.

**Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 659, §2, is further amended to read:

**10. Terminally ill or incapacitated prisoner.** With the consent of the prisoner, the commissioner may transfer a prisoner committed to the department from a correctional facility to supervised community confinement without meeting the eligibility requirements of subsection 2, paragraphs B and C and without meeting the criteria or fulfilling the process provided for under ~~subsection~~ subsections 2-A and 2-B if the department's director of medical care has determined that the prisoner has a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or has a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition and that care outside a correctional facility is medically appropriate. Except as set out in this subsection, the prisoner must live in a hospital or other appropriate care facility, such as a nursing facility, residential care facility or a facility that is a licensed hospice program pursuant to Title 22, section 8622, approved by the commissioner. As approved by the commissioner, the prisoner may receive hospice services from an entity licensed pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1681, subchapter 1 or other care services provided by an entity approved by the commissioner and, subject to approval by the commissioner, may live at home while receiving these services. The commissioner may exempt a prisoner

transferred to supervised community confinement pursuant to this subsection from any mandatory condition under subsection 3 that the commissioner determines to be inapplicable. The prisoner shall provide any information pertaining to the prisoner's medical condition or care that is requested by the commissioner at any time while the prisoner is on supervised community confinement. If the commissioner determines that the prisoner has failed to fully comply with a request or if at any time the department's director of medical care determines that the prisoner does not have a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or a worsening prognosis that is likely to result in a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition or that care outside a correctional facility is not medically appropriate, the commissioner shall revoke the transfer to supervised community confinement.

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**CHAPTER 361**

**H.P. 6 - L.D. 42**

**An Act Regarding the  
Bind-over and Detention of  
Juveniles**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3101, sub-§4, ¶E-2,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 409, §3, is further amended to read:

E-2. If Except as provided in paragraph E-3, if the Juvenile Court binds a juvenile over for prosecution as an adult and has directed the detention of the juvenile, if the juvenile attains 18 years of age and is being detained, the juvenile must be detained in an adult section of a jail.

**Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3101, sub-§4, ¶E-3** is enacted to read:

E-3. The following provisions govern a stay of detention of a juvenile in an adult section of a jail pending indictment.

(1) The Department of Corrections may request that a juvenile who would otherwise be detained in an adult section of a jail be detained in a detention facility approved or operated by the department exclusively for juveniles, referred to in this paragraph as a "juvenile facility," under the following conditions:

(a) The juvenile is ordered detained pending the return of an indictment, including any period of time the juvenile is detained pending an appeal of the order binding the juvenile over for prosecution as an adult

taken following the issuance of the bind-over order;

(b) The request is made to the Juvenile Court at least 14 days prior to the bind-over hearing or, if the juvenile will not have attained 18 years of age at the time of the hearing, at least 30 days prior to the juvenile attaining 18 years of age; and

(c) Notice of the request is provided by the department to the prosecuting attorney and the attorney for the juvenile.

(2) The Juvenile Court that conducts the bind-over hearing may grant a request made pursuant to subparagraph (1). If the request is made to the Juvenile Court prior to the bind-over hearing, the Juvenile Court shall include its decision in the bind-over order if the State's motion for bind-over is granted. If the juvenile will not have attained 18 years of age at the time of the hearing, and the request is made subsequently, the Juvenile Court shall decide whether to grant the request prior to the juvenile attaining 18 years of age.

(3) The Juvenile Court shall consider the following factors in deciding whether to permit a bound-over juvenile to remain within a juvenile facility pending the return of an indictment:

(a) Whether the juvenile's behavior at the juvenile facility creates a risk of harm to others at the facility;

(b) Whether the juvenile has behavioral health needs that would be better addressed at the juvenile facility; and

(c) Whether the juvenile is engaged in education or treatment programs at the juvenile facility that would be disrupted by detention in the adult section of a jail.

(4) The Juvenile Court shall grant the request made pursuant to subparagraph (1) if it finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that it would be appropriate for the juvenile to remain in a juvenile facility pending indictment.

(5) If the Juvenile Court grants the request made pursuant to subparagraph (1), the department may at any time request that the Juvenile Court rescind the order if detention at a juvenile facility is no longer appropriate for the juvenile considering the factors described in subparagraph (3).

(6) A person may not be detained in a detention facility approved or operated by the department exclusively for juveniles if the per-

son has attained 18 years of age and an indictment is returned or if the person attains 21 years of age.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 362**

**H.P. 64 - L.D. 99**

**An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6101, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 620, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

Records of complaints, charges of misconduct, investigations and disciplinary actions may be provided by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to the Department of Health and Human Services when an investigation of child abuse or neglect in accordance with Title 22, section 4099-N, subsection 3 is in process.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRS §4099-N, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 248, §4, is amended to read:

**3. School personnel.** The investigation team may investigate an individual who is licensed or certified, who has applied for licensure or certification or who is subject to licensure or certification by the Department of Education and employed by a school organized under Title 20-A, Part 2.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRS §4099-O, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Disclosure to schools.** The investigation team may notify the superintendent of a school administrative unit, the chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or the chief administrator of a private school when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of that school administrative unit, public school not in a school administrative unit or private school. For the purposes of this subsection, "school administrative unit" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRS §7703, sub-§3, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 691, §2, is amended to read:

D. A person having the legal responsibility or authorization to educate, care for, evaluate, treat or supervise a client or recipient of services of the facility. ~~This shall include~~ A person under this paragraph includes a member of a treatment team or

group convened to plan for or treat a person named in a record, ~~provided that~~ as long as the identity of any reference, complainant, reporter of suspected abuse or neglect or other person is protected, when appropriate. A person under this paragraph includes the superintendent of a school administrative unit, the chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or the chief administrator of a private school;

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §7703, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 691, §2, is amended to read:

**5. Dissemination of confidential information.** Information released pursuant to subsections 3 and 4 ~~shall must~~ be used solely for the purpose for which it was provided and ~~shall may~~ not be further disseminated, except as provided in subsection 5-A.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §7703, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Dissemination by Department of Education.** Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect released in accordance with subsection 4, paragraph G may be disseminated by the Department of Education to the superintendent of a school administrative unit, the chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or the chief administrator of a private school when neither the department nor the Department of Education is investigating the reports of suspected child abuse or neglect released in accordance with subsection 4, paragraph G or the school administrative unit, public school or private school is determined by the department to be unaware of the information, as long as the identity of or any reference to the complainant or reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect is protected.

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**CHAPTER 363**  
**S.P. 401 - L.D. 911**

**An Act to Clarify Procedures  
for When a Candidate  
Withdraws from an Election  
Determined by Ranked-choice  
Voting or When a Candidate  
Dies or Becomes Disqualified in  
an Election Determined by  
Ranked-choice Voting**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§27-C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 273, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

If one or more of the candidates who have qualified to be listed on the ballot for a particular office in an election determined by ranked-choice voting die, are disqualified or withdraw less than 70 days before the election, the election remains an election determined by ranked-choice voting regardless of the number of remaining candidates.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §371, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 636, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Death or disqualification of candidates less than 70 days before primary election in contested races.** The Secretary of State is not required to remove the name of a candidate from the primary election ballot or declare a vacancy if a candidate dies or becomes disqualified less than 70 days before the primary election and another candidate from the same political party will appear on the ballot for that office. Upon receipt of information that the candidate has died or become disqualified, the Secretary of State shall immediately prepare and distribute to the local election officials in the candidate's electoral district a notice informing voters that the candidate has died or become disqualified and that a vote for that candidate will not be counted. The notice must be distributed with all absentee ballots requested after the notice is received by the local election officials and, on election day, must be posted outside the guardrail enclosure in accordance with section 651, subsection 2 and in each voting booth. Notice that the candidate has died or become disqualified must also be posted on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. In an election determined by ranked-choice voting, a ranking for a candidate who has died or become disqualified is considered a ranking only for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted under section 723-A. A candidate who has died or been disqualified cannot be determined the winner. For the purposes of this subsection, "ranking" has the same meaning as in section 723-A, subsection 1, paragraph I.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §371, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 636, §6, is amended to read:

**6. Withdrawal of candidates less than 70 days before primary election in contested and uncontested races.** When a candidate for nomination withdraws less than 70 days before the primary election, the candidate's name may not be removed from the primary election ballot and a vacancy may not be declared. Upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal, the Secretary of State shall immediately prepare and distribute to the local election officials in the candidate's electoral district a notice informing voters that the candidate has withdrawn and that a vote for that candidate will not be counted. The notice must be distributed with all absentee ballots requested after the notice is received by the local election officials and, on election day, must be posted outside the guardrail enclosure in accordance with section 651, subsection 2 and in each voting booth. Notice of the late withdrawal must also be posted on the

Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. In an election determined by ranked-choice voting, a ranking for a candidate who has withdrawn is considered a ranking only for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted under section 723-A. A candidate who has withdrawn cannot be determined the winner. For the purposes of this subsection, "ranking" has the same meaning as in section 723-A, subsection 1, paragraph I.

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §374-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. Deadline for removal of candidate's name from general election ballot.** Removal of a candidate's name from the general election ballot is determined in accordance with this subsection.

A. The name of a candidate for an office on the general election ballot who withdraws for any reason 70 days or more before the general election must be removed from the ballot.

B. If a candidate for an office on the general election ballot withdraws less than 70 days before the general election and meets the criteria of subsection 1, paragraph B or C, the candidate's name must be removed from the general election ballot in accordance with section 376, subsection 1-A or the general election ballot must be amended or supplemented in accordance with section 604.

C. If a candidate for an office on the general election ballot withdraws less than 70 days before the general election and does not meet the criteria of subsection 1, paragraph B or C, the candidate's name will not be removed from the ballot, but upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal required by section 367, the Secretary of State shall immediately prepare and distribute to the local election officials in the candidate's electoral district a notice informing voters that the candidate has withdrawn and that a vote for that candidate will not be counted. The notice must be distributed with all absentee ballots requested after the notice is received by the local election officials and, on election day, must be posted outside the guardrail enclosure in accordance with section 651, subsection 2 and in each voting booth. Notice of a candidate's withdrawal less than 70 days before the general election must also be posted on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. In an election determined by ranked-choice voting, a ranking for a candidate who has withdrawn is considered a ranking only for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted under section 723-A. A candidate who has withdrawn cannot be determined the winner. For the purposes of this subsection, "ranking" has the same meaning as in section 723-A, subsection 1, paragraph I.

**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 628, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Continuing candidate" means a candidate who has not been removed from consideration and is not an excluded candidate.

**Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§1, ¶C-1** is enacted to read:

C-1. "Excluded candidate" means a candidate who is listed on the ballot or has qualified as a declared write-in candidate, but has died, been disqualified or withdrawn less than 70 days before the election.

**Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 628, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Procedures.** Except as provided in subsections 2-A, 3, 4 and 7, the following procedures are used to determine the winner of an election determined by ranked-choice voting. ~~The~~ If a candidate has been assigned ranking number one on more than 50% of all ballots cast for the particular office for which the candidate is running, including but not limited to ballots on which ranking number one is blank, on which there is an over-vote at ranking number one or on which ranking number one was assigned to an excluded candidate, that candidate is declared the winner of the election. If no candidate has been assigned ranking number one on more than 50% of the ballots cast for that particular office, the ranked-choice voting count must proceed in rounds. In each round, the number of votes for each continuing candidate must be counted. Each continuing ballot counts as one vote for its highest-ranked continuing candidate for that round. Exhausted ballots are not counted for any continuing candidate. The round then ends with one of the following 2 potential outcomes.

A. If there are 2 or fewer continuing candidates, the candidate with the most votes is declared the winner of the election.

B. If there are more than 2 continuing candidates, the last-place candidate is removed from consideration and a new round begins.

**Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Excluded candidates.** In any round of the ranked-choice voting count, a ballot on which an excluded candidate is the highest-ranked candidate must be counted for the next-highest-ranked continuing candidate.

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**CHAPTER 364  
H.P. 644 - L.D. 997**

**An Act to Allow Residential  
Use Development in  
Commercial Districts**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-C, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 536, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

**§4364-D. Residential units in areas zoned for commercial use**

A municipality shall allow residential units within buildings located in an area zoned for commercial use, including, but not limited to, buildings that are vacant or partially vacant retail property, except when a municipality determines that flooding or other natural hazards in the zone makes a building located in an area zoned for commercial use unfit for residential use. For purposes of this section, "commercial use" means the use of lands, buildings or structures the intent or result of which is the production of income from the buying or selling of goods or services. "Commercial use" does not include a home-based business, the rental of a single dwelling unit on a single lot or incidental sales of goods or services as may be allowed by permit or standard.

**1. Allowable limitation on residential units in areas zoned for commercial use.** An ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates the establishment of residential units in an area zoned for commercial use may establish standards that limit the number of residential units in a commercial development.

**2. Allowable requirement for commercial use on ground floor.** An ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates the establishment of residential units in an area zoned for commercial use may require the ground floor of a building containing residential units to be restricted for commercial use.

**3. Allowable siting and design requirements for residential units in areas zoned for commercial use.** A municipality may adopt an ordinance regulating the siting and design of a residential or mixed-use development established in an area zoned for commercial use as long as the ordinance, alone or in combination with other siting and design ordinances, does not discourage the development through unreasonable costs or delays.

**4. Prohibited limitations on residential development.** An ordinance adopted by a municipality that regulates residential development in an area zoned for commercial use may not contain restrictions or limitations more stringent than the restrictions or limitations contained in section 4364, 4364-A or 4364-B.

**5. Health and safety requirements.** This section is not intended to reduce or change health or safety requirements applicable to residential units located in a municipality.

**6. Rulemaking.** The state agency responsible for administering the Housing Opportunity Program established in Title 5, section 13056-J may adopt rules to administer and enforce this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**7. Implementation.** A municipality must comply with the requirements of this section beginning July 1, 2027.

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**CHAPTER 365  
H.P. 1184 - L.D. 1765**

**An Act to Ensure Affordability  
and Stability in Residential  
Housing and in Manufactured  
Housing Communities**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9082,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 210, Pt. B, §29, is further amended to read:

**§9082. License required**

A person may not conduct, control, manage or operate, for compensation, directly or indirectly, any manufactured housing community unless licensed by the board. Licenses issued must be displayed in a place readily visible to customers or other persons using a licensed establishment.

Any person desiring a license shall submit satisfactory evidence, in a form acceptable to the board, of that person's ability to comply with the minimum standards of this subchapter and all rules adopted under this subchapter.

An applicant for a license to operate a manufactured housing community shall include the following information with the license application:

**1. Applicant's name.** The applicant's legal name;

**2. Parent or subsidiary corporation.** The legal name of all parent or subsidiary corporations of the applicant and companies owned by the applicant;

**3. Number of sites in manufactured housing community to be licensed.** The number of sites in the manufactured housing community to be licensed;

**4. Number of sites in manufactured housing community occupied.** The number of sites in the manufactured housing community occupied as of the date of the application, if any;

**5. Lot rent.** The minimum and maximum lot rent in effect as of the date of the application, if any;

**6. Age or income requirements.** Age or income requirements for homeowners living in the manufactured housing community;

**7. Seasonal.** Whether the manufactured housing community is seasonal; and

**8. Common expenses.** The most common expenses included in the calculation of rent and fees, such as pet fees, vehicle fees, ground maintenance costs, snow removal costs, trash pickup costs, laundry facility costs and the cost of providing additional storage.

**Sec. 2. Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to design strategies; report.** The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102, shall:

1. Develop a model rent stabilization ordinance for use by municipalities and post the model ordinance on the office's publicly accessible website;
2. Identify barriers to and solutions for building residential dwelling units in vacant lots;
3. Explore opportunities to provide technical and financial support to manufactured housing community homeowners to maintain the affordability of rent and fees within the community;
4. Recommend ways to proactively support manufactured housing community homeowners who seek to form a cooperative or other organization or align with a nonprofit organization to purchase the homeowners' housing community; and
5. Evaluate traditional mortgages as a financing option for manufactured housing community homeowners who wish to purchase their manufactured housing community.

In conducting activities required by this section, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future may work with other state agencies or interested parties.

By December 31, 2025, the office shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development with the results of the work required in this section. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 366**

**H.P. 1238 - L.D. 1854**

**An Act to Require the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure, Board of Dental Practice, Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing, Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of Social Worker Licensure, Board of Osteopathic Licensure and Board of Licensure in Medicine to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Initial Applicants and Licensees Seeking Compact Privileges**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶CC** is enacted to read:

CC. Who is an applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant with the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, or who is a licensed occupational therapist or a licensed occupational therapy assistant seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 2279-A.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶DD** is enacted to read:

DD. Who is an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant with the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, or who is a licensed physician assistant seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 2594-G.

**Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶EE** is enacted to read:

EE. Who is an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant with the Board of Licensure in Medicine, or who is a licensed physician assistant seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 3270-H.

**Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶FF** is enacted to read:

FF. Who is an applicant for a multistate license with the State Board of Social Worker Licensure, as required under Title 32, section 7052-A.

**Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶GG** is enacted to read:

GG. Who is an applicant for licensure as a clinical professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist with the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure, or who is a licensed clinical professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 13858-A.

**Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶HH** is enacted to read:

HH. Who is an applicant for licensure as an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist with the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing, or who is a licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language pathologist seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 17301-A.

**Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶II** is enacted to read:

II. Who is an applicant for licensure as a dentist or a dental hygienist with the Board of Dental Practice, or who is a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist seeking a compact privilege, as required under Title 32, section 18341-A.

**Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶BB** is enacted to read:

BB. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph CC at the request of that person or the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 2279-A.

**Sec. 9. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶CC** is enacted to read:

CC. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph DD at the request of that person or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 2594-G.

**Sec. 10. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶DD** is enacted to read:

DD. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph EE at the request of that person or the Board of Licensure in Medicine and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 3270-H.

**Sec. 11. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶EE** is enacted to read:

EE. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph FF at the request of that person or the State Board of Social Worker Licensure and upon

payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 7052-A.

**Sec. 12. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶FF** is enacted to read:

FF. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph GG at the request of that person or the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 13858-A.

**Sec. 13. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶GG** is enacted to read:

GG. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph HH at the request of that person or the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 17301-A.

**Sec. 14. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶HH** is enacted to read:

HH. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named in subsection 1, paragraph II at the request of that person or the Board of Dental Practice and upon payment of the fee by that person as required by Title 32, section 18341-A.

**Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §2279-A** is enacted to read:

**§2279-A. Criminal history record information; fees**

**1. Background check.** The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's home state. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by

the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission established under section 2294 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this

subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §2594-G** is enacted to read:  
**§2594-G. Criminal history record information; fees**

**1. Background check.** The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as a physician assistant under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed physician assistant who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's participating state in accordance with chapter 145-A. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for a physician assistant license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed physician assistant seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the Physician Assistants Licensure Compact Commission established under section 18537 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §3270-H** is enacted to read:

**§3270-H. Criminal history record information; fees**

**1. Background check.** The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as a physician assistant under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed physician assistant who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's participating state in accordance with chapter 145-A. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for a physician assistant license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed physician assistant seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the Physician Assistants Licensure Compact Commission established under section 18537 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §7052-A** is enacted to read:  
**§7052-A. Criminal history record information; fees**

1. Background check. The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for a multistate license under subchapter 5. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for a multistate license may

be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. A board action against an applicant under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the Social Work Licensure Compact commission established under section 7091 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §13858-A** is enacted to read:

**§13858-A. Criminal history record information; fees**

1. Background check. The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as a clinical professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed clinical professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's home state. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the

board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for a clinical professional counselor license or a marriage and family therapist license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed clinical professional counselor or a licensed marriage and family therapist seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the counseling compact commission established under section 18560 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this

subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §17301-A** is enacted to read:

**§17301-A. Criminal history record information; fees**

**1. Background check.** The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language pathologist who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's home state. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and

review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for an audiologist license or a speech-language pathologist license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language pathologist seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission established under section 17508 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

**2. Rules.** The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §18341-A** is enacted to read:

**§18341-A. Criminal history record information; fees**

**1. Background check.** The board shall request a background check for each person who submits an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement as a dentist or a dental hygienist under this chapter. The board shall request a background check for each licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist who applies for an initial compact privilege and designates this State as the applicant's home state. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System, established in Title 16, section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Infor-

mation System must include public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

B. The criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation must include other state and national criminal history record information.

C. An applicant or licensee shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, upon payment by the applicant or licensee of a fee established by the board, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's or licensee's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification so that the State Bureau of Identification can conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Except for the portion of the payment, if any, that constitutes the processing fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the Bureau of State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety. Any person who fails to transmit criminal fingerprint records to the State Bureau of Identification pursuant to this paragraph is subject to the provisions of Title 25, section 1550.

D. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

E. State and federal criminal history record information of an applicant for a dentist license or a dental hygienist license may be used by the board for the purpose of screening the applicant. State and federal criminal history record information of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist seeking an initial compact privilege may be used by the board for the purpose of taking disciplinary action against the licensee. A board action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 341.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the board are for official use only and may not be disseminated to the dentist and dental hygienist compact commission established under section 18438 or to any other person.

G. An individual whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in

writing that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification remove the individual's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the individual's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification, may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 367**

**H.P. 1297 - L.D. 1938**

**An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1202, sub-§2, ¶D** is amended to read:

D. Sales made by a cigarette distributor to a licensed wholesale dealer ~~or to the operator of 15 or more vending machines shall not be~~ are not subject to a markup of 2% as stated in paragraph C, but such sales ~~shall be~~ are subject to full trade discount only.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1541, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 318, §1, is amended to read:

**1-A. Electronic smoking device.** "Electronic smoking device" means a device used to deliver nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that may be used by a person ~~to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device, including, without limitation, a device manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, electronic hookah or so-called vape pen.~~

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 342, §1 and affected by §9, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1551-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 470, §9 and affected by §19, is amended to read:

**1. Retail tobacco license.** It is unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation that engages in retail sales, ~~including retail sales through vending machines or in free distribution of tobacco products,~~ to sell, keep for sale or give away in the course of trade any tobacco

products to anyone without first obtaining a retail tobacco license from the department, in accordance with this chapter. The department may not issue a license under this chapter that permits the retail sale of tobacco products through vending machines.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1552, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 145, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Multiple licenses.** Except as provided in subsection 3-A, a licensee applying for licenses to operate more than one premises ~~or more than one vending machine~~ shall obtain a separate license for each premises ~~and each machine~~ and shall pay the fee prescribed for each premises ~~and each machine~~.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1552, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 199, §3, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Seasonal mobile tobacco vendor license.** An applicant who is a seasonal mobile tobacco vendor may purchase a single annual license authorizing that vendor to operate at 2 or more agricultural fairs, festivals or exhibitions held during the agricultural fair season. A license issued under this subsection must clearly specify the name and location of each fair, festival or exhibition at which the licensee is authorized to operate and, for each location, the specific dates ~~and number of machines~~ for which the licensee is authorized. A licensee may not operate at any agricultural fair, festival or ~~exhibit~~ exhibition except as specifically provided in that license. A seasonal mobile tobacco vendor license expires upon the conclusion of the agricultural fairs, festivals or exhibitions for which it was issued. Upon issuing a license under this subsection, the department shall immediately provide the information required by this subsection to the Office of the Attorney General for purposes of inspection and enforcement.

**Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1553-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 308, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §1554-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §6 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

**1. License required.** A person may not engage in retail tobacco sales ~~or in free distribution of tobacco products~~ in the ordinary course of trade in this State without a valid license issued under subchapter 1.

**Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 308, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Sales to persons who have not attained 21 years of age prohibited.** A person may not sell, ~~or furnish, give away~~ or offer to sell, ~~or furnish or give away,~~ a tobacco product to any person who has not attained 21 years of age, unless the person has attained 18 years of age as of July 1, 2018. Tobacco products may not be sold at retail to any person who has not attained 30 years of age unless the seller first verifies that person's age by

means of reliable photographic identification containing the person's date of birth. That a person appeared to be 30 years of age or older does not constitute a defense to a violation of this section.

**Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 305, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 308, §6, is further amended to read:

**10. Affirmative defense.** It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of subsection 1, 2 or 4 that the defendant sold, ~~or~~ furnished, ~~gave away~~ or offered to sell, ~~or~~ furnish ~~or give away~~, a tobacco product in violation of subsection 5-A in reasonable reliance upon a fraudulent proof of age presented by the purchaser.

**Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

**12. Prohibition on giving away a tobacco product.** A tobacco retailer or tobacco distributor may not give away a tobacco product.

**Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §1558, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 470, §9 and affected by §19 and amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is further amended to read:

B. If a licensee is interested directly or indirectly in more than one license, the District Court may order that a revocation apply to any of those premises ~~or machines.~~

**Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §1580-A, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 126, is amended to read:

D. "Smoking" means carrying or having in one's possession a lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, or pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off tobacco smoke a lighted or heated tobacco or other plant product intended for human consumption through inhalation whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" includes the use of an electronic smoking device as defined in section 1541, subsection 1-A.

**Sec. 15. 36 MRSA §4362-A, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. U, §9 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A distributor who imports into this State any cigarettes without holding a distributor's license issued by the assessor pursuant to this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$250~~ \$500 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 must be adjudged.

B. A distributor who violates paragraph A after having been previously adjudicated as violating paragraph A commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 and not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 must be adjudged for each subsequent violation.

C. A distributor who sells at wholesale, offers for sale at wholesale or possesses with intent to sell at wholesale any cigarettes without holding a distributor's license issued by the assessor pursuant to this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$250~~ \$500 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 must be adjudged.

D. A distributor who violates paragraph C after having been previously adjudicated as violating paragraph C commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 and not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 must be adjudged for each subsequent violation.

**Sec. 16. 36 MRSA §4365-F, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. AA, §3 and affected by §8, is amended to read:

**2. Liability.** A person possessing cigarettes for resale is liable for the difference between the tax rate of 100 mills per cigarette and the tax rate of 50 mills per cigarette in effect before September 19, 2005. Stamps indicating payment of the tax imposed by this section must be affixed to all packages of cigarettes held for resale as of September 19, 2005, ~~except that cigarettes held in vending machines as of that date do not require that stamp.~~

**Sec. 17. 36 MRSA §4365-F, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. AA, §3 and affected by §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 530, Pt. A, §1 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

**2-A. Electronic smoking device.** "Electronic smoking device" means a device used to deliver nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that may be used by a person ~~to simulate smoking~~ through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device, including, without limitation, a device manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, electronic hookah or so-called vape pen.

**Sec. 19. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 783, §16, is amended to read:

**4. Place of business.** "Place of business" means any place where tobacco products are sold or where tobacco products are manufactured, stored, or kept for the purpose of sale or consumption, including any vessel, vehicle, airplane, or train ~~or vending machines.~~

**Sec. 20. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 5, 2026.

Effective January 5, 2026.

**CHAPTER 368  
H.P. 430 - L.D. 662**

**An Act to Support Survivors of  
Military Sexual Trauma and  
Active Duty Military Members  
Transitioning to Civilian Life**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** veterans have made significant sacrifices to protect our country and ensure our freedom, and many of those veterans in Maine may face challenges transitioning back to civilian life; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature remains committed to supporting efforts that assist military service members and their families as they separate from military service and transition back to civilian life by helping them find stable employment, access health care and housing and find their place in society; and

**Whereas,** it is particularly important to support those veterans who have sacrificed more than others because they have experienced military sexual trauma while serving their country in the military; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to provide desperately needed funding to organizations that support veterans and their families; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13056-K** is enacted to read:  
**§13056-K. Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund and Program**

**1. Fund established; purpose.** The Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as an Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of receiving funds for the program.

**2. Program established; purpose.** The Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department to support organizations in the

State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.

**3. Fund sources; administration.** The fund consists of money appropriated or allocated to the fund or received from public or private sources. Through agreements or cooperative arrangements, the department may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions from a state or federal agency, person, firm or corporation, either independently or in conjunction with state funds appropriated or allocated to the fund for the purposes of this section.

**4. Funds held separate; interest credited; nonlapsing.** The funds in the fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2430, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 181, Pt. A, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2430, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Uses of fund.** As allocated by the Legislature, the fund may be used for:

A. Expenses of the department to administer this chapter;

B. Grants for research regarding cannabis for medical use in accordance with subsection 5;

C. Grants to organizations in the State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before September 30, 2025, and by every September 30th thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer \$200,000 from the fund to the Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund established within the Department of Economic and Community Development under Title 5, section 13056-K to administer grants issued pursuant to this paragraph; and

D. Grants to organizations in the State providing housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before September 30, 2025, and by every September 30th thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer \$285,000 from the fund to the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund under section 3971 to administer grants issued pursuant to this paragraph.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA c. 1069** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 1069**

**SURVIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA FUND AND PROGRAM**

**§3971. Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund and Program**

**1. Fund established; purpose.** The Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department. The fund may receive money from any available state, federal or private source. The fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this section.

**2. Program established; purpose.** The Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department to assist organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.

**3. Uses of fund.** The fund may be used to support the program.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund N525**

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to support organizations in the State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund N535**

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to support organizations in the State providing housing and support

services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$285,000	\$285,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$285,000</u>	<u>\$285,000</u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$285,000	\$285,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$285,000</u>	<u>\$285,000</u>

**SECTION TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$485,000	\$485,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$485,000</u>	<u>\$485,000</u>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 19, 2025.

**CHAPTER 369**

**S.P. 376 - L.D. 843**

**An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 522, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Report.** The operator of the consumer assistance program shall report to the Attorney General, according to the requirements of the contract under subsection 4 3, on aggregate data relevant to the services provided by and activities of the consumer assistance program, and annually, by January 15<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>, the Attorney General shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters on the aggregate data.

**Sec. 2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds bal-**

**ances to Department of Attorney General.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on November 1, 2025 and on July 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from available balances in the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General, Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 370**

**H.P. 716 - L.D. 1094**

**An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6406, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 151, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Prohibited acts.** It is unlawful for any person whose license or right to obtain a license is under suspension to:

- A. Engage in any licensed activity;
- B. Give another person permission to raise, lift, transfer or possess lobster traps or cars marked with the suspended person's lobster and crab fishing license number or lobster traps with buoys that carry the color design on file with the suspended license;
- C. Assist a holder of a Class II lobster and crab fishing license as a crew member; ~~or~~

E. For any violation occurring on or after the effective date of this paragraph, assist any license holder as a crew member in any activity authorized by the suspended license; ~~or~~

F. Hold a direct and substantial financial interest in any business that buys, possesses, transports or sells elvers if that person has had that person's license or right to obtain a license issued under section 6864 suspended or revoked.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6864, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 492, §15, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Limits on issuance after February 1st.** The department may not issue an elver dealer's license or a supplemental license after February 1st of the current licensing year.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6864, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Limits on issuance to same person.** The department may not issue an elver dealer's license or a supplemental license to a person using the same business address as a person who has violated section 6404-K, subsection 1 for at least 5 years following the violation.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 371**

**H.P. 724 - L.D. 1105**

**An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1407** is enacted to read:

**§1407. Displaced civilian federal firefighters database**

The department shall establish and maintain a database of the names of civilian federal firefighters who have been displaced by a layoff or reduction in force at or closure of a federal installation in this State, including, but not limited to, a naval shipyard, a military base or a facility of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to this section.

**1. Application.** A civilian federal firefighter may apply for inclusion in the database by providing a copy of the notice that the firefighter's position has been terminated due to a reduction in force at or closure of a federal installation in this State.

**2. Distribution.** The department shall distribute or make available from the database a list of displaced civilian federal firefighters to municipalities that maintain

a municipal fire department pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 153.

**3. Term.** The name of a displaced civilian federal firefighter in the database must be maintained for no less than 4 years unless the department is notified that the firefighter has requested to be removed from the database.

**4. Consultation.** The department may consult with organizations that represent the interests of civilian federal firefighters when establishing the database.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 372**

**S.P. 658 - L.D. 1664**

**An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-AAA, sub-§1, ¶I,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. J, §13, is amended to read:

I. "Layoff" means a reduction in workforce at a qualified business with 20 or more persons employed during any one of the preceding 4 quarters that results in an employment loss for at least 2 consecutive months within the same tax year of at least 20% of the qualified business's employees in this State. "Layoff" does not mean a reduction in workforce due to a catastrophic event or due to a restriction on the weight or passage of any vehicle over any way by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2395.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 373**

**H.P. 197 - L.D. 297**

**An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§5-A, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 517, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A solid waste processing facility that generates residue requiring disposal shall recycle or process into fuel for combustion through

methods other than chemical plastic processing all waste accepted at the facility to the maximum extent practicable, but in no case at a rate less than 50%. For purposes of this subsection, "recycle" does not include chemical plastic processing and does include, but is not limited to, plastic-to-plastic recycling; the reuse of waste generated within the State as defined in section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, paragraph C; the recovery of metals from waste; the use of waste or waste-derived product as material substitutes in construction; and the use of waste as boiler fuel substitutes.

At least 50% of the waste that a solid waste processing facility characterizes as recycled under this subparagraph must have been reused or recycled by the facility through methods other than placement of the waste in a solid waste landfill, except that a solid waste processing facility that was in operation during calendar year 2018, that accepts exclusively construction and demolition debris and that accepted more than 200,000 tons of such debris in calendar year 2018 shall:

- (a) Reuse or recycle at least 15% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026;
- (b) Reuse or recycle at least 20% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027;
- (c) Reuse or recycle at least 30% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;
- (d) Reuse or recycle at least 40% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2027~~ 2029; and
- (e) Reuse or recycle at least 50% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2028~~ 2030.

**Sec. 2. PL 2023, c. 283, §2** is amended to read:

**Sec. 2. Temporary allowance for disposal or placement of oversized bulky waste in landfill.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A to the contrary, for the period beginning ~~on the effective date of this Act~~ June 23, 2023 and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027:

1. If in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste

landfill exceeds the total weight of the solid waste initially generated within the State that was processed by the facility in that 12-month period, such excess residue, not to exceed 25,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, as long as that excess residue is composed of oversized bulky waste and is disposed of or otherwise placed in a state-owned solid waste landfill; ~~and~~

1-A. Any additional excess residue associated with the processing of the oversized bulky waste amount identified in subsection 1 generated by the solid waste processing facility in that 12-month period and used at a solid waste landfill, not to exceed 75,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, as long as that additional excess residue is not composed of oversized bulky waste and is used at a state-owned solid waste landfill as daily cover; and

2. Any excess residue, other than the excess residue identified in ~~subsection~~ subsections 1 and 1-A, generated by the solid waste processing facility in that 12-month period is deemed not to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A.

As used in this section, "oversized bulky waste" means large items of solid waste that are residue from processing construction and demolition debris, including, but not limited to, household appliances, furniture and mattresses.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations to authorize the expenditure of additional revenue from tipping fees.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Sec. 4. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to June 23, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 374  
H.P. 281 - L.D. 427**

**An Act to Regulate Municipal  
Parking Space Minimums**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

**§4364-D. Minimum parking space requirements; limitations**

**1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "parking agreement" means a legally binding agreement between a property developer and the owner of an off-site parking facility to provide required parking spaces within 0.25 miles of a development site.

**2. Limitation of minimum parking space requirements in growth areas.** A municipality may not require more than one off-street parking space per dwelling unit for a residential development within a designated growth area of a municipality, but a municipality may impose maximum parking space requirements or require parking demand management strategies that do not require more than one off-street parking space per dwelling unit.

**3. Legalization of off-site parking agreements.** A municipality must allow a developer to satisfy municipal parking requirements through off-site parking agreements with existing parking facilities located within 0.25 miles of a development site. A developer engaged in an off-site parking agreement shall provide to the municipality documentation demonstrating the availability of sufficient capacity at the off-site parking facility, as determined by a professional parking study or similar evidence acceptable to the municipality. A municipality may not impose additional barriers to the approval of such parking agreements beyond verifying the adequacy of parking supply.

**4. Rulemaking.** The Maine Office of Community Affairs may adopt rules to administer and enforce this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 375  
H.P. 381 - L.D. 613**

**An Act to Amend the Maine  
Death with Dignity Act to  
Ensure Access by Qualified  
Patients**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 271, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**11. Written and oral requests; waiting periods.**  
To receive a prescription for medication that the qualified patient may self-administer under this Act, a qualified patient must make 2 oral requests, at least 15 days apart, and a written request to the qualified patient's attending physician. At the time the qualified patient makes the qualified patient's 2nd oral request, the attending physician shall offer the qualified patient an opportunity to rescind the request. The date the qualified patient signs the written request must be no earlier than 15 days after the initial oral request. At least 48 hours must elapse between the date the qualified patient signs the written request and the writing of a prescription under this Act.

The attending physician may waive a portion of the waiting periods required in this subsection if, in the attending physician's medical opinion, it is in the best interests of the qualified patient, given the qualified patient's condition, as long as the waiting period in total is no less than 7 days.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 271, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§14, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 271, §4, is amended to read:

F. The attending physician's offer to the patient to rescind the patient's request at the time of the patient's 2nd oral request under subsection 11; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§14, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 271, §4, is amended to read:

G. A note by the attending physician indicating that all requirements under this Act have been met, including the requirements of subsection 6, and indicating the steps taken to carry out the patient's request, including a notation of the medication prescribed; ~~and~~

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§14, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. When a portion of the waiting periods under this section has been waived pursuant to subsection 11, a note by the attending physician that, in the attending physician's medical opinion, it is in the best

interests of the qualified patient to waive a portion of the waiting periods, given the qualified patient's condition, and what portion of the waiting periods has been waived. The waiting period in total may not be less than 7 days.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 376  
S.P. 650 - L.D. 1642**

**An Act to Protect Maine  
Consumers by Simplifying  
Subscription and Health Club  
Membership Cancellations**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 205-B, headnote** is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 205-B**

**AUTOMATIC SUBSCRIPTION OR HEALTH  
CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1210-C**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1210-C. Cancellation of subscriptions or memberships**

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Automatic subscription or health club membership renewal" means an offer or agreement to provide any of the following goods or services for a specified time and price that is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term for a subsequent term unless the consumer ~~can~~ affirmatively acts to cancel the agreement or to reject further provision of the goods or services:

- (1) Online magazines, journals and periodicals;
- (2) Online media players;
- (3) Mobile apps;
- (4) Social networking services;
- (5) Internet game services; ~~and~~
- (6) Online software; ~~and~~
- (7) Health club memberships.

**Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewal" means an automatic subscription or health club membership renewal with

a specified subscription term of 12 months or more, in which the subscription or membership automatically renews for a specified term of more than one month unless the consumer ~~can~~ affirmatively acts to cancel the subscription or membership or to reject further provision of the goods or services.

**Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. "Health club" means an establishment that provides health club services intended to improve or maintain the user's physical condition or appearance through exercise. "Health club" includes, but is not limited to, fitness centers, gyms, health studios, exercise clubs and facilities that offer access to equipment, classes or amenities such as pools, saunas or courts. "Health club" does not include:

- (1) An establishment operated by a nonprofit organization;
- (2) An establishment operated by a public or private school, college or university;
- (3) An establishment operated by the State, a political subdivision of the State or the Federal Government;
- (4) An establishment in which health club services are incidental to the primary purpose of the business; and
- (5) A health care facility as defined by Title 22, section 328, subsection 8.

**Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶B-2** is enacted to read:

B-2. "Health club membership" means an agreement under which a consumer pays or commits to pay a health club for ongoing access to health club services, whether on a recurring basis or for a specified term. "Health club membership" includes any agreement entered into online, through a mobile app or over the Internet.

**Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶B-3** is enacted to read:

B-3. "Health club services" means services, privileges and rights offered by a health club for use of its equipment, classes or facilities, including but not limited to access to exercise equipment, wellness programs, swimming pools, playing courts and fitness-related amenities.

**Sec. 8. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

G. "Seller" means a person who sells, leases or offers to sell or lease automatic subscription or health club membership renewals or extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewals and does not include an entity providing only the

host platform on the website of an Internet game service.

**Sec. 9. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Method of cancellation of automatic subscription or health club membership renewal; required seller disclosure; misrepresentation.** A seller may not make an automatic subscription or health club membership renewal offer to a consumer in this State unless the seller presents that consumer with a clear, conspicuous and easily accessible disclosure of all material terms of the renewal offer and of the methods that the consumer may use to cancel the subscription or membership. A seller shall obtain the express consent of a consumer to automatic subscription or health club membership renewal prior to enrollment through a check box, electronic signature requirement or other affirmative action by the consumer agreeing to the renewal offer. The seller must provide for online cancellation of the subscription by any means of communicating information over a computer network or health club membership by a consumer using the same method and in the same manner by which the consumer initially agreed to the subscription or membership. If a phone number is also provided for the purposes of cancellation of the subscription or membership, the number must be toll-free and must be prominently displayed in the disclosure. The disclosure must also include, but is not limited to, information regarding the amount and frequency of subscription or membership charges and the seller's refund policy upon cancellation. In marketing, offering or selling a subscription or membership with an automatic subscription or health club membership renewal, a seller may not make any misrepresentation of a material fact associated with that renewal offer.

**Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Extended automatic subscriptions subscription or health club membership renewals; additional notice requirement.** A seller may not make an extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewal offer to a consumer in this State unless the seller complies with the same requirements and restrictions applicable to automatic subscription or health club membership renewals under subsection 2 and additionally notifies the consumer of the automatic renewal in accordance with this subsection. Notice must be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic subscription renewal. The seller must provide for online cancellation of the subscription by any means of communicating information over a computer network. The notice before the renewal date for an extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewal, the seller shall provide notice to the consumer regarding the renewal, which must disclose clearly and conspicuously:

A. That unless the consumer cancels the subscription or membership it will automatically renew; and

B. Where the consumer can obtain details regarding the ~~automatic subscription~~ renewal and cancellation procedure.

**Sec. 11. 10 MRSA §1210-C, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Application.** This chapter applies only to an agreement entered into or renewed after January 1, 2020 under which a seller makes an automatic subscription or health club membership renewal or extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewal offer to a consumer in this State.

**Sec. 12. 10 MRSA §1210-D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**§1210-D. Violation**

**1. Violations.** A violation of this ~~section~~ chapter is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in addition to remedies authorized pursuant to the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, a person found in violation of this chapter based on unauthorized subscription or membership or other charges billed to or paid by a consumer is required to provide to the consumer a refund or credit for 3 times the unauthorized amounts billed or paid.

**2. Exceptions.** An action may not be brought under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act if a seller violates this chapter as the result of an error and provides a full refund or credit for all amounts billed to or paid by the consumer from the date of the subscription or membership renewal until the date of the termination of the subscription or membership or the date of the subsequent notice of renewal, whichever occurs first.

**3. Enforcement; rules.** The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and shall bring necessary actions for violations of this chapter in accordance with this section. The Attorney General may adopt rules necessary for the enforcement of this chapter. Rules adopted by the Attorney General pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 13. Application.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1210-C, subsection 4, this Act applies only to offers or agreements entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026 under which a seller makes an automatic subscription or health club membership renewal or extended automatic subscription or health club membership renewal offer to a consumer in this State.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 377  
H.P. 1166 - L.D. 1748**

**An Act to Enhance Businesses' Understanding of Labor Standards and Grow Maine's Energy Economy Through Project Development Information Resources**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 51** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 51**

**ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

**§3901. Energy project development information**

**1. Fact sheet and technical resource guide.** The Department of Labor, in partnership with the Governor's Energy Office, the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, or successor governmental departments and offices having jurisdiction over energy matters, shall develop a fact sheet and technical resource guide that clearly outlines the requirements, opportunities, expectations and responsibilities detailed in state labor laws, rules and priority selection opportunities for entities developing assisted projects, as defined in section 1304, subsection 1-A, with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or more in the State. The fact sheet and technical resource guide must:

A. Incorporate relevant information included in the Department of Labor's training on wage and hour laws compliance, with a focus on state labor and workforce requirements and benchmarks related to energy projects and programs;

B. Include relevant labor standards, benchmarks and other necessary commitments required by the State, the Public Utilities Commission, the University of Maine System and any other entity responsible for administering energy generation and transmission projects and programming in the State to receive preference or priority selection related to requests for proposals;

C. Clearly outline the statutory labor requirements of contractors and subcontractors performing work on energy projects;

D. Include information on statutory obligations of employers and the Department of Labor's enforcement procedures and penalties for violations; and

E. Be updated as necessary and reviewed by the Department of Labor no less than once per calendar year.

The fact sheet and technical resource guide must be disseminated to entities developing assisted projects in the State no less than once per calendar year.

**2. Attestation of review and understanding of assisted project requirements.** An entity responsible for the development of an assisted project, as defined in section 1304, subsection 1-A, with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or more and the entity's chosen prime contracting entity shall each separately attest under penalty of perjury that the entity:

A. Has reviewed the materials described in subsection 1, paragraphs A to D and that the entity understands the requirements as outlined;

B. Is aware of the resources available to assist in the entity's understanding and to facilitate compliance; and

C. Has made all contractors and subcontractors aware of the requirements outlined in subsection 1, paragraphs A to D.

Completed attestations must be submitted by both entities on a yearly basis to the Department of Labor before work may begin on any phase of site preparation, construction, retrofitting or demolition work.

**3. Report.** Beginning February 15, 2027 and annually thereafter, the Department of Labor shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters a report that contains the following information from the previous calendar year:

A. Data related to the number of assisted projects, as defined in section 1304, subsection 1-A, with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or more;

B. The number of and list of entities to which fact sheets and technical resource guides were disseminated, as required under subsection 1;

C. Data on the instances and types of technical assistance provided by the Department of Labor; and

D. A list of attestations received by the Department of Labor as required under subsection 2.

The Department of Labor does not need to submit any information required in the report under this subsection if that information is required to be submitted in any other report to the Legislature in the same calendar year.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 378  
H.P. 1182 - L.D. 1763**

**An Act to Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§43-A** is enacted to read:

**43-A. Nonwater-dependent floating structure.** "Nonwater-dependent floating structure" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 3301, subsection 10.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10403, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

Any municipal, county or state law enforcement officer or any harbor master appointed pursuant to section 13072 or Title 38, section 1 has the authority to enforce, in the respective jurisdictions, the watercraft laws in chapter 935, the nonwater-dependent floating structures laws in Title 38, chapter 37 and the rules related to those laws.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

**9-A. Dock.** "Dock" means a platform used for access to a water body or to secure, protect and provide access to a boat or ship. "Dock" includes a platform that extends from a shore over the water body or a floating platform attached to a mooring.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**12-A. Homemade watercraft.** "Homemade watercraft" means a watercraft that is built by an individual for personal use using raw materials and that is not required to have a hull identification number assigned by a manufacturer that has been assigned a manufacturer identification code by the Recreational Boating Product Assurance Branch of the United States Coast Guard. "Homemade watercraft" may include, but is not limited to, open watercraft, auxiliary sail watercraft, paddle craft, houseboats, pontoon boats, personal watercraft, airboats and inflatable watercraft.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

**12-B. Houseboat.** "Houseboat" means a motorized vessel that is usually nonplaning and designed primarily for multipurpose accommodation spaces with low freeboard and little or no foredeck or cockpit.

**Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§15-A** is enacted to read:

**15-A. Mooring.** "Mooring" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 5-A.

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§17-A** is enacted to read:

**17-A. Navigation.** "Navigation" means, with respect to a watercraft, the operation of the watercraft in a manner designed to avoid collisions on the water through adherence to rules of watercraft operation established by the department pursuant to chapter 935 and to applicable federal regulations.

**Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§27-B** is enacted to read:

**27-B. Vessel.** "Vessel" means any watercraft or artificial contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

**Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§28,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**28. Watercraft.** "Watercraft" means any type of vessel, boat, canoe or ~~raft~~ houseboat, excluding a seaplane, capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, ~~other than a seaplane, including that~~ satisfies all applicable laws and rules pertaining to navigation and safety equipment on watercraft. "Watercraft" includes motors, electronic and mechanical equipment and other machinery, whether permanently or temporarily attached, that are customarily used in the operations of the watercraft. "Watercraft" does not include a vessel, boat, canoe or ~~raft~~ houseboat located and intended to be permanently docked in one location and not used as a means of transportation on water.

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Homemade watercraft; hull identification number.** The owner of a homemade watercraft shall obtain a hull identification number prior to applying for a certificate of number from the commissioner. In the case of a homemade watercraft that is a houseboat or that is a nonwater-dependent floating structure capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, including, but not limited to, a dock, gazebo, floating swim toy, bathtub, swimming pool or picnic table, the commissioner may issue a certificate of number upon the request of the owner only if the owner provides a letter of inspection and approval for the homemade watercraft from a qualified marine surveyor and demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that the homemade watercraft:

A. Meets all applicable safety requirements under 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 183, including, but not limited to, requirements that the watercraft's flotation, decking and windows be constructed from marine-grade material;

B. Meets all applicable operating visibility requirements under 46 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 144.905. The watercraft must include a position from which its operator is afforded unobstructed forward visibility to each side of the centerline for at least 70 degrees from the operator's position and is afforded unobstructed lateral visibility to each side of the centerline at least 90 degrees from the operator's position;

C. Meets all applicable stability, weight capacity, horsepower capacity, passenger carrying area and navigation lighting requirements under 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 183; and

D. Is capable of navigation for the purposes of this chapter.

**Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §423, sub-§4,** as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and enacted by c. 688, Pt. B, §14 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

**4. Watercraft defined.** For the purposes of this section, "watercraft" has the same meaning as provided in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28, ~~except that "watercraft" includes houseboats. This subsection takes effect August 31, 2004.~~

**Sec. 12. 38 MRSA c. 37** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 37**

**NONWATER-DEPENDENT FLOATING STRUCTURES**

**§3301. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Abandoned nonwater-dependent floating structure.** "Abandoned nonwater-dependent floating structure" means a nonwater-dependent floating structure that has been left in, on or over internal waters for more than 24 hours without intention of removal by the owner, as determined by the primary enforcement authority.

**2. Coastal waters.** "Coastal waters" has the same meaning as in section 542, subsection 3-A.

**3. Dock.** "Dock" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 459, subsection 1, paragraph A.

**4. Floating home.** "Floating home" means a nonwater-dependent floating structure that is designed or has been substantially and structurally remodeled or redesigned to serve primarily as a residence and that is not a watercraft. "Floating home" includes, but is not limited to:

A. A floating house, floating camp or house barge; and

B. Any other floating structure used primarily as a residence that is not designed for navigation as its

primary purpose and is not capable of self-propulsion or use as a means of transportation on water.

**5. Functionally water-dependent uses.** "Functionally water-dependent uses" has the same meaning as in section 436-A, subsection 6.

**6. Houseboat.** "Houseboat" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 12-B.

**7. Inland waters.** "Inland waters" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 10001, subsection 35.

**8. Internal waters.** "Internal waters" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 13.

**9. Mooring.** "Mooring" has the same meaning as in section 480-B, subsection 5-A.

**10. Nonwater-dependent floating structure.** "Nonwater-dependent floating structure" means a waterborne structure that is supported wholly or partially by the structure's own buoyancy and that supports a nonwater-dependent use, including a floating home.

**11. Nonwater-dependent uses.** "Nonwater-dependent uses" means those uses that can function in a location other than on the surface waters of the State and that do not require, for their primary purpose, location on submerged lands or direct access to inland waters or coastal waters.

**12. Watercraft.** "Watercraft" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28.

**§3302. Prohibition on nonwater-dependent floating structures**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person may not place or use a nonwater-dependent floating structure in, on or over internal waters.

**§3303. Exceptions**

The following facilities and structures are not subject to the prohibition in section 3302:

**1. Functionally water-dependent uses.** Any facility or structure, the primary purpose of which is a functionally water-dependent use;

**2. Swimming structures.** Any dock, wharf or swimming and diving float that is used as a floating structure for swimming or diving or for the temporary tie-off of watercraft, is placed on internal waters of the State and is temporarily or permanently anchored to the bottom of those waters;

**3. Water toys.** Any floating water toy, including, but not limited to, air mattresses, pool toys, floating noodles, swim rings, water mats and inflatable platforms smaller than 250 square feet in surface area;

**4. Ice fishing shacks.** Any ice fishing shack described in Title 12, section 6523 or 12661;

**5. Aquaculture facilities.** Any aquaculture facility for which the owner or operator has obtained a lease from the Commissioner of Marine Resources pursuant to Title 12, section 6072, 6072-A or 6072-B;

**6. Authorized nonwater-dependent floating structure.** Any nonwater-dependent floating structure that has been approved for use as authorized under section 3304;

**7. Preexisting nonwater-dependent floating structures with preexisting leases.** Any nonwater-dependent floating structure that existed prior to January 1, 2025 that is sited pursuant to a lease issued by the submerged lands leasing program, established pursuant to Title 12, section 1862, subsection 2, prior to January 1, 2025; and

**8. Other facilities and structures.** Any other facility or structure exempted from the prohibition under section 3302 by rule adopted pursuant to section 3307.

**§3304. Provisions for continued use of authorized nonwater-dependent floating structures**

**1. Eligibility.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the owner of a nonwater-dependent floating structure that was in existence as of January 1, 2025 may make application to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, referred to in this section as "the bureau," through the submerged lands leasing program established pursuant to Title 12, section 1862 for a nonwater-dependent floating structure lease on the internal waters of the State that authorizes the owner to continue to operate the nonwater-dependent floating structure in accordance with the requirements of this section when the following applies:

A. The applicant holds right, title or interest to the shoreline to which the nonwater-dependent floating structure is attached; or

B. If the nonwater-dependent floating structure is not attached to the shore, the applicant has right, title or interest to the adjacent upland shoreline and holds an approved mooring from the United States Army Corps of Engineers or the municipality in which the structure is located.

**2. Application requirements.** To be eligible for consideration for a lease to authorize continued use under this section, an individual or entity must:

A. Submit by January 1, 2026 an application on forms provided by the bureau;

B. Provide proof of right, title or interest to the shoreline to which the nonwater-dependent floating structure will be attached or, if the structure is not attached to the shore, proof of right, title or interest to the adjacent upland shoreline and an approved mooring from the United States Army

Corps of Engineers or the municipality in which the structure is located;

C. Provide the names of abutting property owners;

D. Provide the location, intended use, square footage and photo documentation of the existing nonwater-dependent floating structure; and

E. Submit an application fee of \$500.

3. Bureau procedures. The bureau may take the following actions with respect to an application under this section.

A. The bureau may request additional information from the applicant, government agencies or other parties when necessary to complete its review of an application and make a decision.

B. The bureau shall notify interested parties of receipt of a completed application. As determined by the bureau on a case-by-case basis, interested parties may include, but are not limited to, abutting landowners, landowners with overlapping littoral zones, local municipal officials, harbor masters or others engaged in commercial marine activities or who have notified the bureau of their interest in a particular project. Interested parties must be given 30 days to provide the bureau with comments on a completed application.

C. If the bureau determines that a letter of no objection is required from one or more littoral abutters, the bureau shall send notice to the abutters and the applicant.

D. The bureau or its designee may conduct inspections of the proposed project site in order to assess on-site conditions, the characteristics and uses of adjacent lands, waters and structures and potential impacts on existing trusts.

E. After the initial 30-day review period under paragraph B, if the bureau determines that it is appropriate, additional information may be requested from the applicant or other parties or a public informational meeting may be scheduled in order to allow the general public to provide additional information for consideration.

F. Once all requested information is received and any public meetings under paragraph E have been concluded, the bureau shall issue preliminary findings. Preliminary findings must be sent to the applicant and all parties who provided comments during the initial review period and other interested parties.

G. Within 30 days of the issuance of preliminary findings under paragraph F, any party may petition the bureau director to reconsider such findings by written request. The bureau director may waive the reconsideration period if no comments are received during the initial review period or if the comments

that are received are determined to not be related to public trust rights.

H. The bureau shall review any petitions for reconsideration under paragraph G and related information and issue its final findings and decision. If the decision is to approve the application, 2 original copies of the lease must be sent to the applicant for signature.

4. Bureau determination. In making its determination with respect to an application under this section, the bureau shall consider the following:

A. Whether the applicant has demonstrated that the applicant has sufficient right, title or interest to the upland property, including intertidal land, adjacent to the littoral zone in which the nonwater-dependent floating structure lease is sought. To demonstrate right, title or interest, an applicant must provide:

(1) When the applicant owns the property, a copy of the deed to the property;

(2) When the applicant has a lease on the property, a copy of the lease. The lease must be of sufficient duration and terms, as determined by the bureau, to permit reasonable use of the facility; and

(3) When the applicant has an option to buy or lease the property, a copy of the option agreement. The option agreement must contain terms considered sufficient by the bureau to establish future title or a leasehold of sufficient duration;

B. Whether littoral zones and setback standards delineate the lease area adjacent to the applicant's upland property and establish adequate separation between structures for navigation and access both for the public and riparian owners. Littoral zones do not delineate areas for the exclusive use of the applicant or other riparian owners. Littoral zone boundaries are established by right angle projections from a baseline established along the shoreline at the intersection of the high-water line and the side boundary of each property. The littoral zone sidelines terminate at either the established navigational channel, established anchorage identified as such by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the midline between opposing shorelines or 1,000 feet, whichever is less. Setback standards are established from other existing structures and an applicant's littoral zone boundary. When littoral zones overlap, structures must be set back 25 feet from an applicant's littoral zone sidelines and must be 50 feet from other existing structures;

C. Whether the proposed use of the lease area would unreasonably interfere with customary or traditional public access ways;

D. Whether the proposed use of the lease area would unreasonably interfere with the public trust rights of fishing, fowling and navigation;

E. Whether there are other commercial marine services or facilities in the proposed lease area;

F. Whether the nonwater-dependent floating structure would unreasonably interfere with ingress and egress of riparian owners;

G. Whether the nonwater-dependent floating structure would result in significant risk to life or property in the vicinity of the use under conditions of weather and vessel traffic;

H. Whether there is evidence in the record that any portion of the proposed lease area has been designated for special protection by an agency authorized to make such designations;

I. Whether the use conflicts with those aspects of the coastal policies or the coastal policy guidelines in section 1801 that relate to the criteria considered by the bureau;

J. Whether the lease terms require the applicant to obtain all necessary federal, state and local approvals; and

K. Whether the applicant has paid the fee required for processing the application.

The bureau may consult with other agencies and organizations as appropriate when considering the terms of a submerged lands nonwater-dependent floating structure lease.

**5. Bureau approval required.** If approved for the issuance of a lease, the owner may continue to operate the nonwater-dependent floating structure in accordance with the requirements of this section and subject to the terms of the lease.

**6. Operational standards.** A nonwater-dependent floating structure that is authorized to continue operating pursuant to a lease issued in accordance with this section must meet all applicable standards in law or rule or the structure's authorization to continue operation may be revoked through a termination of the lease. A nonwater-dependent floating structure must meet the following criteria.

A. The structure must be labeled with the owner's name, telephone number and e-mail address.

B. If the structure is located on coastal waters, it must comply with 33 United States Code, Section 1322.

C. If the structure is located on inland waters, it must comply with section 423, have a waterless

composting or desiccating toilet, have a holding tank for which tank pumping records must be provided upon request or have landside-only facilities, meaning no toilet, shower or sink on board that discharges.

D. The structure is subject to inspection by representatives of the State to ensure compliance with any of the provisions of applicable law or rule.

**7. Limitations.** The following limitations apply.

A. A lease may not be issued under this section for an area greater than 1,500 square feet.

B. Once sited in accordance with a lease issued under this section, a nonwater-dependent floating structure may not be sited in any other location on the internal waters of the State.

C. A lease may be issued under this section for a 10-year term, which is renewable. If the nonwater-dependent floating structure is destroyed or has met the end of its useful life prior to the expiration of the lease, the lease authorization under this section expires.

**8. Lease fees.** The following lease fees apply with respect to leases issued under this section.

A. For a lease for an area that is 500 square feet or less, the annual lease fee is \$250.

B. For a lease for an area that is greater than 500 square feet and less than or equal to 1,000 square feet, the annual lease fee is \$500.

C. For a lease for an area that is greater than 1,000 square feet and less than or equal to 1,500 square feet, the annual lease fee is \$1,000.

**9. Final agency action.** Decisions made by the bureau under this section constitute final agency action for the purposes of judicial review under Title 5, chapter 375.

### **§3305. Penalties; removal; abandonment**

**1. Penalties.** Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who violates section 3302 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each day of that violation, and the person may be ordered to pay restitution to the primary enforcement authority for costs incurred in investigating the violation and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

**2. Repeat violations.** A person who violates section 3302 after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under section 3302 within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. In addition to any penalties that may be imposed by law for each day of that violation, the person may be ordered to pay restitution to the primary enforcement authority for costs incurred in investigating the violation and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

**3. Removal of structures.** A person who violates section 3302 shall remove the violating nonwater-dependent floating structure from the internal waters that the structure was placed or used in, on or over and is responsible for all costs associated with the removal and the costs of any damage to persons or property caused by the structure's placement or use.

**4. Abandoned structures.** An abandoned nonwater-dependent floating structure may be removed, possessed, sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the State, a municipality or other primary enforcement authority. The authority provided under this subsection does not affect the authority granted under Title 12, section 1866 related to the removal of an abandoned watercraft pursuant to that section.

**§3306. Enforcement**

Any person described in Title 12, section 10403 may enforce the provisions of this chapter.

**§3307. Rulemaking**

In consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may adopt rules clarifying the application of the provisions of this chapter to watercraft, houseboats, nonwater-dependent floating structures and nonwater-dependent uses, rules clarifying or expanding the scope of the exceptions to the prohibition under section 3302 and other rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 13. Report.** The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit, no later than February 1, 2026, a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with updated information on nonwater-dependent floating structures in the State and the implementation of this Act. The report may include recommendations for statutory changes. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 379**

**H.P. 438 - L.D. 670**

**An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

C. Compelling a person by force, threat of force, coercion or intimidation:

- (1) To engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain; or
- (2) To abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage;

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**CHAPTER 380**

**H.P. 486 - L.D. 744**

**An Act to Remove Certain Wharves and Piers from the Laws Governing the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Land**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1132, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 671, §1, is further amended to read:

**11. Working waterfront land.** "Working waterfront land" means a parcel of land, or a portion thereof, that fully or partially abuts water to the head of tide or land located in the intertidal zone that is used primarily or used predominantly to provide access to or support the conduct of commercial fishing activities. ~~"Working waterfront land" also includes a wharf or pier used primarily or used predominantly by persons engaged in commercial fishing activities that include, including, but not limited to, berthing and storage of a boat and the location of small fishing houses for commercial fishing gear maintenance and storage of commercial fishing gear.~~ For purposes of this subchapter, a parcel is deemed to include a unit of real estate notwithstanding the fact that it is divided by a road, way, railroad or pipeline.

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**CHAPTER 381**

**H.P. 670 - L.D. 1041**

**An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4972,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 218, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4972-A** is enacted to read:

**§4972-A. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Affordability restriction.** "Affordability restriction" means, for rental housing:

A. A limitation on the rent amount that is based on the income of the person or family renting the unit compared to the area median income or to market rates for rental units in that geographic area; or

B. A limitation on the income of the person or family renting the dwelling unit.

**2. Financial assistance.** "Financial assistance" means funding in the form of grants, loans, rental assistance, subsidies, tax credits or other tax incentives provided by a federal, state or local government entity for which receipt is contingent upon constructing or maintaining dwelling units subject to an affordability restriction.

**3. Holder.** "Holder" means the Maine State Housing Authority or a municipal housing authority that holds the option to purchase a low-income rental housing project.

**4. Low-income rental housing.** "Low-income rental housing" means rental housing with 5 or more dwelling units in which any of the dwelling units are:

A. Subject to affordability restrictions;

B. Subject to rents that are controlled, regulated or assisted by a federal or state agency pursuant to a regulatory agreement, rental assistance agreement, restrictive covenant, mortgage or other documentation; or

C. Subject to requirements as a condition of receiving financial assistance.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4973, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 218, §4, is further amended to read:

Any person, firm or organization that owns or has a controlling interest in any low-income rental housing may not sell, transfer title, prepay a mortgage or take other action in regard to the property that would result in the termination of any ~~income eligibility restrictions, rent affordability restrictions or financial assistance designed to make a rental unit affordable to low-income or moderate income people~~ without providing notice, as outlined in subsection 1, to the tenants of that property, a tenant organization for that property, if any, the Maine State Housing Authority and, if the property is located in the area of operation of a municipal housing authority, the municipal housing authority, as provided in this section.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4973, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 218, §4, is further amended to read:

**1. Notice.** The notice required by section 4973-A must be made to the tenants, a tenants' organization for the property, if any, the Maine State Housing Authority and the municipal housing authority, if any, at least 90 days prior to the owner entering into a contract for the sale or transfer or taking any action in regard to the property described in this section. Failure to provide notice as required by this subsection does not reduce the 90-day period within which the Maine State Housing Authority or the municipal housing authority, if any, may submit, in writing, the intention to pursue the option described in subsection 2.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4973, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 218, §4, is further amended to read:

**2. Option.** The Maine State Housing Authority or the municipal housing authority, if any, has the option to purchase the property subject to the notice requirements of this section at its current appraised value, as determined by appraisers for the owner of the property and the holder that has stated the intention to exercise the option to purchase within 90 days of receiving the notice required by subsection 1. The municipal housing authority must have opportunity to exercise the option to purchase. The holder has the option throughout the 90-day period. Failure to exercise the option to purchase within 90 days constitutes a waiver of that option by the holder. By stating in writing its intention to pursue its option during the 90-day period, the holder has an additional 90 days, beginning on the date the appraised value is determined by the appraisers for the owner and the holder, to buy or to produce a buyer for the property. This additional 90-day period may be extended by mutual agreement between the holder and the owner of the property. The 90-day period and any agreed upon extension beginning on the date the appraised value is determined is automatically extended for any additional time required to obtain governmental approvals of any sale or transfer transaction and an additional 60 days after receipt of approval. The holder has the right to assign its option to a nonprofit corporation upon such terms as the holder may determine, including, but not limited to, requiring the assignee to agree to additional income eligibility restrictions and rental restrictions for a duration as determined by the holder.

A. Nothing in this ~~This section prevents is not intended to prevent~~ an owner of the property from deciding not to sell, transfer or take other action described in this section. The withdrawal or revocation, or failure to close on a sale pursuant to the option within the time provided in this subsection, extinguishes any option held by the holder or an assignee.

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §4973, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 218, §4, is further amended to read:

**3. Exceptions.** The holder may not possess any option when a bona fide buyer, by contract with the seller, agrees to maintain the property as low-income housing without any termination or other modification to the ~~income eligibility restrictions or rental affordability~~ restrictions or financial assistance applicable to the property. ~~The notice provisions of this section apply to this subchapter.~~

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §4973-A** is enacted to read:

**§4973-A. Notification of expiration**

Any person, firm or organization that owns or has a controlling interest in any low-income rental housing shall provide notice of the expiration of any affordability restrictions or financial assistance to the tenants of that property, a tenants' organization for that property, if any, the Maine State Housing Authority and, if the property is located in the area of operation of a municipal housing authority, the municipal housing authority.

**1. Notice contents.** The notice required by this section must include:

- A. The address of the low-income rental housing;
- B. The name and address of the owner of the low-income rental housing;
- C. Notification of the date on which the affordability restriction or financial assistance will terminate; and
- D. Any other information as required by the Maine State Housing Authority by rule.

**2. Notice timing.** If the affordability restriction or financial assistance is scheduled to terminate in 2 or more years after the effective date of this section, the notice must be mailed at least 2 years before the scheduled termination. If the affordability restriction or financial assistance is scheduled to terminate less than 2 years after the effective date of this section, the notice must be mailed by November 30, 2025.

**3. Notice delivery.** Notice provided to the Maine State Housing Authority, a municipal housing authority, a tenant and a tenants' organization must be sent by first-class mail, return receipt requested. Notice to a tenant must also be left in or under the door of the tenant's dwelling unit.

**Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §4976, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 175, §12, is further amended to read:

Any owner or purchaser of low-income rental housing who sells, transfers title or takes other action in regard to that property that would result in the termination of financial assistance ~~designed to make a rental unit affordable to low income or moderate income people~~ shall allow the current tenants to remain in the dwelling units for 6 months from the date of sale, transfer of title or other action in regard to the property, at

the same rents or portion of the total rents charged to the tenants before that sale, transfer of title or other action in regard to the property, or the owner may relocate the tenants to comparable units with comparable rents in accordance with the procedure established by rules of the Maine State Housing Authority.

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**CHAPTER 382**

**S.P. 545 - L.D. 1315**

**An Act to Authorize the Display of an Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Decal on a Special Veterans License Plate and Authorize Certain Other Service Members to Receive Special Commemorative Decals**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded.** The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the uniformed services of the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded a medal, badge or ribbon described in paragraphs A to ~~BB~~ CC when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal, badge or ribbon was awarded to the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded the following medals, badges or ribbons:

- A. Distinguished Service Cross;
- B. Navy Cross;
- C. Air Force Cross;
- D. Silver Star;
- E. Distinguished Flying Cross;
- F. Bronze Star;
- G. Soldier's Medal;
- H. Navy or Marine Corps Medal;
- I. Airman's Medal;
- J. Coast Guard Medal;

- K. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;
- L. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;
- M. Korean Service Medal;
- N. Vietnam Service Medal;
- O. Southwest Asia Service Medal;
- P. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;
- Q. Kosovo Service Medal;
- R. Korea Defense Service Medal;
- S. Global War on Terrorism Medal;
- T. Iraq Campaign Medal;
- U. Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- V. United States Army Combat Infantry Badge;
- W. United States Army Combat Medic Badge;
- X. United States Army Combat Action Badge;
- Y. United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon;
- Z. United States Air Force Combat Action Medal;
- AA. National Emergency Service Medal; ~~and~~
- BB. Air Medal; ~~and~~
- CC. Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 453, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

**6. Special commemorative decals for branches of armed forces.** The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the uniformed services of the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying the applicant's service. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plate. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants who served in the:

- A. United States Army;
- B. United States Air Force;
- C. United States Navy;
- D. United States Marine Corps; ~~or~~
- E. United States Coast Guard; ~~;~~
- F. United States Space Force;

G. United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; and

H. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for medal decals and related costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,190	\$933
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,190	\$933

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,056	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,056	\$0

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$8,246</b>	<b>\$933</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,246</b>	<b>\$933</b>

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**CHAPTER 383**

**S.P. 579 - L.D. 1423**

**An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§1, ¶C-1** is enacted to read:

C-1. "Consumer" means a single-family or multi-family residence, school, municipal or state government facility, public space or commercial business that uses or partners with a municipal or state waste management service.

"Consumer" does not include a person that manufactures products if the packaging material for those products is managed and the costs of that management are paid for by the person or by a producer, and that packaging material:

- (1) Is used solely for transportation of the products to persons that are not consumers; or
- (2) Is used for or generated by the person as part of the manufacturing process for the products.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§1, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

N. "Post-consumer recycled material" means new material produced using material resulting from the recovery, separation, collection and reprocessing of material that would otherwise be disposed of or processed as waste and that was originally intended to be sold for consumption. ~~"Post-consumer recycled material" does not include post-industrial material or pre-consumer material.~~

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§1, ¶O, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

O. "Producer" means:

- (1) For a product contained, protected, delivered, presented or distributed in or using packaging material and sold or offered for sale at a physical retail location in the State:
  - (a) The person that manufactured the product if the product is sold or offered for sale in the State under the manufacturer's brand or the packaging material does not identify the brand;
  - (b) If there is no person to which division (a) applies, the person that is licensed to manufacture and sell or offer the product for sale to consumers in the State under the brand or trademark of another manufacturer or person;
  - (c) If there is no person to which division (a) or (b) applies, the person that has legal ownership of the brand of the product;
  - (d) If there is no person to which divisions (a) to (c) apply that has a physical presence in the United States, the person that is the importer of record into the United States for the product for use in a commercial enterprise and that sells, offers for sale or distributes the product for sale in or into the State; or
  - (e) If there is no person to which divisions (a) to (d) apply, the person that first distributes the product for sale in or into the State;
- (2) For a product contained, protected, delivered, presented or distributed in or using packaging material and sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in the State through an

Internet-based or remote sales transaction and not at a physical retail location in the State:

- (a) With respect to the packaging material that is used to directly contain or protect the product, a person identified pursuant to subparagraph (1), divisions (a) to (e); and
- (b) With respect to the packaging material that is not used to directly contain or protect the product, a person that packages the item for delivery, presentation or distribution to the consumer; or
- (3) For a product contained, protected, delivered, presented or distributed in or using packaging material and sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in the State in a manner not described in subparagraph (1) or (2), the person that first distributes the product for sale in or into the State.

"Producer" includes a low-volume producer but does not include a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3).

Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) to (3), if the person that would otherwise be considered a producer under this paragraph is operating a business wholly or partially as a franchise, the producer is the franchisor if that franchisor has franchisees with a commercial presence in the State.

Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) to (3), if a person that would otherwise be considered a producer under this paragraph enters into a signed agreement with another person to assign the responsibility to act as producer for the product or products of the person for the purposes of this section, that other person is considered the producer of the product or products for the purposes of this section if that other person registers with the stewardship organization to participate in the program under this section on behalf of the person and written certification of the assignment of responsibility is provided to the stewardship organization.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§1, ¶U, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

U. "Toxicity" means, with respect to packaging material, the presence in intentional addition to packaging material or the intentional use in the manufacturing, recycling or disposal of packaging material of ~~intentionally introduced~~ metals or chemicals regulated or listed pursuant to Title 32, chapters 26-A; food contact chemicals of high concern or priority food contact chemicals regulated or listed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 26-B; or chemi-

icals of concern, chemicals of high concern or priority chemicals identified pursuant to chapter 16-D.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Producer exemptions.** Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a producer is exempt from the requirements and prohibitions of this section in any calendar year in which:

A. The producer realized less than \$2,000,000 in total gross revenue during the prior calendar year, except that, for the period beginning one calendar year following the effective date of the contract entered into by the department and the stewardship organization pursuant to subsection 3 and ending 3 years after that effective date, a producer that realized less than \$5,000,000 in total gross revenue during the prior calendar year is exempt from the requirements and prohibitions of this section;

B. The producer sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State during the prior calendar year products contained, protected, delivered, presented or distributed in or using less than one ton of packaging material in total; or

C. The producer realized more than 50% of its total gross revenue in the prior calendar year from the sale of goods it acquired through insurance salvages, closeouts, bankruptcies and liquidations; or

~~D. The producer sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State during the prior calendar year to retailers or direct to consumers products that were perishable food and that were contained, protected, delivered, presented or distributed in or using less than 15 tons of packaging material in total.~~

~~As used in this paragraph, "perishable food" means any food that may spoil or otherwise become unfit for human consumption because of its nature, type or physical conditions, including, but not limited to, fresh and processed meats, poultry, seafood, dairy products, bakery products, eggs in the shells and fresh fruits and vegetables. "Perishable food" does not include any such food that is sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale frozen except for frozen wild blueberries.~~

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a producer is exempt from the requirements and prohibitions of this section with respect to the first 15 tons of packaging material used by the producer to contain, protect, deliver, present or distribute products that were perishable food and that were sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State during the prior calendar year.

As used in this subsection, "perishable food" means any food that may spoil or otherwise become unfit for human consumption because of its nature, type or physical conditions, including, but not limited to, fresh and processed meats, poultry, seafood, dairy products, bakery products, eggs in the shells and fresh fruits and vegetables. "Perishable food" does not include any such food that is sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale frozen except for frozen wild blueberries.

A producer claiming an exemption under this subsection shall provide to the department sufficient information to demonstrate that the producer meets the requirements for an exemption under this subsection within 30 days of receiving a request from the department to provide such information.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (7), division (c) to read:

(c) The processing capacity, market conditions and opportunities in the State and regionally for recyclable material; ~~and~~

**Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (7), division (e) to read:

(e) The producer payments schedule adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 13 and the anticipated effect of that schedule on incentivizing the use by producers of readily recyclable packaging materials and supporting the solid waste management hierarchy under section 2101; and

**Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§4, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

B. The stewardship organization shall provide to the department a list of producers that are participating in the program and a list of the UPCs of products or a list of all producers and brands for which the producer has complied with the program's requirements and, if known to the stewardship organization, a list of producers that are not participating in the program and are not compliant with the program's requirements. The stewardship organization shall provide to the department regularly updated producer compliance information described in this paragraph.

**Sec. 9. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

C. Based on information provided to the department under paragraph B and any other information considered by the department, the department shall make available on its publicly accessible website a regularly updated list of UPCs of products producers and brands for which the department has deter-

mined the producer has complied with all applicable requirements of this section and a list of producers and, where applicable, specific products and the UPCs brands of those products for which the department has determined the producer has not complied with all applicable requirements of this section.

Sec. 10. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§6, ¶A is enacted to read:

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a producer may not be required to pay an increased fee or penalty for packaging material that is not composed of post-consumer recycled material if the packaging material is subject to state or federal laws, rules or regulations that effectively prohibit the use of post-consumer recycled material in that packaging material.

Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§6, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Following the execution of a contract between the selected stewardship organization and the department pursuant to subsection 3, the stewardship organization, based on the statewide recycling needs assessment conducted pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (7) and other available information, may recommend to the department that the producer payments schedule adopted by the department by rule pursuant to subsection 13 be modified to better incentivize the use by producers of readily recyclable packaging materials and support the solid waste management hierarchy under section 2101 and the department may, in its discretion, initiate rulemaking in accordance with this section to implement any modifications to that schedule.

Sec. 12. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

**7. Annual reporting by producers.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a producer shall annually report to the stewardship organization the total amount, whether by weight or volume, of each type of packaging material sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State by the producer in the prior calendar year. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a producer may not be required to report annually to the stewardship organization regarding its products or the associated packaging material using the UPCs of those products.

Sec. 13. 38 MRSA §2146, sub-§9, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

A. Provide for the collection and recycling of any packaging material that is generated in the municipality and is readily recyclable; and

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 384  
H.P. 1189 - L.D. 1778**

**An Act to Update Provisions of  
the Maine Administrative  
Procedure Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 362, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Requirements.** Any A public hearing shall must comply with any requirements imposed by statute, but shall is not be subject to subchapter IV 4. Any public hearing shall must be held and conducted as follows.

A. In the case of a rule authorized to be adopted by ~~more than one agency member~~ a board or commission consisting of 3 or more members, at least 1/3 of the agency board or commission members shall must be present during any hearing on the rule.

B. In the case of a rule authorized to be adopted by a single agency member, either the agency member, a person in a major policy-influencing position, as listed in chapter 71, or a designee who has responsibility over the subject matter to be discussed at the hearing shall hold and conduct the hearing.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. NNN, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

**5-B. Basis statement; summary of comments and testimony.** At the time of adoption of any rule, an agency shall:

A. Compose a basis statement that briefly explains the factual and policy foundation for the rule. If the adoption under this subsection is final adoption of a major substantive rule under subchapter 2-A, the agency must include in its written statement citation of the legislative act authorizing final adoption of that rule; or, if authorization is the result of failure of the Legislature to act under section 8072, subsection 7, the agency must indicate that fact and identify the date the agency filed the rule for review under section 8072; and

B. List the names of persons whose comments were received, including through testimony at hearings, the organizations the persons represent and summaries of their comments as follows.

(1) The agency shall address the specific comments and concerns expressed about any proposed rule and state its rationale for adopting any changes from the proposed rule, failing to

adopt the suggested changes or drawing findings and recommendations that differ from those expressed about the proposed rule.

(2) If the same or similar comments or concerns about a specific issue were expressed by different persons or organizations, the agency may synthesize these comments and concerns into a single comment that accurately reflects the meaning and intent of these comments and concerns to be addressed by the agency, listing the names of the persons who commented and the organizations they represent.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-C** is enacted to read:

**5-C. Consistency of adopted rule with proposed rule.** A rule may not be adopted unless the adopted rule is consistent with the terms of the proposed rule, except to the extent that the agency determines that it is necessary to address concerns raised in comments about the proposed rule or specific findings are made supporting changes to the proposed rule. If an agency determines that a rule that the agency intends to adopt is substantively different from the proposed rule, the agency shall request comments from the public concerning the changes from the proposed rule. The agency may not adopt the rule for a period of 30 days from the date comments are requested pursuant to this subsection. Notice of the request for comments must be published by the Secretary of State in the same manner as notice for proposed rules.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-D** is enacted to read:

**5-D. Agency rule files.** In addition to other documents required by this Act, an agency shall maintain a file for each rule adopted by the agency that includes the following information:

- A. Testimony submitted during any public hearing held on the rule;
- B. Written comments submitted on the rule;
- C. The names of persons who commented on the rule and the organizations those persons represent; and
- D. Any other information relevant to the rule and considered by the agency in connection with the formulation, proposal or adoption of the rule.

**Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 479, §1-3, is further amended to read:

**1. Notice of rulemaking without hearing.** At least 20 17 days prior to the comment deadline of any proposed rule without for which a public hearing will not be held, the agency shall deliver or mail written notice or, with written or electronic agreement of the party, provide send an electronic notice or paper notice to:

- A. Any person specified by the statute authorizing the rulemaking;
- B. Any person who has filed within the past year a written or electronic request with the agency for notice of rulemaking;
- C. Any trade, industry, professional, interest group or regional publication that the agency considers effective in reaching the persons affected; and
- E. The primary sponsor of the legislation that was enacted and authorized the rulemaking, as long as the legislation was enacted within the previous 2 years.

Notification to subscribers under paragraph B must be by mail or, with written or electronically submitted agreement of the subscriber, electronic notice or otherwise in writing to the last address provided to the agency by that person. Subscribers under paragraph B may request to receive a copy of each proposed rule with the written notice. The agency shall provide the copy at the same time the notice is sent.

Written or electronic notice must also be given to the Secretary of State, by the deadline established by the Secretary of State, for publication in accordance with subsection 5. This notice must be in a format approved by the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 425, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Notice of rulemaking rule-making hearing.** When an agency holds a public hearing prior to adoption of a rule, notice of the hearing shall must be given in the manner described in subsections 1 and 5, using the date of the hearing to calculate the time periods involved;

**Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 146, §§1 to 3, is further amended to read:

**3. Contents of notice.** Except for notices governed by subsections 5 and 7, a notice under this section must:

- ~~A. Refer to the statutory authority under which the adoption of the rule is proposed;~~
- A-1. Identify the agency proposing the rule;
- A-2. Provide the chapter number and title of the proposed rule;
- A-3. Cite the statutory authority pursuant to which the rule is being proposed;
- B. State the date, time and place of any scheduled public hearing ~~or state the manner in which a hearing may be requested;~~
- C. State the manner and ~~time within which data, views or arguments may~~ deadline by which comments on the proposed rule must be submitted to

the agency for consideration, whether or not a hearing is held;

C-1. State the name, address and phone, telephone number and e-mail address of the a staff person responsible for providing additional information or a printed version of the proposed rule of the agency proposing the rule to whom inquiries about the rule, and requests for copies of the rule, may be sent;

D. If possible, contain the express terms of the proposed rule or otherwise describe the substance of the proposed rule, stating the subjects and issues involved and indicate where a copy of the proposed rule may be obtained;

D-1. Provide a summary of the proposed rule;

E. Refer to the substantive state or federal law to that would be implemented by the rules proposed rule;

F. Indicate where a copy of the statement of impact on small business information may be obtained about any adverse economic impact on small businesses that was documented by the agency proposing the rule pursuant to section 8052, subsection 5-A may be obtained; and

G. Indicate whether the rule is routine technical or major substantive as those terms are defined described in section 8071.

Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 207, §2, is further amended to read:

3-A. ~~Copies of proposed rules available upon request~~ Availability of proposed rules. At least 20 17 days prior to a public hearing on any proposed rule and at least 20 17 days prior to the comment deadline of any proposed rule without for which a public hearing will not be held, the agency shall make copies available on its publicly accessible website a copy of the proposed rule available in writing or, with agreement of the requestor, electronically, as well as provide a paper copy of the proposed rule to persons any person upon request.

Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2003, c. 207, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 256, §2, is further amended to read:

5. Publication Newspaper publication and online posting of agency rule-making proposal notices. Using the format of notice pursuant to information listed in subsection 7 3, the Secretary of State shall:

A. Arrange Shall arrange for the weekly newspaper publication of a and post, or cause to be posted, on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website consolidated notice notices of rule making of all state agencies, which shall also include a brief

~~explanation to assist the public in participating in the rule making process~~ agency rule-making proposals. ~~Notice~~ Notices of each rule-making proceeding shall proposal must be published and posted once 17 to 24 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule or, if no public hearing is scheduled, at least 30 days prior to the last date on which views and arguments comments on the rule may be submitted to the agency for consideration if no public hearing is scheduled;

B. ~~Designate~~ Shall designate certain newspapers, which together have general circulation throughout the State, as papers of record for the purpose of publishing notice under paragraph A. Notice of proposed rules affecting only a particular locality or region need only be published in the designated newspapers having general circulation in the area affected;

C. ~~Designate~~ Shall designate one day as rules day for publication of notices on rulemaking as set forth that agency rule-making proposal notices described in this subsection are to be published and posted; and

D. ~~Be~~ Must be reimbursed for the cost of publication of rule-making notice by the agencies proposing the rulemaking rules. The total costs of each consolidated publication will notice must be prorated by the Secretary of State among all agencies submitting notice for a particular week.

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Agency posting of proposed and adopted rules. An agency shall post its proposed rules on its publicly accessible website. An agency also shall post on its publicly accessible website the adopted rules or provide a link to the adopted rules posted on a publicly accessible website maintained by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2011, c. 326, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Electronic publication Online posting of agency rule-making notices regarding adoption. In addition to the printed publication online posting of agency rule-making proposal notices required in subsection 5, the Secretary of State shall maintain a publicly accessible website for posting the notices of all proposed and adopted rules. The contents of the notice for electronic publication are pursuant to subsection 3. An agency, on its publicly accessible website, shall either post its proposed and adopted rules or provide a link to the proposed or adopted rules posted on the Secretary of State's website. Notice of each rule making proceeding must be published on the Secretary of State's website 17 to 24 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule or at least 30 days prior to the last date on which views and arguments may be submitted to the agency for consideration if no public hearing was

~~scheduled post, or cause to be posted, on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website the weekly notices of agency rule-making adoptions, provisional adoptions and final adoptions. The notices regarding adoption and final adoption must state the effective date of the adopted or finally adopted rules, as well as provide the information specified in section 8053, subsection 3, paragraphs A-1, A-2, A-3, C-1, D-1 and G.~~

**Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

**6-A. Explanation of rule-making process.** ~~The Secretary of State shall post on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website a brief explanation of rulemaking to assist the public in participating in the rule-making process. The explanation must include information regarding the manner in which a hearing on a proposed rule may be requested by a member of the public if the agency proposing the rule did not schedule a hearing.~~

**Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §8053, sub-§7, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 146, §4, is further amended to read:

G. Indicate the impact on municipalities or counties only if there is an expected financial impact on municipalities ~~identified under section 8063;~~ and

**Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §8053-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 146, §6, is further amended to read:

A. If an agency determines that a rule that it intends to adopt will be ~~substantially~~ substantively different from the proposed rule, it shall provide the Legislature with a revised fact sheet with the information defined in section 8057-A, subsection 1, as it relates to the ~~substantially~~ substantively different rule. The revised fact sheet must be provided to the Legislature in accordance with subsection 3.

**Sec. 17. 5 MRSA §8053-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 574, §5, is amended to read:

**4. Adopted rules.** When an agency adopts rules, it shall provide a copy of the adopted rules, the statement required by section 8052, subsection 5, ~~5-B~~ and the checklist required by section 8056-A to the Secretary of State who shall compile the adopted rules by agency.

**Sec. 18. 5 MRSA §8053-A, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 479, §4, is amended to read:

**5. Annual lists report of rule-making activity.** By February 1st of each year, the Secretary of State shall provide the Executive Director of the Legislative Council lists by agency of all rules adopted by each agency in the previous calendar year. ~~The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall refer each list to the appropriate joint standing committee or committees of the Legislature for review. Each list must include for~~

~~each rule the following information, which must be submitted by each agency to the Secretary of State: a copy of the annual report required under section 8056-A, subsection 3.~~

~~A. The statutory authority for the rule and the rule chapter number and title;~~

~~B. The principal reason or purpose for the rule;~~

~~C. A written statement explaining the factual and policy basis for each rule adopted pursuant to section 8052, subsection 5;~~

~~D. If the rule adopted was routine technical or major substantive;~~

~~E. If the rule was adopted as an emergency; and~~

~~F. The fiscal impact of the rule.~~

**Sec. 19. 5 MRSA §8056,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. NNN, §2, is further amended to read:

**§8056. Filing and publication of adopted and provisionally adopted rules; online posting of adopted rules**

**1. Requirements.** With respect to every rule adopted, ~~the or, in the case of a major substantive rule, finally adopted,~~ an agency shall:

A. Submit the rule to the Attorney General for approval as to form and legality;

B. ~~File the original rule as signed by the Attorney General or an assistant attorney general and the authorized representative of the agency, and the statement required by section 8052, subsection 5. After the rule is approved by the Attorney General as to form and legality pursuant to paragraph A, file with the Secretary of State in, using a form or forms or an electronic filing platform prescribed by the Secretary of State, which form is susceptible to frequent and easy revision. The adopted rule and any other filing documentation as is required by the Secretary of State. The adopted rule and all other filing documentation must be in a format approved by the Secretary of State; and~~

~~(1) Through rulemaking, an agency may incorporate by reference all or any part of a code, standard, rule or regulation that has been adopted by an agency of the United States or of this State or by a nationally recognized organization or association.~~

~~(2) The reference in the agency rules must fully identify the incorporated matter by exact title, edition or version and date of publication.~~

~~(3) The rules must state where copies of the incorporated matter are available at cost from the agency issuing the rule or where copies are available from the agency of the United States;~~

~~this State or an organization or association originally issuing that matter.~~

~~(4) An agency incorporating a matter by reference shall submit a copy of the incorporated matter to the Secretary of State;~~

~~C. Supply, Provide, without cost or at actual cost, copies a paper copy of each such rule to any person who has filed with the agency within the past year a written request to be supplied with all copies of the agency's rules; and requests a paper copy.~~

~~D. Publish, pursuant to the procedures set forth in section 8053, subsection 6, a notice containing the following information: A statement that the rule has been adopted, its effective date, a brief description of the substance of the rule, and the address where a copy may be obtained.~~

**2. Form.** With respect to every rule adopted by the agency and in effect, the agency shall print and compile and make available to any person, at each of its offices, for inspection at no charge and for copying with or without cost, as the agency shall determine, and for distribution free or at actual cost, complete sets of such rules currently in effect.

**2-A. Incorporation by reference.** Through rulemaking, an agency may incorporate by reference into a rule all or any part of a code, standard, rule or regulation that has been adopted by an agency of the United States or of this State or by a nationally recognized organization or association.

A. The reference in the agency rule must fully identify the incorporated matter by exact title, edition or version and date of publication.

B. The rule must state where copies of the incorporated matter are available at cost from the agency issuing the rule or where copies are available from the agency of the United States or this State or the organization or association that originally produced the incorporated matter.

C. An agency incorporating a matter by reference into a rule shall maintain a copy of the incorporated matter at its principal office.

**3. Secretary of State.** The Secretary of State shall maintain, and make available through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website, electronic copies of the rules of each agency that are in effect.

A. Maintain and make available at the Secretary of State's office, for inspection at no charge and for copying or purchase, current copies of complete rules for all agencies filed in accordance with subsection 1, paragraph B;

A-1. Compile, edit, index and arrange for publication and distribution all current rules of state agencies as available resources permit. Compilations must be supplemented or revised at least annually;

~~A-2. Publish an annual list of current rules of state agencies;~~

~~B. Supply, at actual cost, annually updated copies of complete sets of rules of an agency to any person who has filed with the Secretary of State within the past year a written request for such sets of rules; and~~

~~C. Codify all current state agency rules in an electronic text file data base, in consultation with affected state agencies and in accordance with subsections 7 and 8, as available resources permit.~~

~~**4. Additional requirements.** The requirements of subsection 2 shall additionally be applicable to the agency's forms, instructions, explanatory statements and other items defined in section 8002, subsection 9, paragraph B, subparagraph (4).~~

**5. Record of vote.** In addition to the foregoing and as applicable, each agency shall keep maintain, at its principal office, and make available for inspection to any person, a record of the vote of each member of the agency taken in rule-making proceedings.

**6. Attorney General review and approval.** The review required in subsection 1, paragraph A may not be performed by any person involved in the formulation or drafting of the proposed rule. The Attorney General may not approve a rule if it is reasonably expected to result in a taking of private property under the Constitution of Maine unless such a result is directed by law or sufficient procedures exist in law or in the proposed rule to allow for a variance designed to avoid such a taking.

~~**7. Codification of rules.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with affected state agencies, shall develop a plan to codify all current rules of state agencies within its available resources. The codified rules must be maintained on an electronic text file data base. To develop the electronic text file data base, agencies may refile an existing rule or parts of an existing rule. If an agency refiles a rule or portion of a rule:~~

~~A. The agency may not make at the time of refileing any substantive changes in that rule or portion of that rule; and~~

~~B. The refiled rule or portion of the rule must be adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act except that public comment on the refileing under section 8057 A, subsection 3 is limited to documenting where the refiled rule or portion of the rule is substantively different from the existing rule.~~

**8. Electronic text file procedures.** Under subsection 1, the Secretary of State may establish by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act procedures and criteria for the filing of rules in electronic text file format.

**8-A. Electronic filing procedures.** In accordance with subsection 1, the Secretary of State may establish, including by routine technical rules, procedures for the electronic filing of rules and rule-making documentation. If the Secretary of State implements an electronic filing platform through which rules and rule-making documentation and information specified in this Act are to be filed, that platform is the exclusive means through which rules and rule-making documentation may be filed, except as otherwise determined by the Secretary of State. An adopted rule that is filed by an agency through an electronic filing platform and accepted for filing by the Secretary of State is an official copy of the rule.

**9. Certification of published adopted rules.** The Secretary of State may certify that a publication of the codified rules and any supplements or replacement volumes to that publication are a correct transcript of the text of the original rules a paper or electronic copy of an adopted rule accepted for filing and maintained by the Secretary of State is an official copy of the rule.

A. Certified publications paper copies of rules must contain be accompanied by a printed certificate of the Secretary of State stating that the publication is the an official copy. A facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State imprinted by or at the direction of the Secretary of State has the same validity as a written signature of the Secretary of State.

B. A publication of the rules paper copy of an adopted rule that has been certified by the Secretary of State constitutes prima facie evidence of the rules rule.

C. Any publication or copy of a an adopted rule or rules that is not certified by the Secretary of State:

- (1) May neither state nor imply that the publication or copy of the rule is an official copy of the rules; and
- (2) Must state in a conspicuous location information about where the Secretary of State's a certified copy is located of the rule may be obtained.

~~**10. Minor errors.** The Secretary of State may correct minor, nonsubstantive errors in spelling and format in proposed or adopted rules if the agency is notified.~~

**10-A. Minor errors; updating words or terms.** Without having to initiate rulemaking pursuant to this Act:

A. At the request of or in consultation with an agency, the Secretary of State may correct minor, nonsubstantive errors in spelling and format in a proposed or adopted rule; and

B. At the request of an agency, the Secretary of State may update words or terms used in an existing rule for which new or more contemporary words or terms are used, including, for example, words or terms that are more respectful than those used in an existing rule.

**Sec. 20. 5 MRSA §8056-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 554, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Report.** The Secretary of State shall report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government prior to February 1st of each year with respect to rule-making activities for the prior year. The report must include a list of all the rules that were adopted, provisionally adopted or finally adopted by agencies during that prior year, as well as state whether each rule is a routine technical or major substantive rule, whether a rule was adopted on an emergency basis and what the statutory authority is for the rule. The report must also include statistical information on agency rule-making activities, agency experience with procedural requirements of this subchapter, an evaluation of the codification process, the impact of the electronic text file data base on state agencies and users of the rules and recommendations for improvements to the rule-making process. In preparing the report, the Secretary of State shall solicit comments on this subchapter from agencies and their legal counsels, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the public.

**Sec. 21. 5 MRSA §8063, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 233, is amended to read:

Every rule proposed by an agency must contain a fiscal impact note at the end of the rule. The note must be placed on the rule prior to any public hearing and, in the case of rules adopted without a hearing, prior to the sending of notice under section 8053. The fiscal impact note must describe the estimated cost to municipalities and counties for implementing or complying with the proposed rule. If the proposed rule will not impose any cost on municipalities or counties, the fiscal impact note must state that fact as part of the filing.

**Sec. 22. 5 MRSA §8072, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 244, §8, is further amended to read:

**8. Final adoption; effective date.** Unless otherwise provided by law, final adoption of a rule or part of a rule by an agency must occur within 60 days of the effective date of the legislation approving that rule or part of that rule or of the adjournment of the session in which the Legislature failed to act on the rule or part of the rule as specified in subsection 11. Finally adopted rules must be filed with the Secretary of State as provided in section 8056, subsection 1, paragraph B and notice must be published posted as provided in section 8056, subsection 1, paragraph D 3. Except as otherwise

specified by law, the rules become effective 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State or at a later date specified by the agency.

**Sec. 23. 12 MRSA §685-A, sub-§7-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 333, §8, is amended to read:

B. Adoption and amendment of land use district standards, district boundaries and land use maps are rule-making procedures subject to the requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter H 2, except that the requirements of Title 5, section 8052, subsections 5, 5-A, 5-B and 7; section 8053-A; section 8056, subsections 1, 3 and 4 3; section 8056-A; section 8057, subsection 2; section 8057-A; section 8060; section 8062; and section 8064 do not apply. The requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter H 2 are further modified by the following provisions.

- (1) Public notice of proposals to adopt or amend land use district standards, district boundaries or land use maps must state the time and the place where copies of the proposal may be inspected prior to the hearing.
- (2) The commission shall give notice of hearings to amend district boundaries, by mail, to appropriate state and federal agencies and the owners of directly affected and abutting properties, according to their names and addresses as shown on the records of Maine Revenue Services or plantation or town tax assessors. If the number of owners of directly affected and abutting properties is more than 50, notice may instead be by publication conforming to the requirements for newspaper publication of hearings under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter IV 4.
- (3) At any time prior to the date of adoption of proposed land use district standards, land use boundaries or land use maps, the commission may elect to reopen the public hearing record and extend the time period for public comment to such date as it may designate.
- (4) The commission must act to adopt or not to adopt proposed land use district standards, land use boundaries or land use maps within 90 days after the date of final closure of the public hearing.
- (5) Land use district boundaries and land use maps become effective 15 days after adoption or amendment by the commission, as long as the boundaries and maps are available in the appropriate registry of deeds for each county. Notice of adoption or amendment of land use district boundaries and land use maps must be given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation published in the area affected.

(6) Permanent land use standards adopted by the commission are effective immediately, but must be submitted to the next regular or special session of the Legislature for approval or modification. If the Legislature fails to act, those standards continue in full force and effect.

**Sec. 24. 25 MRSA §2103-A, sub-§2, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 754, Pt. C, §1, is amended to read:

~~D. The Secretary of State shall maintain and make available at the Secretary of State's office, for inspection at no charge and for copying or purchase at actual cost, current copies of those state rules as filed in accordance with paragraph A and include them within the compilations subject to Title 5, section 8056, subsection 3, paragraphs A 1 and B. The Secretary of State Department of Public Safety shall also make available at the Secretary of State's department's main office, for inspection at no charge, and for copying at actual cost, a current published copy of the referenced federal regulations and amendments, but requests for purchase of copies or certified copies of the federal regulations or amendments may be directed to the appropriate federal agency.~~

**Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §555, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 50, §1, is further amended to read:

~~E. The Secretary of State shall maintain and make available at the Secretary of State's office for inspection at no charge, and for copying or purchase at actual cost, current copies of the rule and include it within the compilations subject to Title 5, section 8056, subsection 3, paragraphs A 1 and B. The Secretary of State bureau shall also make available for inspection at no charge and for copying at actual cost a current published copy of the referenced federal regulations and amendments.~~

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**CHAPTER 385**

**H.P. 1224 - L.D. 1829**

**An Act to Build Housing for  
Maine Families and Attract  
Workers to Maine Businesses  
by Amending the Laws  
Governing Housing Density**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2463-B** is enacted to read:

**§2463-B. Fire protection in accessory dwelling units**

Fire suppression sprinklers are not required for an accessory dwelling unit unless the accessory dwelling unit is within or attached to a structure of more than 2 dwelling units, including accessory dwelling units. As used in this section, "accessory dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 1-C.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§1-C**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 145, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §36, is amended to read:

**1-C. Accessory dwelling unit.** "Accessory dwelling unit" means a self-contained dwelling unit located within, attached to or detached from a single-family dwelling unit or multi-unit structure located on the same parcel of land.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4360, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 127, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Differential ordinances.** A municipality may enact rate of growth ordinances that set different limits on the number of building or development permits that are permitted in designated rural areas ~~and designated growth areas~~. A municipality may not enact rate of growth ordinances that limit residential development in designated growth areas, as defined in section 4301, subsection 6-C, except as authorized by this chapter.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

**2. Density requirements.** A municipality shall allow an affordable housing development where multi-family dwellings are allowed to have a dwelling unit density of at least 2 1/2 times the base density that is otherwise allowed in that location and may not require more than 2 off-street parking spaces for every 3 units. The development must be in a designated growth area of a municipality ~~consistent with section 4349 A, subsection 1, paragraph A or B as identified in a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this subchapter~~ or the development must be served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system. The development must comply with minimum lot size requirements in accordance with Title 12, chapter 423-A, as applicable.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Additional height allowance.** Except as otherwise prohibited under Title 38, chapter 3 and municipal shoreland zoning ordinances, a municipality shall allow, subject to review by a municipal fire official or designee, an affordable housing development to exceed any municipal height restriction by no less than one story or 14 feet.

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4 is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

Upon receipt of written verification from a local plumbing inspector that a housing structure meets the requirements of this subsection, additional review or documentation by a municipality related to waste and wastewater requirements before issuing a certificate of occupancy is prohibited.

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Use allowed.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except Title 12, chapter 423-A, for any area in which residential uses are allowed, including as a conditional use, a municipality shall allow at a minimum:

A. Three dwelling units, attached or detached, including accessory dwelling units, per lot; and

B. Four dwelling units, attached or detached, including accessory dwelling units, per lot if the lot is located in a designated growth area, as identified in a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this subchapter, or served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system.

A municipality may allow more units than the minimum number required by this subsection.

**Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Lot size and density allowance for private property.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except Title 12, chapter 423-A, this subsection applies to any area in which residential uses are allowed, including as a conditional use.

A. If a lot is located in a designated growth area and is served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system, a minimum lot size requirement may not exceed 5,000 square feet and a density requirement may not exceed 1,250 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit for the first 4 dwelling units and 5,000 additional square feet of lot area per dwelling unit for subsequent units.

B. If a lot is located outside a designated growth area and in an area served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system, a minimum lot size requirement may not exceed 5,000 square feet and a density requirement may not exceed 5,000 square feet of lot area for the first 2 dwelling units contained within a single structure, not including accessory dwelling units.

C. If a lot is located in a designated growth area without a public, special district or other comparable sewer system, a minimum lot size requirement may not exceed the minimum lot size required by Title 12, chapter 423-A and the density requirement or calculation may not be more restrictive than required by Title 12, chapter 423-A.

If 4 or fewer dwelling units have been constructed on a lot as a result of the allowances under this section or section 4364-B, the lot is not eligible for any additional increases in density, including under section 4364, unless more units are allowed by the municipality.

**Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. General requirements.** Except as provided in this section, a municipal ordinance may not establish dimensional requirements for multiple units allowed by this section that are greater than dimensional requirements required for single-family dwelling units. As used in this subsection, "dimensional requirements" means requirements that govern the size and placement of structures, including building height, lot area, minimum frontage, lot depth and setbacks.

**Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

Upon receipt of written verification from a local plumbing inspector that a housing structure meets the requirements of this subsection, additional review or documentation by a municipality related to waste and wastewater requirements before issuing a certificate of occupancy is prohibited.

**Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Planning board approval not required.** A municipality may not require planning board approval for 4 or fewer dwelling units within a structure.

**Sec. 13. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §12, is further amended to read:

**1. Use permitted.** Except as provided in Title 12, chapter 423-A, a municipality shall allow an accessory dwelling unit to be located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit or multi-unit structure in any area in which residential uses are permitted, including as a conditional use, in accordance with this section.

**Sec. 14. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

B. Attached to or sharing a wall with a single-family dwelling unit or multi-unit structure; or

**Sec. 15. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §15, is further amended to read:

**3. Zoning requirements.** With respect to accessory dwelling units, municipal zoning ordinances must comply with the following conditions:

A. At least one accessory dwelling unit must be allowed on any lot where a single-family dwelling unit is the principal structure; and

~~B. If more than one accessory dwelling unit has been constructed on a lot as a result of the allowance under this section, the lot is not eligible for any additional increases in density except as allowed by the municipality; and~~

C. An accessory dwelling unit ~~is~~ must be allowed on a lot that does not conform to the municipal zoning ordinance if the accessory dwelling unit does not further increase the nonconformity.

**Sec. 16. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

A. A municipality shall exempt ~~an~~ one accessory dwelling unit on a lot from any density requirements or calculations related to the area in which the accessory dwelling unit is constructed.

**Sec. 17. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§4, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. A municipality shall allow the construction or occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit on a lot even if the owner of the lot where the accessory dwelling unit is located does not reside in a dwelling unit on that lot.

**Sec. 18. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

Upon receipt of written verification from a local plumbing inspector that a housing structure meets the requirements of this subsection, additional review or documentation by a municipality related to waste and wastewater requirements before issuing a certificate of occupancy is prohibited.

**Sec. 19. 30-A MRSA §4364-C, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Mandatory training.** The municipal reviewing authority and the municipal body hearing zoning appeals, if applicable, shall attend a training on land use planning offered by a state agency or a statewide association representing municipalities or a regional council or municipality within 180 days of appointment or, if a training is not available within the 180-day period, the municipal reviewing authority member and the municipal body hearing zoning appeals must attend the next available training.

**Sec. 20. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 79, §1, is further amended to read:

**4. Subdivision.** "Subdivision" means the division of a tract or parcel of land into 3 or more lots within any 5-year period that begins on or after September 23, 1971. This definition applies whether the division is accomplished by sale, lease, development, buildings or otherwise. The term "subdivision" also includes the division of a new structure or structures on a tract or parcel of land into ~~3~~ 5 or more dwelling units within a 5-year period, the construction or placement of ~~3~~ 5 or more dwelling units on a single tract or parcel of land and the division of an existing structure or structures previously used for commercial or industrial use into ~~3~~ 5 or more dwelling units within a 5-year period.

A. In determining whether a tract or parcel of land is divided into 3 or more lots, the first dividing of the tract or parcel is considered to create the first 2 lots and the next dividing of either of these first 2 lots, by whomever accomplished, is considered to create a 3rd lot, unless:

- (1) Both dividings are accomplished by a subdivider who has retained one of the lots for the subdivider's own use as a single-family residence that has been the subdivider's principal residence for a period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the 2nd division; or
- (2) The division of the tract or parcel is otherwise exempt under this subchapter.

B. The dividing of a tract or parcel of land and the lot or lots so made, which dividing or lots when made are not subject to this subchapter, do not become subject to this subchapter by the subsequent dividing of that tract or parcel of land or any portion of that tract or parcel. The municipal reviewing authority shall consider the existence of the previously created lot or lots in reviewing a proposed subdivision created by a subsequent dividing.

C. A lot of 40 or more acres must be counted as a lot, except:

- (2) When a municipality has, by ordinance, or the municipal reviewing authority has, by regulation, elected not to count lots of 40 or more acres as lots for the purposes of this subchapter when the parcel of land being divided is located entirely outside any shoreland area as defined in Title 38, section 435 or a municipality's shoreland zoning ordinance.

D-1. A division accomplished by devise does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter or avoid other applicable municipal requirements, including, but not limited to, road standards and safety.

D-2. A division accomplished by condemnation does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter.

D-3. A division accomplished by order of court does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter.

D-4. A division accomplished by gift to a person related to the donor of an interest in property held by the donor for a continuous period of 5 years prior to the division by gift does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter. If the real estate exempt under this paragraph is transferred within 5 years to another person not related to the donor of the exempt real estate as provided in this paragraph, then the previously exempt division creates a lot or lots for the purposes of this subsection. "Person related to the donor" means a spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild related by blood, marriage or adoption. A gift under this paragraph ~~can not~~ cannot be given for consideration that is more than 1/2 the assessed value of the real estate.

D-5. A division accomplished by a gift to a municipality if that municipality accepts the gift does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter.

D-6. A division accomplished by the transfer of any interest in land to the owners of land abutting that land does not create a lot or lots for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter. If the real estate exempt under this paragraph is transferred within 5 years to another person without all of the merged land, then the previously exempt division creates a lot or lots for the purposes of this subsection.

E. The division of a tract or parcel of land into 3 or more lots and upon each of which lots permanent dwelling structures legally existed before September 23, 1971 is not a subdivision.

F. In determining the number of dwelling units in a structure, the provisions of this subsection regarding the determination of the number of lots apply, including exemptions from the definition of a subdivision of land.

H-2. This subchapter may not be construed to prevent a municipality from enacting an ordinance under its home rule authority that otherwise regulates land use activities.

A municipality may not enact an ordinance that expands the definition of "subdivision" except as provided in this subchapter. A municipality that has a definition of "subdivision" that conflicts with the requirements of this subsection at the time this paragraph takes effect shall comply with this subsection no later than ~~January 1, 2021~~ July 1, 2027. ~~Such a municipality must file its conflicting definition at the county registry of deeds by June 30, 2020 for the definition to remain valid for the grace period ending January 1, 2021. A filing required under this paragraph must be collected and indexed in a separate book in the registry of deeds for the county in which the municipality is located.~~

I. The grant of a bona fide security interest in an entire lot that has been exempted from the definition of subdivision under paragraphs D-1 to D-6, or subsequent transfer of that entire lot by the original holder of the security interest or that person's successor in interest, does not create a lot for the purposes of this definition, unless the intent of the transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter. A mortgage, pledge or other instrument of hypothecation against a dwelling unit or other smaller portion of real property within a parcel that is otherwise defined by this section as a lot does not itself constitute a subdivision for purposes of this section.

J. Unless the intent of a transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter, the division of a tract or parcel of land accomplished by the transfer of any interest in the land to a holder does not create a lot or lots for purposes of this definition if:

- (1) The transferred interest, as expressed by conservation easement, binding agreement, declaration of trust or otherwise, is to be permanently held for one or more of the following conservation purposes:
  - (a) Retaining or protecting the natural, scenic or open space values of the land;
  - (b) Ensuring the availability of the land for agricultural, forest, recreational or open space use;
  - (c) Protecting natural resources; or
  - (d) Maintaining or enhancing air quality or water quality; and
- (2) The transferred interest is not subsequently further divided or transferred except to another holder.

As used in this paragraph, "holder" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 476, subsection 2.

**Sec. 21. 30-A MRSA §4402, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 174, §2, is further amended to read:

**6. Division of new or existing structures.** Beginning ~~July 1, 2018~~ January 1, 2026, a division of a new or existing structure into 3 or more dwelling units whether the division is accomplished by sale, lease, development or otherwise in a municipality where the project is subject to municipal site plan review.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "municipal site plan review" means review under a municipal ordinance that sets forth a process for determining whether a development meets certain specified criteria, which must include criteria regarding storm-water management, sewage disposal, water supply and vehicular access and which may include criteria regarding other environmental effects, layout, scale, appearance and safety.

B. The municipal reviewing authority in each municipality shall determine whether a municipal site plan review ordinance adopted by the municipality meets the requirements of paragraph A.

**Sec. 22. Training of current members.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4364-C, subsection 4, a member of a municipal reviewing authority or municipal body hearing zoning appeals holding office on the effective date of this Act shall attend a training as described in Title 30-A, section 4364-C, subsection 4 within 180 days of the effective date or, if a training is not available within the 180-day period, must attend the next available training.

**Sec. 23. Application.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except for those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2463-B, amend Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 1-C and enact Title 30-A, section 4364-C, subsection 4, this Act applies to municipalities for which ordinances may be enacted by the municipal officers without further action or approval by the voters of the municipality beginning July 1, 2026 and applies to all other municipalities beginning July 1, 2027.

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**CHAPTER 386  
S.P. 738 - L.D. 1868**

**An Act to Advance a Clean  
Energy Economy by Updating  
Renewable and Clean Resource  
Procurement Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. 1, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Policy.** In order to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of electricity for Maine residents and to encourage the use of renewable, clean, efficient and indigenous resources, it is the policy of this State to encourage the generation of electricity from renewable, clean and efficient sources and to diversify electricity production on which residents of this State rely in a manner consistent with this section.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§1-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is amended to read:

B. By January 1, ~~2050, 100%~~ 2040, 90% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from renewable resources and 10% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from clean resources.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶A-4** is enacted to read:

A-4. "Class III resource" or "clean resource" means a source of generation that generates power that can physically be delivered to the control region in which the New England Power Pool, or its successor as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has authority over transmission, or to the Maritimes Control Area and:

- (1) Is a Class I resource or a Class IA resource;
- (2) Relies on a nuclear power plant or hydroelectric generator that meets all state and federal fish passage requirements applicable to the generator; or
- (3) Generates electric energy in a manner that, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, produces no more than a de minimis level of net greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutant emissions at the point of generation and from the fuel supply chain of the facility and has been certified by the Governor's Energy Office in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with this subsection.

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶A-5** is enacted to read:

A-5. "Clean energy credit" means a tradable instrument that represents an amount of electricity generated from an eligible Class III resource.

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission shall establish by rule or order standards and procedures necessary to implement any definition under this subsection, including but not limited to certifications and performance and verification standards necessary for purposes of paragraphs B-4, D and E, and excluding paragraphs A-4 and A-5. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the Governor's Energy Office, shall establish by rule standards and procedures necessary to implement the definition under paragraph A-4 and verification standards necessary for purposes of paragraph A-5. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§3-B, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is amended to read:

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, beginning January 1, 2020, as a condition of licensing pursuant to section 3203, each competitive electricity provider in this State must demonstrate in a manner satisfactory to the commission that the percentage of its portfolio of supply sources for retail electricity sales in this State, other than to customers who have made an election pursuant to subsection 10 that is in effect with respect to this subsection, accounted for by Class IA resources is as follows:

- (1) Two and one-half percent for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
- (2) Five percent for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;
- (3) Eight percent for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022;
- (4) Eleven percent for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;
- (5) Fifteen percent for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024;
- (6) Nineteen percent for the period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;
- (7) Twenty-three percent for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;
- (8) Twenty-seven percent for the period from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027;
- (9) Thirty-one percent for the period from January 1, 2028 to December 31, 2028;
- (10) Thirty-five percent for the period from January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2029; ~~and~~
- (11) Forty percent for the period from January 1, 2030 to December 31, 2030 ~~and each year thereafter;~~
- (12) Forty-one percent for the period from January 1, 2031 to December 31, 2031;
- (13) Forty-two percent for the period from January 1, 2032 to December 31, 2032;

- (14) Forty-three percent for the period from January 1, 2033 to December 31, 2033;
- (15) Forty-four percent for the period from January 1, 2034 to December 31, 2034;
- (16) Forty-five percent for the period from January 1, 2035 to December 31, 2035;
- (17) Forty-six percent for the period from January 1, 2036 to December 31, 2036;
- (18) Forty-seven percent for the period from January 1, 2037 to December 31, 2037;
- (19) Forty-eight percent for the period from January 1, 2038 to December 31, 2038;
- (20) Forty-nine percent for the period from January 1, 2039 to December 31, 2039; and
- (21) Fifty percent for the period from January 1, 2040 to December 31, 2040 and each year thereafter.

Class IA resources used to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph may not be used to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 or 3-A or 3-D.

**Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§3-D** is enacted to read:

**3-D. Portfolio requirements; Class III resources.** Portfolio requirements for Class III resources are governed by this subsection.

A. As a condition of licensing pursuant to section 3203, each competitive electricity provider in the State must demonstrate in a manner satisfactory to the commission that the percentage of its portfolio of supply sources for retail electricity sales in the State accounted for by Class III resources is as follows:

- (1) For calendar year 2031, 1%;
- (2) For calendar year 2032, 2%;
- (3) For calendar year 2033, 3%;
- (4) For calendar year 2034, 4%;
- (5) For calendar year 2035, 5%;
- (6) For calendar year 2036, 6%;
- (7) For calendar year 2037, 7%;
- (8) For calendar year 2038, 8%;
- (9) For calendar year 2039, 9%; and
- (10) For calendar year 2040, and each year thereafter, 10%.

Retail electricity sales pursuant to a supply contract or standard-offer service arrangement executed by a competitive electricity provider that is in effect on September 30, 2025 are exempt from the requirements of this subsection until the end date of

the existing term of the supply contract or standard-offer service arrangement.

Class I or IA resources used to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph may not be used to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 or 3-A.

B. Suspensions of scheduled increases in the portfolio requirements as provided in paragraph A are governed by this paragraph.

(1) If by March 31, 2031 and every 2 years thereafter the commission determines that investment in Class III resources in the preceding 2 calendar years has not been sufficient for competitive electricity providers to meet the portfolio requirements under paragraph A and that the resulting use of clean energy credits pursuant to subsection 8 or the alternative compliance payment mechanism pursuant to subsection 9, or both of these methods, has burdened electricity customers in the State without providing the benefits of new Class III resources, the commission may suspend all or some of the future scheduled increases in the portfolio requirements under paragraph A.

(2) If the commission finds that more than 10% of the obligations required to satisfy the portfolio requirements for Class III resources under paragraph A are met through alternative compliance payments made pursuant to subsection 9 in 3 consecutive calendar years, the commission shall temporarily suspend all or some of the future scheduled increases in the portfolio requirements under paragraph A.

(3) If the commission suspends any scheduled increases in the portfolio requirements under paragraph A pursuant to subparagraph (1) or (2), the commission shall report its rationale for suspension to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters, the Governor's Energy Office and the Office of the Public Advocate and make recommendations for modifications to the schedule of increases. The commission may resume increases, limited to no more than one percentage point per year over the previous year, in the portfolio requirements after a minimum of one year unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.

C. No later than March 31, 2027 and annually thereafter, the commission shall submit a report regarding the status of Class III resources in the State and compliance with the portfolio requirements under paragraph A to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The report must include, but is not limited to, a description of Class III resources available to meet the portfolio requirements under

paragraph A, documentation of the loss of any existing clean generation capacity in the State, the status of implementation of the portfolio requirements under paragraph A, including any suspensions pursuant to paragraph B, and recommendations to stimulate investment in Class III resources.

The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 283, §1, is further amended to read:

**7. Information.** To the extent that funding is available, the commission shall inform electricity consumers in this State of the benefits of electricity generated in this State using renewable and clean resources and of the opportunities available in this State to purchase electricity that is generated using those resources, including, but not limited to, the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit and clean energy credit products certified under section ~~3212-A~~ 3212-B. The commission may not promote any renewable or clean resources over others. The commission may apply for, receive and expend grant money from the United States Department of Energy and other government agencies for this purpose. The commission may create or cause to be created a brand or logo to identify Maine renewable and clean resources, including the green power offer and other green power supply products and renewable energy credit and clean energy credit products certified under section ~~3212-A~~ 3212-B, to consumers. The commission shall register any mark or logo created pursuant to this subsection with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in accordance with Title 10, chapter 301-A, or both. Any brand or logo created pursuant to this subsection may only be used in accordance with the purposes of this subsection as approved by the commission.

**Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Credit trading.** The commission shall allow competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements of subsections 3, 3-A, 3-B and, 3-C and 3-D through the use of renewable energy credits and clean energy credits if the commission determines that a reliable system of electrical attribute trading exists. When renewable energy credits are used to satisfy the portfolio requirements of subsections 3 and 3-A, the value of a renewable energy credit for electricity generated by a community-based renewable energy project, as defined in section 3602, that is participating in the community-based renewable energy pilot program es-

tablished in section 3603 and elects the renewable energy credit multiplier under section 3605 is 150% of the amount of the electricity.

**Sec. 11. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 306, §1 and c. 361, §2, is further amended to read:

**9. Alternative compliance payment.** The commission shall allow competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements for Class I resources under subsection 3-A, Class IA resources under subsection 3-B, thermal renewable energy credits under subsection 3-C ~~and~~, Class II resources under subsection 3 and Class III resources under subsection 3-D through an alternative compliance payment mechanism in accordance with this subsection.

A. The commission shall set the alternative compliance payment rates by rule and shall publish the alternative compliance payment rates by January 31st of each year. In setting the rates, the commission shall take into account prevailing market prices, standard-offer service prices for electricity, alignment with other New England states, reliance on alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3, 3-A, 3-B and, 3-C and 3-D and investment in Class I, Class IA and, Class II and Class III resources and thermal renewable energy credits in the State during the previous calendar year.

(1) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirements under subsections 3-A, 3-B and, 3-C and 3-D may not be greater than \$50.

(2) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirement under subsection 3 may not be greater than \$10.

B. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3, 3-A and, 3-B and 3-D made by competitive electricity providers and shall use all funds collected under this paragraph to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2.

C. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsection 3-C made by competitive electricity providers and shall deposit all funds collected under this paragraph in the Thermal Energy Investment Fund established under section 10128, subsection 2 to be used to fund incentives and low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses, municipalities, educational institutions and nonprofit entities in the State for the installation of new thermal energy-derived projects.

The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted to establish the alternative

compliance payment rates governed by paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2) routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 12. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 321, §1, is further amended to read:

**11. Report; renewable energy credit portfolio requirements.** By March 31, 2024 and every 3 years thereafter, the Governor's Energy Office shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters based on a review, conducted in consultation with the commission, of the status and impacts of the implementation of the portfolio requirements under subsections 3, 3-A, 3-B ~~and~~ 3-C ~~and~~ 3-D. The review must be completed through a public process and must include consideration of impacts of these renewable portfolio requirements on energy prices and assessment of benefits, including, but not limited to, on greenhouse gas emissions and the economy of the State. After reviewing the report required under this subsection, the committee may report out legislation regarding renewable portfolio requirements.

**Sec. 13. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 293, §1, is further amended to read:

A. "Capacity resource" means any renewable capacity resource, nonrenewable capacity resource, clean resource or interruptible, demand response or energy efficiency capacity resource.

**Sec. 14. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§1, ¶A-2** is enacted to read:

A-2. "Clean energy credit" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-5.

**Sec. 15. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§1, ¶A-3** is enacted to read:

A-3. "Clean resource" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-4.

**Sec. 16. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 134, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 17. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. Clean energy credits associated with clean resources. The price paid by the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the clean energy credits must be lower than the price received for those clean energy credits at the time they are sold by the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility.

**Sec. 18. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 516, Pt. B, §49, is further amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

By January 1st of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters on the procurement of transmission capacity, capacity resources, energy ~~and~~ renewable energy credits ~~and~~ clean energy credits in the preceding 12 months under this subsection, resources procured under section 3210-K and deep-water offshore wind energy pilot projects under Public Law 2009, chapter 615, Part A, section 6, as amended by Public Law 2013, chapter 369, Part H, sections 1 and 2 and chapter 378, sections 4 to 6. The report must contain information, including, but not limited to, the number of requests for proposals by the commission for long-term contracts, the number of responses to requests for proposals pursuant to which a contract has been finalized, the number of executed term sheets or contracts resulting from the requests for proposals, the commission's initial estimates of ratepayer costs or savings associated with any approved term sheet, actual ratepayer costs or savings for the previous year associated with any procurement, the total ratepayer costs or savings at the time of the report and the megawatt-hours, renewable energy credits, clean energy credits or capacity produced or procured through contracts. The report must include actual ratepayer costs or savings for the previous year associated with any contract executed under the Community-based Renewable Energy Act. The report must also include a plan for the succeeding 12 months pertaining to the procurement of capacity resources, energy ~~and~~ renewable energy credits ~~and~~ clean energy credits, including dates for requests for proposals, and types of resources to be procured.

**Sec. 19. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Regional coordination.** If the commission determines that the likely benefits to ratepayers in the State will exceed the likely costs, the commission may coordinate with one or more states to procure, through long-term contracts or other mechanisms, transmission capacity, capacity resources, renewable energy credits or clean energy credits.

**Sec. 20. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 518, §5, is further amended to read:

**7. Disposition of resources.** An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall sell capacity resources, energy ~~or~~ renewable energy credits ~~or~~ clean energy credits purchased pursuant to subsection 3 ~~or~~ 3-A or take other action relative to such capacity resources, energy ~~or~~ renewable energy credits ~~or~~ clean energy credits as directed by the commission.

**Sec. 21. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 518, §6, is further amended to read:

**9. Contract payments.** Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, contracts for capacity resources, related energy ~~or~~ renewable energy credits or clean energy credits entered into pursuant to this section must provide that payments will be made only after contracted amounts of capacity resources, related energy or renewable energy credits have been provided.

A. Contracts with the Efficiency Maine Trust established in section 10103 for energy efficiency capacity resources and related energy entered into pursuant to this section may provide that up to 20% of the total payment be made at the start of the contract. Such contracts must provide that the remaining payments will be made only after the supplier has demonstrated, according to measurement and verification protocols specified in rules adopted by the Efficiency Maine Trust Board pursuant to section 10105, subsection 5, that physical installations have been completed and contracted amounts of capacity resources and related energy have been substantiated.

B. Contracts with any entity other than the Efficiency Maine Trust established in section 10103 for energy efficiency capacity resources and related energy must provide that payments will be made only after the supplier has demonstrated, according to measurement and verification protocols specified in rules adopted by the Efficiency Maine Trust Board pursuant to section 10105, subsection 5, that physical installations have been completed and contracted amounts of capacity resources and related energy have been substantiated.

**Sec. 22. 35-A MRSA §3212-B, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 40, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

A. "Green power supply" means electricity or renewable energy credits or clean energy credits for electricity generated from renewable capacity resources as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-3, including electricity generated by community-based renewable energy projects as defined in section 3602, subsection 1.

A-1. "Clean energy credit" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-5.

B. "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-2.

**Sec. 23. 35-A MRSA §3212-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 40, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Certification; information in bill inserts.** Information regarding the availability of the green power offer and of green power supply products ~~and~~ renewable energy credit products and clean energy credit prod-

ucts that are certified by the commission may, at the option of the provider of the offer or the product and with the cooperation of the transmission and distribution utility, be presented through inserts in customer bills issued by transmission and distribution utilities. The costs of the inserts, including but not limited to printing and postage costs, are the responsibility of the provider of the offer or product. The commission may define the criteria for certification of green power supply products ~~and~~ renewable energy credit products and clean energy credit products by order or by rule, and the commission may limit the criteria for certification for consumer protection and eligibility verification purposes. Rules adopted to implement this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 24. Public Utilities Commission; rules.**

The Public Utilities Commission may initiate rulemaking to amend its rule Chapter 316: Long-term Contracting and Resource Adequacy to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-C. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 3210-C, subsection 10, rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 387**

**H.P. 1248 - L.D. 1877**

**An Act to Increase Penalties  
for Human Trafficking  
Offenses**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 316, §1 and c. 412, Pt. GG, §1, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of \$70 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and \$40 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime, except that the court shall impose an assessment of ~~\$2,000~~ \$6,000 on any person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852, an assessment of ~~\$1,000~~ \$3,000 on any person convicted of sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 853, an assessment of \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction and \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of engaging a person for prostitution as described in Title 17-A, section 853-B and an assessment of \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction and \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a

mental disability as described in Title 17-A, section 855. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the court may not waive the imposition of the assessment required by this section. For purposes of collection and collection procedures, this assessment is considered part of the fine. At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund. All funds collected as a result of these assessments accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 388  
H.P. 132 - L.D. 210**

**An Act Making Unified  
Appropriations and Allocations  
from the General Fund and  
Other Funds for the  
Expenditures of State  
Government and Changing  
Certain Provisions of the Law  
Necessary to the Proper  
Operations of State  
Government for the Fiscal  
Years Ending June 30, 2025,  
June 30, 2026 and June 30,  
2027**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 18, 2027.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$166,185	\$173,044
All Other	\$6,441	\$6,447
	\$172,626	\$179,491
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL		

**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>		
All Other	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL		

**Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 25 to range 28.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$12,937	\$13,805
	\$12,937	\$13,805
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL		

**ACCIDENT - SICKNESS - HEALTH INSURANCE 0455**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>		
All Other	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL		

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$179,122	\$186,849
All Other	\$6,441	\$6,447
	\$185,563	\$193,296
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL		

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
	\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		

**Administration - Human Resources 0038**

Initiative: Provides funding for the marketing and advertising of state job recruitment.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
	\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		

**ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES 0038**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
	\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the anticipated increase to the agency license management system maintenance agreement.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$26,224	\$26,224
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$26,224	\$26,224

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the anticipated increase in costs associated with the contracts for performing compliance checks.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$31,436	\$8,570
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,436	\$8,570

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the State's inventory tracking system contract.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$102,633	\$153,950
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$102,633	\$153,950

**ADULT USE CANNABIS REGULATORY COORDINATION FUND Z264**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$160,293	\$188,744
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$160,293	\$188,744

**Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$5,385	\$5,841
All Other	(\$5,385)	(\$5,841)
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the cost of goods sold account to correct an erroneous baseline entry.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$180,049,407)	(\$180,049,407)
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	(\$180,049,407)	(\$180,049,407)

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - GENERAL OPERATION 0015**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$5,385	\$5,841
All Other	(\$180,054,792)	(\$180,055,248)
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	(\$180,049,407)	(\$180,049,407)

**American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 Staff Accountant positions and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial and Personnel Services - Division of program, Financial and Personnel Services Fund on January 1, 2027.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$367,545	\$193,169
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$367,545	\$193,169

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AUDIT, CONTROLLER AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT Z302**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$367,545	\$193,169
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$367,545	\$193,169

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Provides funding for annual roof inspections and chillers on 3 buildings.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$52,000	\$52,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$52,000</u>

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
All Other	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<u>\$7,000,000</u>	<u>\$7,000,000</u>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Establishes one Space Management Specialist position to assist with the increased workload associated with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742-G, which requires owners of buildings leased to the State to inventory their buildings to identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health and to implement the Governor's executive order requiring the Bureau of General Services, leased space division to use federal Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Portfolio Manager scores in the development of leases.

<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$97,255	\$104,780
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<u>\$97,255</u>	<u>\$104,780</u>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Establishes one Building Control Specialist position to implement proposed security initiatives and provide optimal coverage across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$83,266	\$89,229
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$83,266</u>	<u>\$89,229</u>

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$83,266	\$89,229
All Other	\$52,000	\$52,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$135,266</u>	<u>\$141,229</u>
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$97,255	\$104,780
All Other	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE</b>	<u>\$7,097,255</u>	<u>\$7,104,780</u>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883**

Initiative: Provides funding necessary to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742-G, which requires the Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned buildings, identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health and identify associated remediation plans.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

**BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES - CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND 0883**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

**Central Administrative Applications Z234**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager I position, previously continued by Financial Order 03595 F5, through June 19, 2027 in the State Controller - Office of the program to oversee central applications personal services programs and reduces All Other in the Central Administrative Applications program to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$155,821)	(\$162,316)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$155,821)</u>	<u>(\$162,316)</u>

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS Z234**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$155,821)	(\$162,316)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$155,821)</u>	<u>(\$162,316)</u>

**Central Fleet Management 0703**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,605,179	\$3,605,179
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$3,605,179	\$3,605,179
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT 0703**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,605,179	\$3,605,179
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$3,605,179	\$3,605,179
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893**

Initiative: Provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of state facilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,250,000

**Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893**

Initiative: Provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority in support of capital construction and renovation of Department of Corrections facilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,000,000

**DEBT SERVICE - GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AUTHORITY 0893**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$4,250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,250,000

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Staff Accountant position, 2 Staff Accountant positions and one Accounting Technician position within the General Government Service Center previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to provide continued service to the Department of Education and the Office of Community Affairs and transfers those positions from the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Financial and

Personnel Services - Division of program, Financial and Personnel Services Fund on January 1, 2027.

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$200,579
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,579

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position, one Accounting Analyst position, one Accounting Support Technician position and one Accounting Support Specialist position in the Security and Employment Service Center.

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$391,109	\$420,253
All Other	\$19,200	\$19,200
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$410,309	\$439,453

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Accounting Analyst Supervisor position and provides funding to continue and make permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established by Financial Order 003851 F5 to enhance the Natural Resource Service Center's ability to provide necessary services.

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,980	\$21,835
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$19,980	\$21,835

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Accounting Support Specialist position from 60 hours to 80 hours biweekly in the Corrections Service Center.

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,009	\$20,533
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$19,009	\$20,533

**Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$119,062	\$119,062
<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$119,062</b>	<b>\$119,062</b>

**FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES - DIVISION OF 0713**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$430,098	\$663,200
All Other	\$138,262	\$138,262
<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$568,360</b>	<b>\$801,462</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to support the application team within the Office of Information Technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$154,384	\$167,640
All Other	\$13,630	\$14,015
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$168,014</b>	<b>\$181,655</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes one Systems Analyst position to support the policy team within the Office of Information Technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,902	\$136,978
All Other	\$12,836	\$13,128
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,738</b>	<b>\$150,106</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Information Technology Consultant positions to support the Cloud Center of Excellence within the Office of Information Technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$284,536	\$307,612
All Other	\$26,561	\$27,232
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$311,097</b>	<b>\$334,844</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager III position previously continued by Financial Order CV0751 F5 to support the so-called citizen portal within the Office of Information Technology. This initiative transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Office of Information Services Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$193,249	\$200,960
All Other	\$14,760	\$14,985
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$208,009</b>	<b>\$215,945</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes one Information Technology Consultant position to support the so-called citizen portal within the Office of Information Technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$142,268	\$153,806
All Other	\$13,281	\$13,616
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155,549</b>	<b>\$167,422</b>

**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes one Technology Support Specialist position to support the resident education network within the Department of Corrections and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,902	\$136,978
All Other	\$12,836	\$13,128

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$139,738	\$150,106
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes 10 Senior Programmer Analyst positions to support applications for various state agencies and provides funding for All Other to fund the positions.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,269,020	\$1,369,780
All Other	\$128,358	\$131,283

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$1,397,378	\$1,501,063
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes 10 Systems Analyst positions to support applications for various state agencies and provides funding for All Other to fund the positions.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,269,020	\$1,369,780
All Other	\$128,358	\$131,283

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$1,397,378	\$1,501,063
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Establishes one Information Technology Consultant position to support the Chief Data Officer and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$142,268	\$153,806
All Other	\$13,281	\$13,616

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$155,549	\$167,422
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions, one Public Service Manager II position and one Management Analyst II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0726 F5 to manage project management initiatives within the Office of Information Technology. This initiative transfers the positions from the American Rescue Plan Audit, Contoller and Program Management program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery to the Information Services program, Office of Information Services Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$520,596	\$562,702
All Other	\$51,720	\$52,944

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$572,316	\$615,646
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding within the Information Services program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Tech Support Specialist position to a Senior Technical Support Specialist position.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,858	\$9,216

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$8,858	\$9,216
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**Information Services 0155**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Technical Support Specialist position to a Public Service Manager II position to support client technology and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$21,374	\$22,213
All Other	\$619	\$644

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$21,993	\$22,857
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**INFORMATION SERVICES 0155**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	32,000	32,000
Personal Services	\$4,259,377	\$4,591,471
All Other	\$2,416,240	\$2,425,874
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,675,617</b>	<b>\$7,017,345</b>

**Lead by Example Z426**

Initiative: Provides funding for a competitive, revolving grant program for state agency renewable energy projects, purchase of electric vehicles, construction of electric vehicle charging stations and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE Z426**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate I position to an Inventory & Property Associate II position and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,091	\$5,507
All Other	(\$5,091)	(\$5,507)
<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Accounting Associate I position to an Office Associate II position and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,979	\$6,499
All Other	(\$5,979)	(\$6,499)
<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**LOTTERY OPERATIONS 0023**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,070	\$12,006
All Other	(\$11,070)	(\$12,006)
<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council Z185**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources for the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$519,535	\$519,535
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$519,535</b>	<b>\$519,535</b>

**MAINE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL Z185**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$519,535	\$519,535
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$519,535</b>	<b>\$519,535</b>

**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: Provides funding for the anticipated increase to the agency license management system maintenance agreement.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,857	\$8,857
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,857</b>	<b>\$8,857</b>

**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: Provides funding for the anticipated increase in costs associated with the contracts for performing compliance checks.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$93,898	\$25,658

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$93,898	\$25,658
FUNDS TOTAL		

**MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS FUND Z265**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$102,755	\$34,515

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$102,755	\$34,515
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Purchases - Division of 0007**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide support for Freedom of Access Act requests and administrative appeals hearing coordination, documentation aggregation and legal communications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$117,369	\$126,629
All Other	\$5,569	\$5,569

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$122,938	\$132,198
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**PURCHASES - DIVISION OF 0007**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$117,369	\$126,629
All Other	\$5,569	\$5,569

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$122,938	\$132,198
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**Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption Z296**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in reimbursement to municipalities due to the renewable energy facilities property tax exemptions under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 105, subchapter 4.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,750,000	\$4,250,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,750,000	\$4,250,000
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**RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Z296**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,750,000	\$4,250,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,750,000	\$4,250,000
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**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Senior Tax Examiner position to a Tax Section Manager position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$21,384	\$9,064

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$21,384	\$9,064
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**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Tax Examiner III position to a Business Systems Administrator position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,029	\$7,839

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,029	\$7,839
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**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs associated with establishing the increased dependent exemption credit and modified phase-out.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$31,800	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$31,800	\$0
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**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs associated with increasing the real estate transfer tax and changing the distribution of the real estate transfer tax revenue.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$79,500	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$79,500	\$0
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**REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$34,413	\$16,903
All Other	\$111,300	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$145,713	\$16,903
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**Risk Management - Claims 0008**

Initiative: Provides an allocation to pay attorney's fees awarded by a court against the State and its departments, agencies, officers or employees and settlements of attorney's fees without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

**RISK MANAGEMENT - CLAIMS 0008**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to manage the implementation of several new Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards, which has resulted in significant additional work associated with preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$135,420	\$146,444
	\$6,069	\$6,069
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$141,489	\$152,513

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Provides funding for training and tuition reimbursement expenditures for the Office of the State Controller.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

**State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager I position, previously continued by Financial Order 03595 F5, through June 19, 2027 in the State Controller - Office of the program to oversee central applications personal services programs and reduces All Other in the Central Administrative Applications program to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$154,467	\$160,849
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$154,467	\$160,849

**STATE CONTROLLER - OFFICE OF THE 0056**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$289,887	\$307,293
	\$31,069	\$31,069
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$320,956	\$338,362

**Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund - Finance 0573**

Initiative: Provides funding in the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund for anticipated growth in county taxes and the cost of county services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

**UNORGANIZED TERRITORY EDUCATION AND SERVICES FUND - FINANCE 0573**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$3,731,052	\$9,378,376
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	\$520,035	\$520,035
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$1,013,548	\$973,759
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	\$367,545	\$193,169
<b>FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND</b>	\$568,360	\$801,462
<b>OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND</b>	\$6,675,617	\$7,017,345
<b>CENTRAL MOTOR POOL</b>	\$3,605,179	\$3,605,179
<b>REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	\$7,097,255	\$7,104,780
<b>RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
<b>ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	\$185,563	\$193,296
<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	(\$180,049,407)	(\$180,049,407)
<b>STATE LOTTERY FUND</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	(\$139,049,755)	(\$133,026,508)

**Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planning and Research Associate II position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 to work with the federal emergency food assistance program and commodity supplemental food program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,011	\$117,109
All Other	\$8,262	\$8,606
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,273</b>	<b>\$125,715</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Environmental Licensing Supervisor position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 448 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$142,660	\$153,439
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,160</b>	<b>\$156,939</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planning and Research Associate II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$112,269	\$120,631
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,769</b>	<b>\$124,131</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Establishes one Entomology Technician position using savings from 2 seasonal Entomology Technician positions.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000

POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.815)	(0.815)
Personal Services	(\$5,874)	(\$5,793)
All Other	(\$247)	(\$243)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,121)</b>	<b>(\$6,036)</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Establishes one Entomology Technician position and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,153	\$88,127
All Other	\$18,886	\$19,964

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,039</b>	<b>\$108,091</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Planning and Research Associate I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003627 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$95,804	\$102,812
All Other	\$7,670	\$7,964

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,474</b>	<b>\$110,776</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position in the agricultural resource development division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,437	\$114,800
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,937</b>	<b>\$118,300</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a somatic cell counter for the Milk Quality Laboratory.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$75,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a mass comparator for the Metrology Laboratory.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$65,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides funding to meet the statutory requirement of conducting an independent study for each of the 3 distinct segments of the milk industry in the State in cycles of no less than every 3 years. This request funds one study per year.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$65,000	\$65,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for grants for durable greenhouse structures, including but not limited to structures of glass or polycarbonate, and associated siting and installation costs to schools, community centers and other eligible public entities as determined by the department for shared and educational uses and to enhance community-based opportunities for food production.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003626 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$138,927	\$149,384
All Other	\$9,480	\$9,920

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,407</b>	<b>\$159,304</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Transfers one Consumer Protection Inspector position from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Lab Technician III position from 90% General Fund and 10% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,158	\$9,583
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,158</b>	<b>\$9,583</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$8,158)	(\$9,583)
All Other	(\$343)	(\$402)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$8,501)</b>	<b>(\$9,985)</b>
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**Bureau of Agriculture 0393**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Metrologist position from range 27 to range 29, retroactive to December 14, 2023.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$25,589	\$8,803
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,589</b>	<b>\$8,803</b>

**BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE 0393**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$395,113	\$407,256
All Other	\$75,500	\$75,500
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$140,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$470,613</b>	<b>\$622,756</b>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.815)	(0.815)
Personal Services	\$337,868	\$363,512
All Other	\$25,165	\$26,247

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$363,033</b>	<b>\$389,759</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,995	\$78,544
All Other	\$518,543	\$19,562

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$592,538</b>	<b>\$98,106</b>
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**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planning and Research Associate II position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 to work with the federal emergency food assistance program and commodity supplemental food program. This initiative also

provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,648	\$4,648
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$4,648</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Environmental Licensing Supervisor position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 448 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planning and Research Associate II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Establishes one Entomology Technician position and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,648	\$4,648
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$4,648</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager II position for water resource management and technical assistance and agricultural irrigation funding oversight and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program. This position ends June 18, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Planning and Research Associate I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003627 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,648	\$4,648
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$4,648</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent in the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund program one Public Service Coordinator I position, previously established by Financial Order 003897 F5, to manage financial and technical assistance in the agricultural resource development division. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and establishes baseline allocation in the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,648	\$4,648
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,648</u>	<u>\$4,648</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position in the agricultural resource development division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$696</b>	<b>\$696</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Establishes one Management Analyst II position to support the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,312	\$110,178
All Other	\$27,023	\$28,426
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,335</b>	<b>\$138,604</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003626 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Agriculture program and the DACF Administration program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,648	\$4,648
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,648</b>	<b>\$4,648</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued by Financial Order 003610 F5 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,146	\$131,828
All Other	\$30,560	\$32,287
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,706</b>	<b>\$164,115</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Historic Site Specialist position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Parks - General Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$696</b>	<b>\$696</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,059	\$10,059
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,059</b>	<b>\$10,059</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,088	\$2,088
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,088</b>	<b>\$2,088</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planner II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$696</b>	<b>\$696</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Geology and Resource Information program previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>	<b>\$3,353</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Secretary Associate position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Mapping and Graphic Arts Specialist II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Land for Maine's Future program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$696	\$696
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$696</u>	<u>\$696</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Forest Resource Management program to 50% General Fund in the Forest Resource Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the DACF Administration program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$65,694	\$68,260
All Other	\$11,718	\$12,176
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$77,412</u>	<u>\$80,436</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position established by Financial Order AGR00-0031 through June 18, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Parks - General Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,353	\$3,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,353</u>	<u>\$3,353</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$611	\$611
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$611</u>	<u>\$611</u>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Manager III position from range 35 to range 36. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$8,051	\$8,378
All Other	\$1,433	\$1,491
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,484</u>	<u>\$9,869</u>

**DACF ADMINISTRATION 0401**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,942	\$46,942
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,942</u>	<u>\$46,942</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$298,203	\$318,644
All Other	\$103,633	\$107,279

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$401,836	\$425,923
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Transfers 2 Laborer I positions and 2 Wildland Firefighter positions from Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Maintenance Mechanic position from 92% Federal Expenditures Fund and 8% General Fund to 100% General Fund and one Wildland Firefighter position from 52% Federal Expenditures Fund and 48% General Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.192	2.192
Personal Services	\$231,369	\$246,694
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$231,369	\$246,694

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(2.000)	(2.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(2.192)	(2.192)
Personal Services	(\$219,632)	(\$230,791)
All Other	(\$5,013)	(\$5,333)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$224,645)	(\$236,124)

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for maintenance and repairs to facilities owned by the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for aviation maintenance.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$130,500
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$430,500

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding to purchase a wildfire engine.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for equipment installation in vehicles, including radios.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$12,000

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Laborer I positions and 2 Laborer II positions to Wildland Firefighter positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$11,996	\$13,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,996	\$13,400

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,436	\$19,999
All Other	\$429	\$444

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$19,865	\$20,443
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**DIVISION OF FOREST PROTECTION Z232**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.192	2.192
Personal Services	\$243,365	\$260,094
All Other	\$12,000	\$142,500
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$355,365	\$702,594

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(2.000)	(2.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(2.192)	(2.192)
Personal Services	(\$200,196)	(\$210,792)
All Other	(\$4,584)	(\$4,889)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$204,780)	(\$215,681)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$200,000	\$200,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000
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**Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager II position for water resource management and technical assistance and agricultural irrigation funding oversight and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the

Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program.  
This position ends June 18, 2027.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$135,445	\$146,470
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,945</b>	<b>\$149,970</b>

**Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a baseline allocation in the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**FARMERS DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z364**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$135,445	\$146,470
All Other	\$103,500	\$103,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$238,945</b>	<b>\$249,970</b>

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Forest Resource Management program to 50% General Fund in the Forest Resource Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the DACF Administration program.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$65,694)	(\$68,260)
All Other	(\$1,455)	(\$1,512)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$67,149)</b>	<b>(\$69,772)</b>

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Reallocates one Secretary Associate position from 66.5% General Fund and 33.5% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,343	\$26,331
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,343</b>	<b>\$26,331</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>

Personal Services	(\$24,343)	(\$26,331)
All Other	(\$539)	(\$583)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$24,882)</b>	<b>(\$26,914)</b>
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**FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Z233**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,343	\$26,331
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,343</b>	<b>\$26,331</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

Personal Services	(\$90,037)	(\$94,591)
All Other	(\$1,994)	(\$2,095)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$92,031)</b>	<b>(\$96,686)</b>
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**Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to be used to provide matching funds for private and public sources.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

**FUND TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND PROVIDE NUTRITION INCENTIVES Z329**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$117,476	\$126,253
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,976</b>	<b>\$129,753</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Planner II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,895	\$106,713
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,395</b>	<b>\$110,213</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Geology and Resource Information program previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$117,476	\$126,253
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,976</b>	<b>\$129,753</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Secretary Associate position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Geology and Resource Information program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$86,270	\$93,022
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,770</b>	<b>\$96,522</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Marine Geologist position previously established by Financial Order 03899 F5 and provides funding to address climate resilience across several programs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$118,234	\$127,544
All Other	\$685,067	\$635,476
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$803,301</b>	<b>\$763,020</b>

**GEOLOGY AND RESOURCE INFORMATION Z237**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$420,117	\$452,241
All Other	\$14,000	\$14,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$434,117</b>	<b>\$466,241</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$118,234	\$127,544
All Other	\$685,067	\$635,476
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$803,301</b>	<b>\$763,020</b>

**Harness Racing Commission 0320**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$205,610	\$369,381
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,610</b>	<b>\$369,381</b>

**HARNESS RACING COMMISSION 0320**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$205,610	\$369,381
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,610</b>	<b>\$369,381</b>

**Land for Maine's Future Z162**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Land for Maine's Future program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,438	\$111,994
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,938</b>	<b>\$115,494</b>

**Land for Maine's Future Z162**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Planner position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$105,933	\$114,192
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,433</b>	<b>\$117,692</b>

**Land for Maine's Future Z162**

Initiative: Establishes baseline allocation in the Sears Island Consent Decree Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE Z162**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$213,371	\$226,186
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
	<u>\$220,371</u>	<u>\$233,186</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund Z377**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation for land acquisitions in the Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$8,105,445	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$8,105,445</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE TRUST FUND Z377**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$8,105,445	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$8,105,445</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Land Management and Planning Z239**

Initiative: Provides funding for capital construction materials, capital improvements to bridges and roads and other improvements to recreational trails and sites used by the public.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

**LAND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING Z239**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Capital Expenditures	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

**Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund Z384**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent in the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund program one Public Service Coordinator I position, previously established by Financial Order 003897 F5, to manage financial and technical assistance in the agricultural resource development division. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and establishes baseline allocation in the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$127,075	\$137,568
All Other	\$9,004	\$9,436
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$136,079</u>	<u>\$147,004</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**MAINE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FOREST PRODUCTS INVESTMENT FUND Z384**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$127,075	\$137,568
All Other	\$9,004	\$9,436
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$136,079</u>	<u>\$147,004</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**Maine Conservation Corps Z149**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Marine Geologist position established by Financial Order 03899 F5 and provides funding to address climate resilience across several programs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,762	\$14,169
All Other	\$260,950	\$273,082
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$274,712</b>	<b>\$287,251</b>

**MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS Z149**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,762	\$14,169
All Other	\$260,950	\$273,082
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$274,712</b>	<b>\$287,251</b>

**Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a baseline allocation in the Maine Healthy Soils Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**MAINE HEALTHY SOILS FUND Z328**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Planner position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$114,002	\$122,519
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,502</b>	<b>\$126,019</b>

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Mapping and Graphic Arts Specialist II position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,854	\$106,274
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,354</b>	<b>\$109,774</b>
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**MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION Z236**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$212,856	\$228,793
All Other	\$7,000	\$7,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,856</b>	<b>\$235,793</b>

**Milk Commission 0188**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,103,242)	(\$904,069)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$12,103,242)</b>	<b>(\$904,069)</b>

**MILK COMMISSION 0188**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,103,242)	(\$904,069)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$12,103,242)</b>	<b>(\$904,069)</b>

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Provides funding to construct new and renovate existing recreational boating facilities.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Provides funding to replace one tractor, 2 all-terrain vehicles and 2 snowmobiles in the Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$120,000	\$50,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Office Assistant II position and one Recreational Trails Coordinator position between Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the same program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$490,528)	(\$450,557)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$490,528)</b>	<b>(\$450,557)</b>

**OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROGRAM Z224**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$490,528)	(\$450,557)
Capital Expenditures	\$620,000	\$550,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,472</b>	<b>\$99,443</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Historic Site Specialist position previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Parks - General Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,437	\$114,800
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,937</b>	<b>\$118,300</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Provides funding for infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$430,000</b>	<b>\$430,000</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Provides funding for capital improvements to ensure roads, bridges, dams and buildings are safe for public recreation and staff in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Marine Geologist position established by Financial Order 03899 F5 and provides funding to address climate resilience across several programs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$175,959	\$175,959
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$175,959</b>	<b>\$175,959</b>

**Parks - General Operations Z221**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position established by Financial Order AGR00-0031 through June 18, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs in the DACF Administration program and the Parks - General Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$106,437	\$114,800
All Other	\$10,928	\$11,420
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,365</b>	<b>\$126,220</b>

**PARKS - GENERAL OPERATIONS Z221**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$212,874	\$229,600
All Other	\$14,428	\$14,920
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$227,302</b>	<b>\$244,520</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$175,959	\$175,959
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$175,959</b>	<b>\$175,959</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$830,000	\$830,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$830,000</b>	<b>\$830,000</b>

<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,598,909	\$3,178,363
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,456,273	\$1,450,626
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,701,604	\$4,469,754
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,756,786</b>	<b>\$9,098,743</b>

**Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Arts - Administration 0178**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased hours of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 42 hours to 80 hours biweekly to meet the operational needs of the Maine Arts Commission.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$54,342	\$58,755
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,342</b>	<b>\$58,755</b>

**ARTS - ADMINISTRATION 0178**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$54,342	\$58,755
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,342</b>	<b>\$58,755</b>

**Arts - General Grants Program 0177**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Maine Arts Commission's Federal Expenditures Fund account.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$356,551)	(\$356,551)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>

**ARTS - GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM 0177**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$356,551)	(\$356,551)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>

**ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$54,342	\$58,755

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>	<b>(\$356,551)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$302,209)</b>	<b>(\$297,796)</b>

**Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Assistant Attorney General position previously established by Financial Order 003687 F5 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$223,811	\$232,909
All Other	\$10,500	\$10,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$234,311</b>	<b>\$243,409</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Transfers one Research Assistant MSEA-B position from the Human Services Division program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Administration - Attorney General program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$105,443	\$113,684
All Other	\$15,500	\$15,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,943</b>	<b>\$129,184</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Research Assistant MSEA-B positions from the Human Services Division program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Administration - Attorney General program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$310,595	\$330,321
All Other	\$37,500	\$37,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$348,095</b>	<b>\$367,821</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Assistant Attorney General position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 489 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,955	\$145,962
All Other	\$13,934	\$14,194
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,889</b>	<b>\$160,156</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Establishes one Assistant Attorney General position to support the Department of Marine Resources and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,955	\$145,962
All Other	\$13,934	\$14,194
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,889</b>	<b>\$160,156</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Assistant Attorney General position previously established by financial order for the Department of Labor and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,955	\$145,962
All Other	\$13,934	\$14,194
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,889</b>	<b>\$160,156</b>

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Assistant Attorney General position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$150,340	\$161,707
All Other	\$14,297	\$14,566
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164,637</b>	<b>\$176,273</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0310**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$639,849	\$676,914

All Other	\$63,500	\$63,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$703,349</b>	<b>\$740,414</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$555,205	\$599,593
All Other	\$56,099	\$57,148
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$611,304</b>	<b>\$656,741</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to allow for the purchase, shipping and installation of a low-dose x-ray forensic imaging scanner.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$539,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$539,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding to cover an increase in the medical examiner examination fees from \$100 to \$150.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$76,000	\$76,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3024 to cover the increased mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.54 per mile.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,710	\$9,710
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,710</b>	<b>\$9,710</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased frequency and cost of forensic toxicology testing.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Medical Examiner Assistant positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$196,482	\$211,650
All Other	\$7,300	\$7,300
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$203,782</b>	<b>\$218,950</b>

**Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Establishes 2 OCME Planning and Research Associate I positions and one Medicolegal Death Investigator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$283,673	\$304,598
All Other	\$14,100	\$14,100
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$297,773</b>	<b>\$318,698</b>

**CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER - OFFICE OF 0412**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$480,155	\$516,248
All Other	\$706,110	\$167,110
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,186,265</b>	<b>\$683,358</b>

**Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: Transfers one Research Assistant MSEA-B position from the Human Services Division program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Administration - Attorney General program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$105,443)	(\$113,684)
All Other	(\$18,356)	(\$18,550)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$123,799)</b>	<b>(\$132,234)</b>

**Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Research Assistant MSEA-B positions from the Human Services Division program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Administration - Attorney General program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(3.000)	(3.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$310,595)	(\$330,321)
All Other	(\$45,719)	(\$46,184)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$356,314)</b>	<b>(\$376,505)</b>

**HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION 0696**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(4.000)	(4.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$416,038)	(\$444,005)
All Other	(\$64,075)	(\$64,734)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$480,113)</b>	<b>(\$508,739)</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,889,614</b>	<b>\$1,423,772</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$131,191</b>	<b>\$148,002</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,020,805</b>	<b>\$1,571,774</b>
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**Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE**

**Audit Bureau 0067**

Initiative: Provides continued and additional funding for the transition in auditing workpapers from a paper process to an electronic process.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$73,669	\$80,187
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,669</b>	<b>\$80,187</b>

**Audit Bureau 0067**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Principal Auditor positions to Public Service Manager II positions.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$23,150	\$24,076
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,150</b>	<b>\$24,076</b>

**AUDIT BUREAU 0067**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$23,150	\$24,076
All Other	\$73,669	\$80,187
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,819</b>	<b>\$104,263</b>

**AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$96,819	\$104,263
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$96,819	\$104,263

**Sec. A-6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY**

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for replacements, upgrades and improvements to infrastructure throughout Baxter State Park, including its headquarters building, ranger stations, storage facilities, rental cabins, lean-tos and other capital improvement projects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$192,800	\$177,580
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$192,800	\$177,580

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 4 pickup trucks.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$119,984	\$134,560
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,984	\$134,560

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 4 snowmobiles.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$32,216	\$32,860
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,216	\$32,860

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Baxter Park Trail Crew Leader position from range 14 to range 16 and 3 Baxter Park Trail Laborer positions from range 12 to range 14.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$6,609	\$4,709
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,609	\$4,709

**Baxter State Park Authority 0253**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Baxter Park District Ranger positions from

range 24 to range 27 and 3 Baxter Park Supervisory Enforcement Ranger positions from range 23 to range 25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$77,125	\$81,440
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77,125	\$81,440

**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$83,734	\$86,149
Capital Expenditures	\$345,000	\$345,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$428,734	\$431,149

**BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$428,734	\$431,149
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$428,734	\$431,149

**Sec. A-7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, STATE**

**Maine Charter School Commission Z137**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected revenues.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$168,626	\$229,405
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$168,626	\$229,405

**MAINE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION Z137**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$168,626	\$229,405
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$168,626	\$229,405

**Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides funding for scholarships due to a projected increase in dedicated revenues from slot machine proceeds from the March 2024 Revenue Forecasting Committee report.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$69,833	\$141,411
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$69,833	\$141,411

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only to the State's 7 community colleges for paid family and medical leave premiums.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$876,051	\$915,865
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$876,051	\$915,865

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current Maine Community College System operations.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$3,444,103	\$7,025,970
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,444,103	\$7,025,970

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$165,802)	(\$151,044)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$165,802)	(\$151,044)

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM - BOARD OF TRUSTEES 0556**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,320,154	\$7,941,835
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,320,154	\$7,941,835

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$95,969)	(\$9,633)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$95,969)	(\$9,633)

**MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Z335**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only for the State's 7 community colleges to continue offering student scholarships through the State's free community college tuition program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

**MCCS FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - TWO ENROLLMENT YEARS Z335**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$14,320,154	\$17,941,835
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$95,969)	(\$9,633)

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$14,224,185	\$17,932,202
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**Sec. A-9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the implementation of the department's offender management system.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$3,661,559	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,661,559	\$0

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the licensing fees associated with the department's offender management system.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,200,000

**Administration - Corrections 0141**

Initiative: Provides funding to cover the cost of an Assistant Attorney General position and related All Other

costs at the Department of the Attorney General previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 489.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$148,889	\$160,156
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$148,889</u>	<u>\$160,156</u>

**ADMINISTRATION - CORRECTIONS 0141**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$148,889	\$1,360,156
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$148,889</u>	<u>\$1,360,156</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,661,559	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,661,559</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Adult Community Corrections 0124**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,666	\$1,666
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,666</u>	<u>\$1,666</u>

**ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0124**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,666	\$1,666
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,666</u>	<u>\$1,666</u>

**Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155**

Initiative: Transfers all positions and related All Other costs from the Bolduc Correctional Facility program to the State Prison program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(53,000)	(53,000)
Personal Services	(\$6,493,241)	(\$6,652,829)
All Other	(\$458,342)	(\$458,342)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$6,951,583)</u>	<u>(\$7,111,171)</u>

**Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$194,114	\$194,114
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$194,114</u>	<u>\$194,114</u>

**BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY Z155**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(53,000)	(53,000)
Personal Services	(\$6,493,241)	(\$6,652,829)
All Other	(\$264,228)	(\$264,228)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$6,757,469)</u>	<u>(\$6,917,057)</u>

**Correctional Center 0162**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Corrections Fuel program to the Long Creek Youth Development Center program and Correctional Center program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$242,935	\$242,935
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$242,935</u>	<u>\$242,935</u>

**Correctional Center 0162**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,777	\$53,777
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$53,777</u>	<u>\$53,777</u>

**CORRECTIONAL CENTER 0162**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$296,712	\$296,712
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$296,712</u>	<u>\$296,712</u>

**Corrections Fuel Z366**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Corrections Fuel program to the Long Creek Youth Development Center program and Correctional Center program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$319,769)	(\$319,769)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$319,769)</u>	<u>(\$319,769)</u>

**Corrections Fuel Z366**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased costs of fuel.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$743,241	\$743,241
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$743,241</u>	<u>\$743,241</u>

**CORRECTIONS FUEL Z366**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$423,472	\$423,472
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$423,472</u>	<u>\$423,472</u>

**County Jail Operations Fund Z227**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the county jails for medication-assisted treatment and medical care as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1208-B, subsection 4.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**COUNTY JAIL OPERATIONS FUND Z227**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Downeast Correctional Facility 0542**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,167	\$4,167
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,167</b>	<b>\$4,167</b>

**Downeast Correctional Facility 0542**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Downeast Correctional Facility program to the State Prison program within the same fund to help the Maine State Prison close a deficit.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$50,000)</b>	<b>(\$50,000)</b>

**DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0542**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$45,833)	(\$45,833)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$45,833)</b>	<b>(\$45,833)</b>

**Juvenile Community Corrections 0892**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$813	\$813
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$813</b>	<b>\$813</b>

**JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0892**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$813	\$813
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$813</b>	<b>\$813</b>

**Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Corrections Fuel program to the Long Creek Youth Development Center program and Correctional Center program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$76,834	\$76,834
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,834</b>	<b>\$76,834</b>

**Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$29,819	\$29,819
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,819</b>	<b>\$29,819</b>

**LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER 0163**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$106,653	\$106,653
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,653</b>	<b>\$106,653</b>

**Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857**

Initiative: Provides funding for the transportation of raw sewage to a local treatment plant.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$497,125	\$497,125
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$497,125</b>	<b>\$497,125</b>

**Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$38,548	\$38,548
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,548</b>	<b>\$38,548</b>

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0857**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$535,673	\$535,673
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$535,673</b>	<b>\$535,673</b>

**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: Transfers all positions and related All Other costs from the Bolduc Correctional Facility program to the State Prison program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	53,000	53,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$6,493,241	\$6,652,829
All Other	\$458,342	\$458,342

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,951,583	\$7,111,171
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**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$77,330	\$77,330

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$77,330	\$77,330
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**State Prison 0144**

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Downeast Correctional Facility program to the State Prison program within the same fund to help the Maine State Prison close a deficit.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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**STATE PRISON 0144**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53,000	53,000
Personal Services	\$6,493,241	\$6,652,829
All Other	\$585,672	\$585,672

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,078,913	\$7,238,501
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**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,789,489</b>	<b>\$3,000,756</b>
	<b>\$3,661,559</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,451,048</b>	<b>\$3,000,756</b>
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**Sec. A-10. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Reallocates funding of leased space for the Maine Emergency Management Agency from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund and provides additional funding to support increased costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$259,000	\$259,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$259,000	\$259,000
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace outdated equipment in and remodel the layout of the State Emergency Operations Center, funded 25% General Fund and 75% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$57,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$57,500
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$172,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$172,500
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support maintenance of emergency management trailers.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$0
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace and repair deployable emergency management generators.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the state vehicle used to transport emergency management materiel throughout the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$92,000	\$0
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**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Contract/Grant Manager position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$59,373	\$64,020
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$59,373</u>	<u>\$64,020</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
Personal Services	(\$59,373)	(\$64,020)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$59,373)</u>	<u>(\$64,020)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Contract/Grant Manager position funded 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,077	\$100,476
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$96,077</u>	<u>\$100,476</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$96,077)	(\$100,476)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$96,077)</u>	<u>(\$100,476)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Secretary Associate position funded 44% General Fund and 56% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$48,370	\$50,893
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$48,370</u>	<u>\$50,893</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$48,370)	(\$50,893)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$48,370)</u>	<u>(\$50,893)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the costs of one Contract/Grant Specialist position and one Emergency Response Training Coordinator position funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000

Personal Services	\$221,661	\$234,047
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$221,661</u>	<u>\$234,047</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$221,661)	(\$234,047)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$221,661)</u>	<u>(\$234,047)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position funded 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$113,224	\$120,217
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$113,224</u>	<u>\$120,217</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$113,224)	(\$120,217)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$113,224)</u>	<u>(\$120,217)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 60% General Fund and 40% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,085	\$107,276
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$103,085</u>	<u>\$107,276</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$103,085)	(\$107,276)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$103,085)</u>	<u>(\$107,276)</u>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position funded 100% Federal

Expenditures Fund to 63% General Fund and 37% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$103,011	\$107,518
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,011</b>	<b>\$107,518</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$103,011)	(\$107,518)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$103,011)</b>	<b>(\$107,518)</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates between the Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency program and the Emergency Response Operations program the cost of one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$73,950	\$79,681
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,950</b>	<b>\$79,681</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$73,943)	(\$79,677)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$73,943)</b>	<b>(\$79,677)</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Emergency Response Training Coordinator position funded 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$30,239	\$32,073
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,239</b>	<b>\$32,073</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

Personal Services	(\$30,239)	(\$32,073)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$30,239)</b>	<b>(\$32,073)</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Emergency Response Training Coordinator position funded 37.5% General Fund and 62.5% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$66,784	\$71,968
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,784</b>	<b>\$71,968</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$66,784)	(\$71,968)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$66,784)</b>	<b>(\$71,968)</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Continues one Contract/Grant Specialist position previously established by Financial Order 003288 F4 to function as a hazard mitigation grant administrator in support of hazard mitigation assistance grants for natural hazards and disasters. The position ends June 19, 2027.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$99,312	\$103,555
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,312</b>	<b>\$103,555</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Contract/Grant Specialist positions previously established by Financial Order 003288 F4 to function as recovery program officers in support of the public assistance program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$201,707	\$217,028
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$201,707</b>	<b>\$217,028</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Contract/Grant Specialist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs to function as recovery program officers within the public assistance program.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$192,550	\$207,110
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$202,550</b>	<b>\$217,110</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Establishes one Contract/Grant Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs to function as a hazard mitigation grant administrator in support of hazard mitigation assistance grants for natural hazards and disasters.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,275	\$103,555
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,275</b>	<b>\$108,555</b>

**Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one State Dam Inspector position from range 31 to range 33.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,049	\$17,519
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,049</b>	<b>\$17,519</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 0214**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,134,530	\$1,202,716
All Other	\$463,000	\$316,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,597,530</b>	<b>\$1,519,216</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4.000)	(4.000)
Personal Services	(\$527,630)	(\$553,945)
All Other	(\$185,000)	(\$12,500)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$712,630)</b>	<b>(\$566,445)</b>

**Emergency Response Operations 0918**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates between the Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency program and the Emergency Response Operations program the cost of one Public Service Manager II position

funded 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$7)	(\$4)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$7)</b>	<b>(\$4)</b>

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS 0918**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$7)	(\$4)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$7)</b>	<b>(\$4)</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the design and construction of sustainment, restoration and modernization projects for a Maine National Guard readiness center located in Bangor.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,926,700	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,926,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,780,000	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,780,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Director of Building Control Operations from 73% Federal Expenditures Fund and 27% General Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$38,418)	(\$41,187)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$38,418)</b>	<b>(\$41,187)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$38,418	\$41,187
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,418</b>	<b>\$41,187</b>

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Groundskeeper II position to a Heavy Vehicle and Equipment Technician position.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$18,986	\$19,706
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,986</b>	<b>\$19,706</b>

**MILITARY TRAINING AND OPERATIONS 0108**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1,000)	(1,000)
All Other	(\$38,418)	(\$41,187)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,926,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$57,404	\$60,893
All Other	\$5,780,000	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,837,404</b>	<b>\$60,893</b>

**Stream Gaging Cooperative Program 0858**

Initiative: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of 5 additional stream gages to ensure public safety given the increase in frequency and intensity of flood events.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$83,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$83,500</b>

**Stream Gaging Cooperative Program 0858**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost for the operation and maintenance of existing stream gages.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**STREAM GAGING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM 0858**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$113,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$113,500</b>

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,161	\$18,895
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,161</b>	<b>\$18,895</b>

**VETERANS SERVICES 0110**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$19,161	\$18,895
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,161</b>	<b>\$18,895</b>

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,485,812	\$1,591,529
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,124,774	(\$505,552)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$19,154</b>	<b>\$18,891</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,629,740</b>	<b>\$1,104,868</b>
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**Sec. A-11. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Executive I position, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$146,692	\$158,069
All Other	\$6,089	\$6,563
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$152,781</b>	<b>\$164,632</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$146,692	\$158,069
All Other	\$6,089	\$6,563

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$152,781	\$164,632
FUND TOTAL		

**Business Development 0585**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position and provides funding for related All Other costs to create a domestic trade program to support small businesses in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$135,029	\$146,038
All Other	\$550,000	\$550,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$685,029	\$696,038

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 0585**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$135,029	\$146,038
All Other	\$550,000	\$550,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$685,029	\$696,038

**Community Development Block Grant Program 0587**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003630 F5, through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$138,102	\$148,679
All Other	\$5,729	\$6,170
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$143,831	\$154,849

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 0587**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$138,102	\$148,679
All Other	\$5,729	\$6,170
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$143,831	\$154,849

**Housing Opportunity Program Z336**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$327,236	\$340,694
All Other	(\$327,236)	(\$340,694)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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**HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Z336**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$327,236	\$340,694
All Other	(\$327,236)	(\$340,694)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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**Office of Tourism 0577**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator I positions, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through December 19, 2026.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$155,935	\$127,698

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$155,935	\$127,698
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**Office of Tourism 0577**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$106,231	\$350,159

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$106,231	\$350,159
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**OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$106,231	\$350,159

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$106,231	\$350,159
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$155,935	\$127,698

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$155,935	\$127,698
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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
	\$685,029	\$696,038

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$296,612	\$319,481
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$106,231	\$350,159
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$155,935	\$127,698
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,243,807</b>	<b>\$1,493,376</b>

**Sec. A-12. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Child Development Services 0449**

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources for the so-called Part C grant under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$231,872	\$231,872
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$231,872</b>	<b>\$231,872</b>

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$231,872	\$231,872
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$231,872</b>	<b>\$231,872</b>

**Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program Fund Z361**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period State Education Representative position, previously established by Resolve 2021, chapter 178, through June 30, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$146,115	\$12,185
All Other	\$3,464	\$286
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$149,579</b>	<b>\$12,471</b>

**CLIMATE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM FUND Z361**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$146,115	\$12,185
All Other	\$3,464	\$286

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$149,579	\$12,471
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**Early Childhood Infrastructure Z315**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation in Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery accounts.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE Z315**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Education in Unorganized Territory 0220**

Initiative: Provides funding to change one seasonal Education Specialist III position from 48 weeks to 52 weeks annually.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.923)	(0.923)
Personal Services	\$10,569	\$14,994
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,569</b>	<b>\$14,994</b>

**Education in Unorganized Territory 0220**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for maintenance of 3 state-owned schools in the unorganized territory.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Education in Unorganized Territory 0220**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for maintenance of a fleet of school buses in the unorganized territory.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**EDUCATION IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY 0220**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.923)	(0.923)
Personal Services	\$10,569	\$14,994
All Other	\$180,000	\$180,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$190,569</b>	<b>\$194,994</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$180,164
All Other	\$0	(\$180,164)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,737	\$137,217
All Other	(\$126,737)	(\$137,217)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Education Specialist III position previously established by Financial Order 003854 F5 and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,129	\$120,191
All Other	(\$111,129)	(\$120,191)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$625,499	\$1,266,635
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$625,499</b>	<b>\$1,266,635</b>

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	(\$1,429,535)	(\$1,380,256)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,429,535)</b>	<b>(\$1,380,256)</b>

**GENERAL PURPOSE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS 0308**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$237,866	\$437,572
All Other	(\$237,866)	(\$437,572)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$804,036)	(\$113,621)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$804,036)</b>	<b>(\$113,621)</b>
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**Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082**

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program to pay annual dues to the New England Board of Higher Education.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$142,280)	(\$142,280)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$142,280)</b>	<b>(\$142,280)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$151,410	\$151,410

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,410</b>	<b>\$151,410</b>
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**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR SUPPORT SERVICES Z082**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$142,280)	(\$142,280)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$142,280)</b>	<b>(\$142,280)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$151,410	\$151,410

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,410</b>	<b>\$151,410</b>
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**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Transfers one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from the School Facilities program,

Other Special Revenue Funds to the Innovative Teaching and Learning program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$119,238	\$123,914
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,566</b>	<b>\$133,242</b>

**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the Innovative Teaching and Learning program.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides Other Special Revenue Funds allocation for the Innovative Teaching and Learning program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING Z394**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$119,238	\$123,914
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,566</b>	<b>\$133,242</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Eliminates one part-time Office Associate II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(0.500)	(0.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$40,027)	(\$43,699)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$40,027)</b>	<b>(\$43,699)</b>

**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position and related All Other costs from the School Finance and Operations program to the Leadership Team program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$142,267	\$148,080
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,595</b>	<b>\$157,408</b>

**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Executive II position and related All Other costs from the Leadership Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$196,483)	(\$204,498)
All Other	(\$9,328)	(\$9,328)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$205,811)</b>	<b>(\$213,826)</b>

**LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(0.500)	(0.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$94,243)	(\$100,117)
All Other	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$94,243)</b>	<b>(\$100,117)</b>

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected resources as grant funding is no longer available.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$519,860)	(\$519,860)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$519,860)</b>	<b>(\$519,860)</b>

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources for the Head Start Collaboration Office grant.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$6,291	\$1,763
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,291	\$1,763

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program grant.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$569,635	\$566,941
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$569,635	\$566,941

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Management Analyst II position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund within the same program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,966	\$11,412
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,966	\$11,412

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$10,966)	(\$11,412)
All Other	\$10,966	\$11,412
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period State Education Representative position, one limited-period Education Specialist III position and 2 limited-period Education Specialist II positions previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 through December 31, 2026 and reduces All Other funding to fund the positions.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$210,393	\$307,861
All Other	(\$210,393)	(\$307,861)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation in Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery accounts.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,000	\$2,000

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocation with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,000,969)	(\$2,710,451)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$3,000,969)	(\$2,710,451)

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist II position.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,463	\$6,201
All Other	(\$10,463)	(\$6,201)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**Learning Systems Team Z081**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Education Specialist III positions to State Education Representative positions retroactive to June 13, 2024 and reduces All Other to fund the reclassifications.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$59,793	\$35,436
All Other	(\$59,793)	(\$35,436)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

**LEARNING SYSTEMS TEAM Z081**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$10,966	\$11,412
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,966	\$11,412

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$269,683	\$338,086
All Other	(\$3,214,586)	(\$2,999,693)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$2,944,903)	(\$2,661,607)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,000	\$2,000

**Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc Z350**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position previously established by financial order and reduces All Other to partially fund the position. This position ends on June 19, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$105,595	\$113,841
All Other	(\$71,982)	(\$71,982)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,613</b>	<b>\$41,859</b>

**MAINE CLIMATE CORPS PROG - ME COMMISSION FOR COMM SVC Z350**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$105,595	\$113,841
All Other	(\$71,982)	(\$71,982)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,613</b>	<b>\$41,859</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z134**

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected resources as grant funding is no longer available.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,864)	(\$2,864)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>

**MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE Z134**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,864)	(\$2,864)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>

**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$161,385	\$168,015
All Other	(\$161,385)	(\$168,015)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)

Personal Services	(\$161,385)	(\$168,015)
All Other	(\$3,461)	(\$3,461)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$164,846)</b>	<b>(\$171,476)</b>
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**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously established by Financial Order 003773 F5, and provides funding for related All Other costs, and eliminates one State Education Representative position, and reduces related All Other costs, in the Maine School Safety Center program and the School and Student Supports program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$117,056	\$126,304
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,384</b>	<b>\$135,632</b>

**Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$131,682	\$146,119
All Other	\$9,878	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$141,560</b>	<b>\$155,447</b>

**MAINE SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER Z293**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$410,123	\$440,438
All Other	(\$142,179)	(\$149,359)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$267,944</b>	<b>\$291,079</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$161,385)	(\$168,015)
All Other	(\$3,461)	(\$3,461)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$164,846)</b>	<b>(\$171,476)</b>
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**Maine Service Fellows Program Z311**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Volunteer Services Coordinator position, previously established by Financial Order 003931 F5, through September 30, 2029 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,611	\$106,558
All Other	\$12,433	\$12,072
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,044</b>	<b>\$118,630</b>

**MAINE SERVICE FELLOWS PROGRAM Z311 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,611	\$106,558
All Other	\$12,433	\$12,072
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,044</b>	<b>\$118,630</b>

**Office of Innovation Z333**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Executive II position and related All Other costs from the Leadership Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$196,483	\$204,498
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,811</b>	<b>\$213,826</b>

**OFFICE OF INNOVATION Z333 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$196,483	\$204,498
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,811</b>	<b>\$213,826</b>

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager I position and one limited-period Management Analyst II position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 through June 30, 2027 and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$228,711	\$247,044
All Other	(\$228,711)	(\$247,044)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334**

Initiative: Reduces funding for debt service costs associated with the bonding authority granted in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5953-G, for career and technical education centers and regions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,307,572)	(\$1,311,185)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,307,572)</b>	<b>(\$1,311,185)</b>

**Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,510	\$8,769
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,510</b>	<b>\$8,769</b>

**OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS Z334**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$234,221	\$255,813
All Other	(\$1,536,283)	(\$1,558,229)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,302,062)</b>	<b>(\$1,302,416)</b>

**Preschool Special Education Z399**

Initiative: Provides funding pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7304 to continue support of special education and related services for preschool-aged children 3 to 5 years of age.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION Z399**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously established by Financial Order 003773 F5, and provides funding for related All Other costs, and eliminates one State Education Representative position, and reduces related All Other costs, in the Maine School Safety Center program and the School and Student Supports program.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$119,600)	(\$124,279)
All Other	(\$8,860)	(\$8,860)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$128,460)</b>	<b>(\$133,139)</b>

**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources for the federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program grant.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,549	\$28,116
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$35,549</u>	<u>\$28,116</u>

**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Reduces funding for a 2-year pilot program to help students avoid homelessness that ended on June 30, 2024.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>

**SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUPPORTS Z270**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$119,600)	(\$124,279)
All Other	(\$1,508,860)	(\$1,508,860)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,628,460)</u>	<u>(\$1,633,139)</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,549	\$28,116
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$35,549</u>	<u>\$28,116</u>

**School Facilities Z271**

Initiative: Transfers one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from the School Facilities program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Innovative Teaching and Learning program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$119,238)	(\$123,914)
All Other	(\$11,901)	(\$12,013)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$131,139)</u>	<u>(\$135,927)</u>

**School Facilities Z271**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$135,107	\$146,119
All Other	\$13,312	\$13,011

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$148,419</u>	<u>\$159,130</u>
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**SCHOOL FACILITIES Z271**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$15,869	\$22,205
All Other	\$1,411	\$998

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$17,280</u>	<u>\$23,203</u>
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**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Provides funding pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part OOOO to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price of a breakfast or lunch for each student in a public school and for publicly funded students who attend an eligible private school that participates in the National School Lunch Program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,800,387	\$4,101,781

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,800,387</u>	<u>\$4,101,781</u>
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**School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position and related All Other costs from the School Finance and Operations program to the Leadership Team program within the same fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$142,267)	(\$148,080)
All Other	(\$9,328)	(\$9,328)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$151,595)</u>	<u>(\$157,408)</u>
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**SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS Z078**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$142,267)	(\$148,080)
All Other	\$1,791,059	\$4,092,453

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,648,792</u>	<u>\$3,944,373</u>
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**Special Services Team Z080**

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources for the so-called Part B grant

under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,890,159	\$5,732,497
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,890,159</u>	<u>\$5,732,497</u>

**Special Services Team Z080**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Education Specialist II positions to Education Specialist III positions and reduces All Other to fund the reorganizations.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$27,385	\$28,445
All Other	(\$27,385)	(\$28,445)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$27,385	\$28,445
All Other	\$5,862,774	\$5,704,052
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,890,159</u>	<u>\$5,732,497</u>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>(\$680,784)</b>	<b>\$2,652,833</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$3,159,375</b>	<b>\$3,278,532</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$485,267)</b>	<b>\$73,963</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>	<b>(\$2,864)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$1,992,960</b></u>	<u><b>\$6,004,964</b></u>

**Sec. A-13. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for optical gas imaging camera certification training for department staff.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Air Quality 0250**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for an optical gas imaging camera.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$117,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$117,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**AIR QUALITY 0250**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,000	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$117,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$126,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Land Resources Z188**

Initiative: Transfers one Environmental Licensing Specialist II position and related All Other costs from the Land Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$103,675)	(\$111,657)
All Other	(\$5,539)	(\$5,810)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$109,214)</u>	<u>(\$117,467)</u>

**LAND RESOURCES Z188**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$103,675)	(\$111,657)
All Other	(\$5,539)	(\$5,810)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$109,214)</u>	<u>(\$117,467)</u>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides funding for salmon habitat monitoring costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Environmental Specialist III positions to assist the public and regulated entities in navigating and accessing licensing services and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$196,592	\$211,750
All Other	\$10,713	\$11,228
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$207,305</b>	<b>\$222,978</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 482, through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$326,917	\$0
All Other	\$5,850	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$332,767</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$347,346
All Other	\$0	\$5,850
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$353,196</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Environmental Licensing Specialist I positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$189,836	\$204,308
All Other	\$10,483	\$10,975
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,319</b>	<b>\$215,283</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Environmental Specialist III position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,296	\$105,875
All Other	\$5,356	\$5,614
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,652</b>	<b>\$111,489</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,296	\$105,875
All Other	\$5,356	\$5,614
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,652</b>	<b>\$111,489</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Transfers one Environmental Licensing Specialist II position and related All Other costs from the Land Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,675	\$111,657
All Other	\$5,539	\$5,810
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,214</b>	<b>\$117,467</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3108-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraph (5).

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$499,500	\$499,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$499,500</b>	<b>\$499,500</b>

**Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Engineer position to an Environmental Engineer Specialist position retroactive to June 2024.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,301	\$9,911
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,301</b>	<b>\$9,911</b>

**MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0421**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$347,218	\$9,911

All Other	\$5,850	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$353,068</u>	<u>\$9,911</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7,000	7,000
Personal Services	\$686,695	\$1,086,811
All Other	\$541,947	\$549,591
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,228,642</u>	<u>\$1,636,402</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position and one Environmental Specialist IV position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support the implementation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1614.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$211,874	\$228,525
All Other	\$3,900	\$3,900
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$215,774</u>	<u>\$232,425</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 gas detection and identification units for rapid chemical identification.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 truck cabs and frames and 2 custom truck bodies.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$140,000	\$80,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 8 truck cabs and frames and 8 custom truck bodies.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$140,000	\$420,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$420,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 8 custom truck bodies.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$240,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a forklift.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$40,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of a skimmer boat to collect and remove petroleum from the water.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$600,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 2,000-foot lay-flat booms and 2 boom reels.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$230,000	\$230,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$230,000</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 2,000-foot non-lay-flat booms.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$6,400
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,400</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 small disk oil skimmers.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one hazardous material operations and decontamination trailer.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one outboard motor.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$10,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 photoionization detectors.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$9,000	\$9,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 2 10-foot-by-6-foot aluminum frame mobile pump-and-treat trailers.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$17,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one multiparameter meter with a flow cell.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Remediation and Waste Management 0247**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning and Research Assistant position to a Chemist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$33,094	\$36,241
All Other	\$1,125	\$1,231

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$34,219</u>	<u>\$37,472</u>
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**REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT 0247**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$211,874	\$228,525
	\$3,900	\$3,900

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$215,774</u>	<u>\$232,425</u>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$33,094	\$36,241
All Other	\$1,125	\$1,231
Capital Expenditures	\$756,000	\$1,715,400

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$790,219</u>	<u>\$1,752,872</u>
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**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides funding for aerial imagery acquisition and processing and for annual maintenance and replacement of equipment for the marine vegetation mapping program.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$14,000	\$14,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>
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**Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Environmental Specialist II position from 78 hours to 80 hours biweekly.

<b>GENERAL FUND Personal Services</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$2,294	\$1,403

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,294</u>	<u>\$1,403</u>
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**WATER QUALITY 0248**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND Personal Services All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$2,294	\$1,403
	\$14,000	\$14,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,294</u>	<u>\$15,403</u>
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$711,136	\$257,739
	(\$109,214)	(\$117,467)
	<u>\$2,018,861</u>	<u>\$3,389,274</u>

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - \$2,620,783 \$3,529,546  
ALL FUNDS

**Sec. A-14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**

**Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Planning and Research Assistant position from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for administering 2026 election responsibilities.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$44,732	\$46,641
All Other	\$6,069	\$6,069
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,801</u>	<u>\$52,710</u>

**Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Provides funding to administer Maine Clean Election Act payments to legislative and gubernatorial candidates in 2026.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,760,693	\$1,285,243
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,760,693</u>	<u>\$1,285,243</u>

**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES - COMMISSION ON 0414**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$44,732	\$46,641
All Other	\$4,766,762	\$1,291,312
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,811,494</u>	<u>\$1,337,953</u>

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,811,494	\$1,337,953
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,811,494</u>	<u>\$1,337,953</u>

**Sec. A-15. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Blaine House 0072**

Initiative: Provides funding for the operational needs of the Blaine House.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**BLAINE HOUSE 0072**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Continues one Public Service Coordinator II position, established by Financial Order 003775 F5, through September 8, 2026 to provide programmatic leadership and administration for the activities undertaken by the Governor's Energy Office and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$149,092	\$29,856
All Other	\$15,118	\$3,322
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$164,210</u>	<u>\$33,178</u>

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in federal grant awards issued to the Governor's Energy Office.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$12,028,590	\$12,028,590
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,028,590</u>	<u>\$12,028,590</u>

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order 003730 F5, one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order 003631 F5 and one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position established by Financial Order 003632 F5 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$434,773	\$470,139
All Other	\$15,995	\$16,336

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$450,768	\$486,475
FUND TOTAL		

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order 003601 F5 and one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position established by Financial Order 003712 F5, transfers these positions from the Governor's Energy Office, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Governor's Energy Office, Federal Expenditures Fund account within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs. These positions are responsible for supporting the goals and objectives contained within the various federally funded grant awards.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$285,681	\$308,620
All Other	\$11,012	\$11,228

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$296,693	\$319,848
FUND TOTAL		

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding to allocate supplemental federal funds received through various grants from the United States Department of Labor, the United States Department of Energy and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$750,000
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**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding to sustain and implement the offshore wind program to meet climate, clean energy and economic goals for the State, as well as advance regional collaboration opportunities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000
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**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Provides funding to sustain energy planning efforts and design and implementation of energy procurements in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission and advance regional collaboration to meet the State's energy and economic goals.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$869,546	\$808,615
All Other	\$12,070,715	\$12,059,476

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,940,261	\$12,868,091
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with projected resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$317,490	\$317,490

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$317,490	\$317,490
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**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Establishes All Other baseline funding for federal grant award expenditures.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,106,377	\$7,106,377

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,106,377	\$7,106,377
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003600 F5, through June 19, 2027 to conduct youth engagement and outreach on issues related to climate change and supporting public education efforts related to state and local actions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$142,137	\$152,618
All Other	\$13,937	\$14,598

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$156,074	\$167,216
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**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions and one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, previously continued by Financial Order CV0725 F5, through December 31, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$553,911	\$164,416
All Other	\$47,078	\$16,873
	\$600,989	\$181,289
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions, previously continued by Financial Order 003665 F5, through June 19, 2027 to support the federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program grant and the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$316,600	\$340,151
All Other	\$31,284	\$32,406
	\$347,884	\$372,557
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003617 F5, through June 19, 2027 to oversee the integration of data from early childhood programs and planning, organizing and managing the implementation of a statewide early childhood integrated data system and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$151,818	\$163,050
All Other	\$14,545	\$15,190
	\$166,363	\$178,240
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position, previously continued by Financial Order 003633 F5, through June 19, 2027 to provide budgeting, reporting and contracting services to support federal grant activities and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$171,020	\$178,065
All Other	\$15,043	\$15,727
	\$186,063	\$193,792
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions, previously continued by Financial Order 003634 F5, through June 19, 2027 to develop policy and provide executive branch expertise on issues related to natural resources, climate changes and waste management and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$326,279	\$350,586
All Other	\$29,776	\$31,174
	\$356,055	\$381,760
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		

**OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE Z135**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$965,717	\$1,031,852
All Other	\$7,197,025	\$7,200,874
	\$8,162,742	\$8,232,726
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$142,137	\$152,618
All Other	\$331,427	\$332,088
	\$473,564	\$484,706
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$553,911	\$164,416
All Other	\$47,078	\$16,873
	\$600,989	\$181,289
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL		

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in consulting services.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$221,470	\$221,470
	\$221,470	\$221,470
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

**PUBLIC ADVOCATE 0410**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$221,470	\$221,470

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$221,470	\$221,470
<b>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,500,000 \$21,103,003 \$695,034 \$600,989	\$1,530,817 \$21,100,817 \$706,176 \$181,289
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$23,899,026	\$23,518,282

**Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Dairy Improvement Fund Z143**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2025-26 (16,925)	2026-27 (3,477)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$16,925)	(\$3,477)

**DAIRY IMPROVEMENT FUND Z143**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2025-26 (16,925)	2026-27 (3,477)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$16,925)	(\$3,477)

**Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment 0146**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 375 Eligibility Specialist positions in the Department of Health and Human Services from range 19 to range 21 and provides funding to increase the hours of one Eligibility Specialist position from 57 to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$72,057	\$72,419
All Other	\$1,672	\$1,680
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$73,729	\$74,099

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN RETRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT 0146**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$72,057	\$72,419
All Other	\$1,672	\$1,680
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$73,729	\$74,099

**Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205**

Initiative: Provides additional funding for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to meet increased housing needs of vulnerable persons in the State.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2025-26 \$480,000	2026-27 \$480,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$480,000	\$480,000

**BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Z205**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND All Other	2025-26 \$480,000	2026-27 \$480,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$480,000	\$480,000

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position, previously continued by Financial Order 003671 F5, through June 12, 2027 to serve as the child care data system coordinator and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$134,634	\$136,036
All Other	\$14,921	\$14,996
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$149,555	\$151,032

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Developmental Disabilities Resource Coordinator position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 through June 12, 2027 to serve as the so-called Help Me Grow Cultural Broker/Family Support Specialist and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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Personal Services	\$38,340	\$120,312
All Other	\$2,620	\$7,047
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$40,960</u>	<u>\$127,359</u>
<b>FUND TOTAL</b>		

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Community Care Worker position, previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 635, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$92,256	\$96,927
All Other	\$13,273	\$13,512
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$105,529</u>	<u>\$110,439</u>

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Management Analyst II position from 100% Child Care Services program, General Fund to 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1,000)	(1,000)
All Other	(\$121,890)	(\$123,113)
	(\$7,256)	(\$7,256)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$129,146)</u>	<u>(\$130,369)</u>

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II positions, one limited-period Social Services Program Manager position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 and one limited-period Social Services Manager I position, previously established by Financial Order 003673 F5, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$295,110	\$668,173
All Other	\$31,243	\$74,331
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$326,353</u>	<u>\$742,504</u>

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Financial Resource Specialist position, previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 635, through June 12, 2027 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$100,391	\$101,782

All Other	\$13,067	\$13,141
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$113,458</u>	<u>\$114,923</u>

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Child Care Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund - ARP to align allocations with projected available resources.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$40,919,784)	(\$40,919,784)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$40,919,784)</u>	<u>(\$40,919,784)</u>

**Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Reduces funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 for the child care employment award program, which includes child care staff in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$2,500,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>

**CHILD CARE SERVICES 0563**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1,000)	(1,000)
All Other	(\$121,890)	(\$123,113)
	(\$7,256)	(\$2,507,256)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$129,146)</u>	<u>(\$2,630,369)</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$333,450	\$788,485
All Other	\$33,863	\$81,378
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$367,313</u>	<u>\$869,863</u>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$327,281	\$334,745
All Other	\$41,261	\$41,649
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$368,542</u>	<u>\$376,394</u>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$40,919,784)	(\$40,919,784)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$40,919,784)</u>	<u>(\$40,919,784)</u>

**Community Services Block Grant 0716**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 to serve as the so-called Community Services Block Grant State Administrator/Program Manager through June 12, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$122,822	\$127,980
All Other	\$14,281	\$14,560
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	<u>\$137,103</u>	<u>\$142,540</u>
FUND TOTAL		

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT 0716**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$122,822	\$127,980
All Other	\$14,281	\$14,560
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	<u>\$137,103</u>	<u>\$142,540</u>
FUND TOTAL		

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator positions and 4 Public Service Manager II positions funded 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the new federal home and community-based services lifespan waiver. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$419,827	\$439,942
All Other	\$25,396	\$25,396
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$445,223</u>	<u>\$465,338</u>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 100% in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, General Fund and one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% in the Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% in the Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for quality assurance work. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,263	\$75,970
All Other	\$3,369	\$3,369
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$75,632</u>	<u>\$79,339</u>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Reallocates 2 Social Services Program Specialist I positions and one Social Services Program Manager position from 100% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund to 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$167,562)	(\$170,494)
All Other	(\$10,884)	(\$10,884)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$178,446)</u>	<u>(\$181,378)</u>

**Developmental Services - Community Z208**

Initiative: Reallocates 21 positions and transfers and reallocates one Social Services Program Specialist II position within the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program and Developmental Services - Community program to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$786,293)	(\$807,547)
All Other	(\$38,539)	(\$38,539)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$824,832)</u>	<u>(\$846,086)</u>

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z208**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	(\$461,765)	(\$462,129)
All Other	(\$20,658)	(\$20,658)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$482,423)</u>	<u>(\$482,787)</u>

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$17,618,034
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,618,034</u>

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Reduces funding for efficiencies achieved under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and

Community Based Services for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, by returning to pre-COVID-19 residential assignment practices to ensure efficient use of facilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,549,044)	(\$3,566,477)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$3,549,044)</b>	<b>(\$3,566,477)</b>

**Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,206,289	\$2,412,577
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,206,289</b>	<b>\$2,412,577</b>

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,342,755)	\$16,464,134
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,342,755)</b>	<b>\$16,464,134</b>

**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$874,749
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$874,749</b>

**Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$243,785	\$487,569
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$243,785</b>	<b>\$487,569</b>

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$243,785	\$1,362,318
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$243,785</b>	<b>\$1,362,318</b>

**Disability Determination - Division of 0208**

Initiative: Continues 5 limited-period Disability Claims Adjudicator positions, one limited-period Disability Claims Supervisor position and one limited-period Office Associate II position, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$741,174	\$773,156
All Other	\$70,395	\$71,117
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$811,569</b>	<b>\$844,273</b>

**DISABILITY DETERMINATION - DIVISION OF 0208**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$741,174	\$773,156
All Other	\$70,395	\$71,117
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$811,569</b>	<b>\$844,273</b>

**Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225**

Initiative: Establishes one Family Nurse Practitioner position funded 62.08% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program and 37.92% General Fund in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program and transfers General Fund All Other to Personal Services to cover the cost of the position, which was previously contracted.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$55,987	\$58,383
All Other	(\$55,987)	(\$58,383)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 62.21% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.79% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 31.04% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund, 31.04% Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$23,726	\$24,871
All Other	\$1,377	\$1,377

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,103	\$26,248
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**DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z225**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$79,713	\$83,254
All Other	(\$54,610)	(\$57,006)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,103	\$26,248
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**Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 62.21% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.79% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 31.04% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund, 31.04% Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$24,479)	(\$25,908)
All Other	(\$1,366)	(\$1,366)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,845)	(\$27,274)
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**DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z220**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$24,479)	(\$25,908)
All Other	(\$1,366)	(\$1,366)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,845)	(\$27,274)
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**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$884,177)	(\$884,177)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$884,177)	(\$884,177)
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**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: Establishes 4 Social Service Program Specialist I positions funded 66% Other Special Revenue Funds and 34% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program for required personal care

agency and so-called waiver home surveys and to address complaints. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$130,000	\$136,028
All Other	\$9,868	\$9,868

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$139,868	\$145,896
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	4.000	4.000
All Other	\$252,360	\$264,048
	\$25,500	\$25,774

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$277,860	\$289,822
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**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Program Manager position funded 66% Other Special Revenue Funds and 34% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to serve as the program manager for the new team providing personal care agency and so-called waiver home surveys. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,847	\$42,891
All Other	\$2,467	\$2,467

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,314	\$45,358
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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$79,291	\$83,256
	\$6,755	\$6,848

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$86,046	\$90,104
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**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: Reallocates the costs of 80 positions and transfers and reallocates one Comprehensive Health Planner II position between various accounts within the Division of Licensing and Certification program to align funding with the tasks performed by the positions. This initiative also reallocates funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$402,399)	(\$412,132)
All Other	(\$27,065)	(\$27,065)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$429,464)	(\$439,197)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$427,488	\$440,532
All Other	\$37,358	\$37,588
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$464,846</b>	<b>\$478,120</b>

**DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION Z036 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$231,552)	(\$233,213)
All Other	(\$14,730)	(\$14,730)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$246,282)</b>	<b>(\$247,943)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$884,177)	(\$884,177)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$884,177)</b>	<b>(\$884,177)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$759,139	\$787,836
All Other	\$69,613	\$70,210
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$828,752</b>	<b>\$858,046</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Establishes one Family Nurse Practitioner position funded 62.08% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program and 37.92% General Fund in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program and transfers General Fund All Other to Personal Services to cover the cost of the position, which was previously contracted.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$91,660	\$95,584
All Other	\$6,133	\$6,145
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,793</b>	<b>\$101,729</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 62.21% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.79% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric

Center program, General Fund to 31.04% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund, 31.04% Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$38,845	\$40,715
All Other	\$2,825	\$2,852
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,670</b>	<b>\$43,567</b>

**Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222**

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,684	\$28,131
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,684</b>	<b>\$28,131</b>

**DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z222 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$151,189	\$164,430
All Other	\$8,958	\$8,997
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,147</b>	<b>\$173,427</b>

**Food Supplement Administration Z019**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position, previously continued and reorganized by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$124,502	\$129,767
All Other	\$10,251	\$10,370
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,753</b>	<b>\$140,137</b>

**Food Supplement Administration Z019**

Initiative: Increases funding for state-funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits within the Food Supplement Administration program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

**FOOD SUPPLEMENT ADMINISTRATION Z019  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$124,502	\$129,767
All Other	\$10,251	\$10,370
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$134,753</u>	<u>\$140,137</u>

**General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for state reimbursement of the costs of municipal general assistance.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

**General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for state reimbursement of the costs of municipal general assistance.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for supplemental payments to municipalities distributed proportionately to municipalities based on each municipality's share of overall state general assistance reimbursement costs in fiscal year 2023-24.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE - REIMBURSEMENT TO CITIES AND TOWNS 0130**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

**Housing First Program Z374**

Initiative: Provides funding in the Housing First Program, Other Special Revenue Funds pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 20-A.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,695,781	\$10,294,281
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,695,781</u>	<u>\$10,294,281</u>

**Housing First Program Z374**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the Housing First Fund due to changes in the real estate transfer tax.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,491,000	(\$46,000)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,491,000</u>	<u>(\$46,000)</u>

**HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM Z374**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$11,186,781	\$10,248,281
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$11,186,781</u>	<u>\$10,248,281</u>

**IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides funding for child welfare cycle payments.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,389,123	\$8,954,026
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,389,123</u>	<u>\$8,954,026</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,389,493	\$14,177,015
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,389,493</u>	<u>\$14,177,015</u>

**IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for system enhancements to the child welfare information system as it relates to the needs and requirements of the psychotropic medication settlement agreement.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$255,800	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$255,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**IV-E FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0137**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,639,123	\$8,954,026
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,639,123</u>	<u>\$8,954,026</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$13,645,293	\$14,177,015

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,645,293</u>	<u>\$14,177,015</u>
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**Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

Initiative: Reallocates 21 positions and transfers and reallocates one Social Services Program Specialist II position within the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program and Developmental Services - Community program to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$91,294)	(\$92,826)
All Other	(\$5,053)	(\$5,053)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$96,347)</u>	<u>(\$97,879)</u>

**Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program, General Fund to align with projected expenditures.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,000,000)	(\$4,000,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>

**Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

Initiative: Provides funding for a cost-of-living increase for state-funded home and community-based services related to the department's rule Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Sections 61, 63, 68 and 69 to maintain parity with similar MaineCare programs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

**LONG TERM CARE - OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES 0420**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$91,294)	(\$92,826)
All Other	(\$3,705,053)	(\$3,705,053)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$3,796,347)</u>	<u>(\$3,797,879)</u>
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**Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$344,872

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$344,872</u>
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**LOW-COST DRUGS TO MAINE'S ELDERLY 0202**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$344,872

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$344,872</u>
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to serve as the laboratory safety officer and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$131,567	\$137,856
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>\$138,823</u>	<u>\$145,112</u>
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Chemist II position and one Chemist III position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, and establishes 2 Chemist II positions and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also provides funding for a lab instrument service contract and lab consumables.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$552,790	\$558,404
All Other	\$74,783	\$76,285

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$627,573</u>	<u>\$634,689</u>
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 8 Environmental Specialist III positions previously continued by

Public Law 2021, chapter 398 in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund for the childhood lead poisoning prevention program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$848,417	\$881,970
All Other	\$58,048	\$58,048
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$906,465</b>	<b>\$940,018</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues 5 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions and one limited-period Environmental Specialist IV position previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, 2 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions, one limited-period Environmental Engineer position and one limited-period Assistant Environmental Engineer position previously continued by Financial Order CV0718 F5 and one limited-period Environmental Specialist III position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 through June 12, 2027 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,217,871	\$1,263,140
All Other	\$110,219	\$111,291
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,328,090</b>	<b>\$1,374,431</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Health Educator III position and one Planning and Research Associate I position previously continued by Financial Order CV0733 F5 to support oral health services provided in Maine schools and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$189,534	\$198,024
All Other	\$19,280	\$19,478
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$208,814</b>	<b>\$217,502</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Health Program Manager position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 to support the work of the office of population health equity and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$122,891	\$128,087
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,147</b>	<b>\$135,343</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position, previously continued by Financial Order CV0733 F5, through June 12, 2027 to provide oversight and support to municipality-appointed local health officers and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$131,893	\$133,294
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,149</b>	<b>\$140,550</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Establishes one Chemist III position, funded 62% General Fund and 38% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program to serve as the seized-drug testing supervisor within the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$78,356	\$82,123
All Other	\$4,499	\$4,499
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,855</b>	<b>\$86,622</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$48,025	\$50,333
All Other	\$3,945	\$3,999
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,970</b>	<b>\$54,332</b>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Toxicologist positions and one limited-period Epidemiologist position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 to support the State's perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, response and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$370,487	\$382,905
All Other	\$30,854	\$31,139

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$401,341	\$414,044
FUND TOTAL		

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II positions and 2 limited-period Public Health Educator III positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND - ARP</b>		
Personal Services	\$463,826	\$480,538
All Other	\$29,024	\$29,024

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$492,850	\$509,562
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Continues 8 Public Health Educator III positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND - ARP</b>		
Personal Services	\$851,064	\$888,551
All Other	\$58,048	\$58,048

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$909,112	\$946,599
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
All Other	\$15,070,818	\$15,070,818

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$15,070,818	\$15,070,818
FUND TOTAL		

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fees on manufacturers or wholesalers of paint sold in the State to replace reliance on the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support the childhood lead poisoning prevention program. This initiative also transfers one Public Health Nurse I position from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$122,372)

All Other	\$0	(\$1,117,877)
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,240,249)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$122,372
All Other	\$0	\$1,117,877

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,240,249
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund for family planning services delivered through Family Planning Association of Maine, Inc.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$0
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**MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION 0143**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,049,664	\$1,092,180
All Other	\$3,069,803	\$69,803

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,119,467	\$1,161,983
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$1,777,892	\$1,844,069
All Other	\$15,231,171	\$15,232,726

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,009,063	\$17,076,795
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<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$122,372)
All Other	\$0	(\$1,117,877)

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,240,249)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$600,815	\$731,109

All Other	\$78,728	\$1,198,161
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$679,543	\$1,929,270
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$1,578,350	\$1,640,239
All Other	\$101,584	\$101,584
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$1,679,934	\$1,741,823

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position in the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund program to serve as the data and reporting manager and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$135,681	\$142,254
All Other	\$10,598	\$10,752
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$146,279	\$153,006

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292**

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position in the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund program to serve as the program specialist and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,169	\$111,186
All Other	\$9,907	\$10,025
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$116,076	\$121,211

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,077,244	\$4,026,623
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,077,244	\$4,026,623

**MAINE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE TRUST FUND Z292**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$241,850	\$253,440
All Other	\$4,097,749	\$4,047,400
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,339,599	\$4,300,840

**Maternal and Child Health 0191**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through June 12, 2027 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$127,895	\$133,294
All Other	\$10,240	\$10,359
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$138,135	\$143,653

**Maternal and Child Health 0191**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Health Program Manager position from 100% Federal Block Grant Fund to 50% Federal Block Grant Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$67,374	\$70,212
All Other	\$5,289	\$5,355
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$72,663	\$75,567

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$67,374)	(\$70,212)
All Other	(\$5,289)	(\$5,355)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$72,663)	(\$75,567)

**Maternal and Child Health 0191**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,244,468	\$1,244,468
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,244,468	\$1,244,468

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 0191**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$67,374	\$70,212
All Other	\$1,249,757	\$1,249,823
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,317,131	\$1,320,035
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$60,521	\$63,082
All Other	\$4,951	\$5,004
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$65,472	\$68,086

**Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$321,461	\$402,581
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$321,461	\$402,581

**MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$321,461	\$402,581
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$321,461	\$402,581

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides additional funding for final rates resulting from rate determination work and updated utilization assumptions for the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Part A.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,560,422	\$2,506,621
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,560,422	\$2,506,621

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,490,518	\$3,968,763
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,490,518	\$3,968,763

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize the investment in the new mobile crisis rates and services to be included in the MaineCare Benefits Manual.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$735,476	\$777,054

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$735,476	\$777,054
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,426,812	\$2,385,352
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,426,812	\$2,385,352

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$61,216	\$61,098
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$61,216	\$61,098

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$96,840,359
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$96,840,359

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$360,655,916
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$360,655,916

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$3,215,701
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,215,701

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$8,299,977
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,299,977

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for psychiatric residential treatment facility services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$33,769	\$1,790,712
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$33,769	\$1,790,712

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,226	\$1,703,510
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,226	\$1,703,510

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,181	\$384,558
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,181</u>	<u>\$384,558</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect rate changes for the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 43, Hospice Services, from 123% to 100% of the Medicare rate and Section 55, Laboratory Services, from 70% of the 2009 Medicare rates to 72.4% of current Medicare rates.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$213,401)	(\$853,604)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$213,401)</u>	<u>(\$853,604)</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Reduces funding for efficiencies achieved under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Based Services for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, by returning to pre-COVID-19 residential assignment practices to ensure efficient use of facilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$57,708)	(\$57,991)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$57,708)</u>	<u>(\$57,991)</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$5,868,823)	(\$5,851,107)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$5,868,823)</u>	<u>(\$5,851,107)</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Reduces funding, on a one-time basis, in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, General Fund account.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$24,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$24,000,000)</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to make supplemental payments to private psychiatric hospitals. The amount of the supplemental payments will transition into reimbursement reform for psychiatric hospitals upon implementation of reform in the next biennium.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,664,409	\$1,109,606
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,664,409</u>	<u>\$1,109,606</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,823,950	\$1,828,080
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,823,950</u>	<u>\$1,828,080</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to reflect an increase in hospital tax collections due to raising the tax for private psychiatric hospitals from 2.23% to 3.25%, retroactive to January 1, 2025.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,664,409)	(\$1,109,606)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$1,664,409)</u>	<u>(\$1,109,606)</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,664,409	\$1,109,606
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,664,409</u>	<u>\$1,109,606</u>

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,083,505	\$7,459,250
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,083,505</u>	<u>\$7,459,250</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$16,289,051	\$21,329,830
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,289,051</u>	<u>\$21,329,830</u>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$342,366	\$437,657
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$342,366</u>	<u>\$437,657</u>

**MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,142,063	\$84,462,401
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,142,063</u>	<u>\$84,462,401</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,165,734	\$386,020,344

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,165,734	\$386,020,344
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,664,409	\$4,325,307
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,664,409	\$4,325,307
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$407,763	\$9,183,290
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$407,763	\$9,183,290

**Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$301,481	\$301,481
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,481	\$301,481

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILD MEDICAID Z207**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$301,481	\$301,481
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,481	\$301,481

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$2,388,417)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$0	(\$2,388,417)

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Provides funding to continue the children's behavioral health level-of-care assessment under Public Law 2023, chapter 412 funded 75% Office of MaineCare Services, Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$315,666	\$315,666
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$315,666	\$315,666

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Provides funding to continue the Center of Excellence hub for youth behavioral health service providers, as described in the department's children's behavioral health services plan and per the recommendation of the federal Department of Justice.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,154,355	\$1,539,141
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,154,355	\$1,539,141

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Establishes one Management Analyst I position in the Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund to support expanded data and reporting requirements and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$92,982	\$96,927
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,238	\$104,183

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILDREN Z206**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$92,982	\$96,927
All Other	\$1,477,277	\$1,862,063
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,570,259	\$1,958,990

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$2,388,417)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$0	(\$2,388,417)
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**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,872,874)	(\$1,872,874)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$1,872,874)	(\$1,872,874)

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$3,138,475)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,138,475)

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 to operate 2 behavioral health crisis receiving centers open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, in Penobscot County and in Androscoggin County.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$900,000	\$2,700,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$2,700,000</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Management Analyst I position from the Office of Behavioral Health program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Mental Health Services - Community program, Federal Block Grant Fund and adjusts related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$80,458	\$84,392
All Other	\$9,308	\$9,400
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$89,766</u>	<u>\$93,792</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Provides Federal Expenditures Fund allocation to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,934,602	\$2,934,602
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,934,602</u>	<u>\$2,934,602</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Provides funding to support out-of-state services for specialized mental health treatment not provided in Maine or covered under the MaineCare program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$376,680	\$376,680
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$376,680</u>	<u>\$376,680</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Reduces funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 for employee recruitment and retention incentives to staff that provide medication management services provided by the Office of Behavioral Health that are similar to the services provided under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Reduces funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 establishing a crisis receiving center in Aroostook County.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$450,000)	(\$450,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$450,000)</u>	<u>(\$450,000)</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Reduces funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 to establish 24 mental health law enforcement liaisons to support mental health crisis intervention mobile response services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$953,300)	(\$953,300)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$953,300)</u>	<u>(\$953,300)</u>

**Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position in the Mental Health Services - Community program and one Public Service Manager II position in the Office of Behavioral Health program to Public Service Manager III positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,092	\$19,194
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,092</u>	<u>\$19,194</u>

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$13,092	\$19,194
All Other	(\$1,626,620)	\$173,380
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,613,528)</u>	<u>\$192,574</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,934,602	\$2,934,602
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,934,602</u>	<u>\$2,934,602</u>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$80,458	\$84,392
All Other	(\$1,863,566)	(\$1,863,474)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,783,108)</u>	<u>(\$1,779,082)</u>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$3,138,475)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,138,475)
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**Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$171,425	\$171,425
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$171,425</b>	<b>\$171,425</b>

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY MEDICAID Z201**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$171,425	\$171,425
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$171,425</b>	<b>\$171,425</b>

**Multicultural Services Z034**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,469,248)	(\$1,469,248)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,469,248)</b>	<b>(\$1,469,248)</b>

**MULTICULTURAL SERVICES Z034**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,469,248)	(\$1,469,248)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,469,248)</b>	<b>(\$1,469,248)</b>

**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2023, chapter 643 to support nursing facility rate reform efforts beginning January 1, 2025.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,252,000	\$3,271,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,252,000</b>	<b>\$3,271,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,148,000	\$6,129,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,148,000</b>	<b>\$6,129,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
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**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,455,716	\$1,455,716
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,455,716</b>	<b>\$1,455,716</b>

**Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$703,037	\$1,406,075
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$703,037</b>	<b>\$1,406,075</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,712,708	\$3,041,820
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,712,708</b>	<b>\$3,041,820</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$129,712	\$259,423
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,712</b>	<b>\$259,423</b>

**NURSING FACILITIES 0148**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,955,037	\$4,677,075
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,955,037</b>	<b>\$4,677,075</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,860,708	\$9,170,820
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,860,708</b>	<b>\$9,170,820</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,185,428	\$2,315,139

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,185,428	\$2,315,139
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through June 12, 2027, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$62,376	\$65,557
All Other	\$3,628	\$3,628

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$66,004	\$69,185
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$62,373	\$65,553
All Other	\$5,172	\$5,246

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$67,545	\$70,799
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**Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412 and funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$62,376	\$65,557
All Other	\$3,628	\$3,628

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$66,004	\$69,185
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$62,373	\$65,553
All Other	\$5,172	\$5,246

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$67,545	\$70,799
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**Office for Family Independence Z020**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 375 Eligibility Specialist positions in the Department of Health and Human Services from range 19 to range 21 and provides funding to increase the hours of one Eligibility Specialist position from 57 to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$75,284	\$76,460

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,284	\$76,460
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$91,471	\$93,107
All Other	\$2,122	\$2,160

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$93,593	\$95,267
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**OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE Z020**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$200,036	\$207,574
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$207,292	\$214,830
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$216,217	\$224,213
All Other	\$12,466	\$12,652

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$228,683	\$236,865
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**Office for Family Independence - District 0453**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 45 Customer Representative Associate II - Human Services positions to Eligibility Specialist I positions and reallocates 45 Eligibility Specialist I positions and 3 Family Independence Unit Supervisor positions from 62.1% Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.9% General Fund to 75% Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% General Fund in the Office for Family Independence - District program. This initiative also adjusts related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$499,063)	(\$521,717)
All Other	(\$44,929)	(\$44,929)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$543,992)	(\$566,646)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$683,929	\$706,992
All Other	\$62,540	\$63,018

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$746,469	\$770,010
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**Office for Family Independence - District 0453**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 45 limited-period Customer Representative Associate II - Human Services positions and 3 limited-period Family Independence Unit Supervisor positions previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 funded 62.1% Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.9% General Fund in the Office for Family Independence - District program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,601,976	\$1,668,762

All Other	\$132,001	\$132,001
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,733,977</u>	<u>\$1,800,763</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	48.000	48.000
Personal Services	\$2,625,029	\$2,734,372
All Other	\$282,205	\$284,742
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,907,234</u>	<u>\$3,019,114</u>

**Office for Family Independence - District 0453**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 375 Eligibility Specialist positions in the Department of Health and Human Services from range 19 to range 21 and provides funding to increase the hours of one Eligibility Specialist position from 57 to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$884,896	\$904,330
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$884,896</u>	<u>\$904,330</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,461,028	\$1,492,713
All Other	\$33,896	\$34,631
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,494,924</u>	<u>\$1,527,344</u>

**OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE - DISTRICT 0453**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,987,809	\$2,051,375
All Other	\$87,072	\$87,072
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,074,881</u>	<u>\$2,138,447</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	48.000	48.000
Personal Services	\$4,769,986	\$4,934,077
All Other	\$378,641	\$382,391
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,148,627</u>	<u>\$5,316,468</u>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040**

Initiative: Reallocates 99 Human Services Caseworker positions, 16 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions and 4 Public Service Manager II positions from 90% General Fund to 87% General Fund and from 10% Other Special Revenue Funds to 13% Other Special

Revenue Funds. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$422,263)	(\$431,172)
All Other	(\$25,904)	(\$25,904)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$448,167)</u>	<u>(\$457,076)</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$425,611	\$434,520
All Other	\$36,469	\$36,677
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$462,080</u>	<u>\$471,197</u>

**OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Z040**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$422,263)	(\$431,172)
All Other	(\$25,904)	(\$25,904)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$448,167)</u>	<u>(\$457,076)</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$425,611	\$434,520
All Other	\$36,469	\$36,677
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$462,080</u>	<u>\$471,197</u>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$105,000)	(\$105,000)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$105,000)</u>	<u>(\$105,000)</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,382,751)	(\$2,782,751)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$1,382,751)</u>	<u>(\$2,782,751)</u>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 100% in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, General Fund and one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% in the Developmental Services - Community program,

General Fund and 50% in the Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for quality assurance work. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$135,681	\$142,254
All Other	\$6,737	\$6,737
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$142,418</b>	<b>\$148,991</b>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Reallocates 21 positions and transfers and re-allocates one Social Services Program Specialist II position within the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program and Developmental Services - Community program to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	(\$20,018)	(\$18,266)
All Other	(\$674)	(\$674)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$20,692)</b>	<b>(\$18,940)</b>

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to address unmet needs of older adults through community-based services and programs delivered by the area agency in each of the State's coordinated community program areas. The appropriation must be distributed to the area agencies, based on priorities identified by local advisory councils to meet regional needs, through the intrastate funding formula to develop programs and deliver services necessary for the general well-being of older adults, including, but not limited to, in-home services, case management services, meals programs, wellness services, respite for caregivers, public education and outreach, volunteer services and information and referral services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES CENTRAL OFFICE 0140**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000

Personal Services	\$115,663	\$123,988
All Other	\$3,006,063	\$6,063
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,121,726</b>	<b>\$130,051</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$105,000)	(\$105,000)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$105,000)</b>	<b>(\$105,000)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,382,751)	(\$2,782,751)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,382,751)</b>	<b>(\$2,782,751)</b>

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,040,153)	(\$4,040,153)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,040,153)</b>	<b>(\$4,040,153)</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$6,530,972)	(\$6,530,972)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,530,972)</b>	<b>(\$6,530,972)</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,640,385)	(\$5,640,385)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$3,640,385)</b>	<b>(\$5,640,385)</b>

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Management Analyst I position from the Office of Behavioral Health program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Mental Health Services - Community program, Federal Block Grant Fund and adjusts related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$80,458)	(\$84,392)
All Other	(\$9,308)	(\$9,400)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$89,766)</b>	<b>(\$93,792)</b>

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and transfers the position from the Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund to the Office of Behavioral Health program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$126,580	\$131,926
All Other	\$14,485	\$14,773
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$141,065</b>	<b>\$146,699</b>

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Reduces funding approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 to establish a crisis receiving center in Kennebec County.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,600,000)	(\$1,600,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,600,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,600,000)</b>

**Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position in the Mental Health Services - Community program and one Public Service Manager II position in the Office of Behavioral Health program to Public Service Manager III positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,114	\$24,971
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,114</b>	<b>\$24,971</b>

**OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Z199**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,114	\$24,971
All Other	(\$1,600,000)	(\$1,600,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,580,886)</b>	<b>(\$1,575,029)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$46,122	\$47,534
All Other	(\$4,034,976)	(\$4,034,780)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$3,988,854)</b>	<b>(\$3,987,246)</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$6,530,972)	(\$6,530,972)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$6,530,972)	(\$6,530,972)
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<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,640,385)	(\$5,640,385)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	(\$3,640,385)	(\$5,640,385)
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**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Service Program Specialist II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and transfers the position from 100% Purchased Social Services program, General Fund to 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$96,937	\$97,946
All Other	\$5,225	\$5,225
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,162</b>	<b>\$103,171</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$37,697	\$38,090
All Other	\$4,177	\$4,198

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,874	\$42,288
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**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Management Analyst II position from 100% Child Care Services program, General Fund to 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$87,760	\$88,641
All Other	\$5,225	\$5,225

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,985</b>	<b>\$93,866</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$34,130	\$34,472
All Other	\$3,985	\$4,003

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,115	\$38,475
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**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Establishes one Financial Resources Specialist position funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other

Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program to support the federal so-called Title IV-E Prevention Program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$61,459	\$64,183
All Other	\$2,613	\$2,613
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,072</b>	<b>\$66,796</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$23,900	\$24,960
All Other	\$2,361	\$2,418
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,261</b>	<b>\$27,378</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 36 funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,946	\$11,057
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,946</b>	<b>\$11,057</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$5,034	\$4,300
All Other	\$229	\$233
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,263</b>	<b>\$4,533</b>

**OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CENTRAL 0307**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$259,102	\$261,827
All Other	\$13,063	\$13,063
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$272,165</b>	<b>\$274,890</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$100,761	\$101,822
All Other	\$10,752	\$10,852
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,513</b>	<b>\$112,674</b>

**Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Child Protective Services Case Aide positions funded 79% General Fund and 21% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - District program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$134,864	\$140,846
All Other	\$8,600	\$8,600
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$143,464</b>	<b>\$149,446</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$35,854	\$37,440
All Other	\$4,129	\$4,174
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,983</b>	<b>\$41,614</b>

**OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - DISTRICT 0452**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$134,864	\$140,846
All Other	\$8,600	\$8,600
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$143,464</b>	<b>\$149,446</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$35,854	\$37,440
All Other	\$4,129	\$4,174
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,983</b>	<b>\$41,614</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Reduces Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds allocation across programs to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$77,500)	(\$77,500)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$77,500)</b>	<b>(\$77,500)</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,571,186)	(\$4,571,186)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,571,186)</b>	<b>(\$4,571,186)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,505,268)	(\$1,505,268)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	(\$1,505,268)	(\$1,505,268)
FUND ARRA TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator positions and 4 Public Service Manager II positions funded 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the new federal home and community-based services lifespan waiver. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
All Other	\$455,119	\$475,687
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$455,119	\$475,687
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 100% in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, General Fund and one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% in the Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% in the Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for quality assurance work. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$72,255	\$75,965
All Other	\$5,124	\$5,194
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$77,379	\$81,159
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Reallocates 2 Social Services Program Specialist I positions and one Social Services Program Manager position from 100% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund to 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$167,562	\$170,494
All Other	\$15,061	\$15,129
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$182,623	\$185,623
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Reallocates 21 positions and transfers and reallocates one Social Services Program Specialist II position within the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Long Term Care - Office

of Aging and Disability Services program and Developmental Services - Community program to align the duties being performed with the proper funding source. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$897,605	\$918,639
All Other	\$66,312	\$66,804
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$963,917	\$985,443
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding to continue a children's behavioral health level-of-care assessment under Public Law 2023, chapter 412 funded 75% Office of MaineCare Services, Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
All Other	\$968,968	\$968,968
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$968,968	\$968,968
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding to continue the Center of Excellence hub for youth behavioral health service providers, as described in the department's children's behavioral health services plan and per the recommendation of the federal Department of Justice.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
All Other	\$1,181,136	\$1,574,849
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,181,136	\$1,574,849
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$65,781	\$68,927
All Other	\$3,628	\$3,628
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$69,409	\$72,555

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$65,786	\$68,929
All Other	\$5,308	\$5,386
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$71,094	\$74,315
FUND TOTAL		

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, one limited-period Social Services Manager I position and one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, for the development and implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$212,790	\$216,948
All Other	\$10,884	\$10,884
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$223,674</b>	<b>\$227,832</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$212,796	\$216,959
All Other	\$16,116	\$16,213
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228,912</b>	<b>\$233,172</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for a contracted vendor funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to serve as the federally required waiver evaluator for the State's waiver related to expanding behavioral health and justice-related services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$62,500	\$62,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$63,950	\$63,950
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,950</b>	<b>\$63,950</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Reallocates one Comprehensive Health Planner II position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% General Fund to 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$29,922)	(\$30,139)
All Other	(\$1,814)	(\$1,814)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$31,736)</b>	<b>(\$31,953)</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$29,922	\$30,139

All Other	\$2,557	\$2,562
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,479</b>	<b>\$32,701</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 36 funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,406	\$7,678
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,406</b>	<b>\$7,678</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,407	\$7,679
All Other	\$96	\$106
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$7,785</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 375 Eligibility Specialist positions in the Department of Health and Human Services from range 19 to range 21 and provides funding to increase the hours of one Eligibility Specialist position from 57 to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,634	\$3,635
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,634</b>	<b>\$3,635</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,635	\$3,635
All Other	\$84	\$84
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,719</b>	<b>\$3,719</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Business Data Analytics Specialist position to a Public Service Manager III position to serve as the Maine Integrated Health Management Solution director and transfers and reallocates the position from 50% to 25% General Fund and 50% to 75% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services to cover the position, which was previously procured through a staff augmentation contract.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(1.000)	(1.000)

Personal Services	(\$17,392)	(\$18,111)
All Other	(\$89,929)	(\$89,929)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$107,321)</b>	<b>(\$108,040)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$60,484	\$63,602
All Other	(\$268,008)	(\$267,952)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$207,524)</b>	<b>(\$204,350)</b>

**OFFICE OF MAINECARE SERVICES 0129**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$242,297	\$248,938
All Other	(\$14,731)	(\$14,731)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$227,566</b>	<b>\$234,207</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$1,517,452	\$1,556,041
All Other	\$2,511,823	\$2,926,980
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,029,275</b>	<b>\$4,483,021</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$77,500)	(\$77,500)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$77,500)</b>	<b>(\$77,500)</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,571,186)	(\$4,571,186)
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,571,186)</b>	<b>(\$4,571,186)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,505,268)	(\$1,505,268)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,505,268)</b>	<b>(\$1,505,268)</b>

**Office of Violence Prevention Z411**

Initiative: Reduces funding one time for annual grants to communities approved in Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part FFFF.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,000,000)</b>
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**OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION Z411**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,000,000)</b>

**PNMI Room and Board Z009**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare appropriations and allocations across programs to reflect increases in costs and enrollment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$7,072,368
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,072,368</b>

**PNMI Room and Board Z009**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases to reimbursement for services regularly scheduled for July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 adjustments. Increases must be applied as a consistent percentage that allows full expenditure of General Fund appropriations for this purpose, leveraging available federal matching funds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$325,311	\$328,724
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,311</b>	<b>\$328,724</b>

**PNMI ROOM AND BOARD Z009**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$325,311	\$7,401,092
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,311</b>	<b>\$7,401,092</b>

**Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

**Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

**PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES 0228**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

**Recovery Community Centers Fund Z406**

Initiative: Provides funding for the required revenue transfer for the Recovery Community Centers Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,999,500	\$1,999,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,999,500</u>	<u>\$1,999,500</u>

**RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTERS FUND Z406**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,999,500	\$1,999,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,999,500</u>	<u>\$1,999,500</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 62.21% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.79% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 31.04% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund, 31.04% Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 18.96% Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$38,092)	(\$39,678)
All Other	(\$2,845)	(\$2,872)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$40,937)</u>	<u>(\$42,550)</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$573	\$779
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$573</u>	<u>\$779</u>

**Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219**

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services being allowed to participate in the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$38,680	\$52,604
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$38,680</u>	<u>\$52,604</u>

**RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z219**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$573	\$779
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$573</u>	<u>\$779</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$588	\$12,926
All Other	(\$2,845)	(\$2,872)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$2,257)</u>	<u>\$10,054</u>

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides funding for child welfare cycle payments.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,670,666	\$8,258,410
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,670,666</u>	<u>\$8,258,410</u>

**STATE-FUNDED FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0139**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,670,666	\$8,258,410
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$8,670,666</u>	<u>\$8,258,410</u>

**Universal Childhood Immunization Program Z121**

Initiative: Provides funding in the Childhood Immunization Fund to account for new vaccines and increased price rates.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,572,660	\$12,572,660
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,572,660</u>	<u>\$12,572,660</u>

**UNIVERSAL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM Z121**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$12,572,660	\$12,572,660
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,572,660</u>	<u>\$12,572,660</u>
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$49,847,469	\$140,043,903
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$59,828,162	\$430,591,234
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$0	(\$1,240,249)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$41,527,948	\$44,833,842
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	(\$11,832,657)	(\$3,036,831)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$1,505,268)	(\$1,505,268)
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$297,183	(\$1,040,928)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	(\$44,560,169)	(\$52,087,061)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$93,602,668</u>	<u>\$556,558,642</u>

**Sec. A-18. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

Initiative: Provides funding for the operational needs of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's Federal Expenditures Fund.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
All Other	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>

**Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

Initiative: Provides funding for the administrative cost associated with a recent bond.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 0036**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
All Other	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$25,000	\$25,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

**Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$297,985	\$772,166
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$297,985</u>	<u>\$772,166</u>

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support the authority's manufactured and mobile home park preservation and assistance program.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund due to changes in the real estate transfer tax.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$2,982,000	(\$6,709,000)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,982,000	(\$6,709,000)
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$6,279,985	(\$5,936,834)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,279,985	(\$5,936,834)
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**Housing Production Fund N557**

Initiative: Allocates funds to support the federal low-income housing tax credit, the rural affordable rental housing program and the affordable homeownership program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$17,258,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$17,258,000
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**HOUSING PRODUCTION FUND N557**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$17,258,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$17,258,000
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**Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124**

Initiative: Increases funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and decreases funding in fiscal year 2026-27 to bring debt service payments into accordance with the repayment schedule.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$672	(\$114)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$672	(\$114)
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**MAINE ENERGY, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM Z124**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$672	(\$114)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$672	(\$114)
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$6,280,657	\$11,321,052
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$6,280,657	\$11,321,052
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**Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

Initiative: Provides funding for the operational needs of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,369	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,369	\$0
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**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REGULATION 0150**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,369	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,369	\$0
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**Sec. A-21. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,076	\$41,822

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,076	\$41,822
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**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0530**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,076	\$41,822

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,076	\$41,822
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**ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 2 Game Warden positions from the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, to 50% General Fund in the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and, for one position, 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, and, for the other position, 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the ATV Enforcement Fund program, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$65,895	\$68,542
All Other	\$480	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$66,375	\$69,042

**ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$98,000	\$98,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$98,000	\$98,000

**ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of the following positions: 88 Game Warden positions from range 20 to range 22; 4 Game Warden Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24; 5 Game Warden Lieutenant positions from range 27 to range 29; 2 Game Warden Pilot positions from range 24 to range 26; one Game Warden Pilot Supervisor position from range 26 to range 28; 15 Game Warden Sergeant positions from range 24 to range 27; and 7 Game Warden Specialist positions from range 22 to range 24. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$4,936	\$5,128
All Other	\$36	\$37
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,972	\$5,165

**ATV ENFORCEMENT FUND Z276**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$70,831	\$73,670
All Other	\$516	\$537
Capital Expenditures	\$98,000	\$98,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$169,347	\$172,207
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**ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,676	\$28,774

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$28,676	\$28,774
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**ATV SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 0559**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$28,676	\$28,774

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$28,676	\$28,774
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**Boating Access Sites 0631**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase and improve land and facilities for boat launch sites throughout the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$575,000	\$575,000
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$265,000	\$265,000
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**Boating Access Sites 0631**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Parks Maintenance Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 18, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$92,784	\$99,488
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$242,784	\$249,488
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**Boating Access Sites 0631**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Man-

agement Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,077	\$41,818
All Other	\$959	\$1,001
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,036</b>	<b>\$42,819</b>

**BOATING ACCESS SITES 0631**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$92,784	\$99,488
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242,784</b>	<b>\$249,488</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,077	\$41,818
All Other	\$959	\$1,001
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$306,036</b>	<b>\$307,819</b>

**Endangered Nongame Operations 0536**

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position and 2 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$54,466	\$58,880
All Other	\$1,303	\$1,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,769</b>	<b>\$60,289</b>

**Endangered Nongame Operations 0536**

Initiative: Transfers one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund to the Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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**ENDANGERED NONGAME OPERATIONS 0536**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$54,466	\$58,880
All Other	\$1,303	\$1,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,769</b>	<b>\$60,289</b>

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 2 Game Warden positions from the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, to 50% General Fund in the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and, for one position, 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, and, for the other position, 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the ATV Enforcement Fund program, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$124,129)	(\$130,746)
All Other	(\$905)	(\$953)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$125,034)</b>	<b>(\$131,699)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$58,234	\$62,204
All Other	\$424	\$453
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,658</b>	<b>\$62,657</b>

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Game Warden Specialist position from 50% White-water Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 70% Enforcement Operations - Inland

Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 30% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$28,579	\$30,252
All Other	(\$28,579)	(\$30,252)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Establishes one Game Warden Sergeant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$129,511	\$140,133
All Other	\$952	\$1,030

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$130,463	\$141,163
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**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$119,000	\$119,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,000	\$119,000
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**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of the following positions: 88 Game Warden positions from range 20 to range 22; 4 Game Warden Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24; 5 Game Warden Lieutenant positions from range 27 to range 29; 2 Game Warden Pilot positions from range 24 to range 26; one Game Warden Pilot Supervisor position from range 26 to range 28; 15 Game Warden Sergeant positions from range 24 to range 27; and 7 Game Warden Specialist positions from range 22 to range 24. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,186,520	\$1,253,367

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,186,520	\$1,253,367
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$34,502	\$36,198
All Other	\$251	\$264

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$34,753	\$36,462
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,212	\$25,658
All Other	\$177	\$187

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$24,389	\$25,845
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**ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0537**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$1,215,099	\$1,283,619
All Other	(\$28,579)	(\$30,252)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,186,520	\$1,253,367
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$89,627)	(\$94,548)
All Other	(\$654)	(\$689)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$90,281)	(\$95,237)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$211,957	\$227,995
All Other	\$1,553	\$1,670
Capital Expenditures	\$119,000	\$119,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$332,510	\$348,665
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**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations - Lake and River Protection Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$203,762	\$203,762

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$203,762	\$203,762
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**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$108,937	\$117,764
All Other	\$2,628	\$2,842
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,565</b>	<b>\$120,606</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from 80% General Fund and 20% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% General Fund and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$31,278	\$32,591
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,278</b>	<b>\$32,591</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$31,278)	(\$32,591)
All Other	(\$755)	(\$787)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$32,033)</b>	<b>(\$33,378)</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Transfers one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund to the Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Fish Culturist Assistant Supervisor positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$191,454	\$205,972
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$191,454</b>	<b>\$205,972</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$7,500	\$42,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box and 2 boats.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$13,875	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,875</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$53,436	\$55,762
All Other	\$1,290	\$1,347
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,726</b>	<b>\$57,109</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Fish Culturist position from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$40,259	\$43,110
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,259</b>	<b>\$43,110</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$40,259)	(\$43,110)
All Other	(\$963)	(\$1,031)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$41,222)</b>	<b>(\$44,141)</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Office Associate II positions to 2 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II Manager Supervisor position to an Office Specialist II Supervisor position and reduces funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Specialist I position and one Office Specialist II Supervisor position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 75% General Fund and 25% Federal Expenditures Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$125,077	\$135,193
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,077</b>	<b>\$135,193</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$41,687	\$45,066
All Other	\$998	\$1,079
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,685</b>	<b>\$46,145</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Specialist I position from 65% General Fund and 35% Federal Expenditures Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$58,686)	(\$61,152)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$58,686)</b>	<b>(\$61,152)</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$31,600)	(\$32,927)
All Other	(\$756)	(\$788)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$32,356)</b>	<b>(\$33,715)</b>

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 18 Fish Culturist positions from range 16 to range 18, 6 Fish Culturist Assistant Supervisor positions from range 19 to range 22 and 8 Fish Culturist Supervisor positions from range 23 to range 25. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$257,225	\$267,546
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$257,225</b>	<b>\$267,546</b>

**FISHERIES AND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS 0535**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$586,607	\$623,260
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$586,607</b>	<b>\$623,260</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$23,264	\$24,791
All Other	\$569	\$607
Capital Expenditures	\$21,375	\$42,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,208</b>	<b>\$67,398</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$77,659	\$85,173
All Other	\$205,635	\$205,817
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$283,294</b>	<b>\$290,990</b>

**Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Z427**

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses and to recognize the revenue increase from the sale of fishing licenses.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,244,000	\$1,244,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,244,000</b>	<b>\$1,244,000</b>

**Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Z427**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$244,835	\$234,705
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244,835</b>	<b>\$234,705</b>

**INLAND FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT Z427**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,244,000	\$1,244,000
Capital Expenditures	\$244,835	\$234,705
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,488,835</b>	<b>\$1,478,705</b>

**Landowner Relations Z140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of the following positions: 88 Game Warden positions from range 20 to range 22; 4 Game Warden Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24; 5 Game Warden Lieutenant positions from range 27 to range 29; 2 Game Warden Pilot positions from range 24 to range 26; one Game Warden Pilot Supervisor position from range 26 to range 28; 15 Game Warden Sergeant positions from range 24 to range 27; and 7 Game Warden Specialist positions from range 22 to range 24. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$601	\$625
All Other	\$17	\$18
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$618</b>	<b>\$643</b>

**Landowner Relations Z140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions and 3 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions from range 15 to range 18. This initiative also reallocates the cost from Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 26% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 2% Other Special Revenue Funds to Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 21% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 7% Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$16,901	\$17,734
All Other	\$271	\$284
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,172</b>	<b>\$18,018</b>

**LANDOWNER RELATIONS Z140**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$17,502	\$18,359
All Other	\$288	\$302
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,790</b>	<b>\$18,661</b>

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs to an aviation hangar and a storage garage at the Greenville regional facility.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$550,000	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of one excavator.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$230,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the construction of a heated garage bay and bunkroom at the Strong regional facility.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$260,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$9,500	\$52,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box and 2 boats.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$4,625	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,625</u>	<u>\$31,000</u>

**LICENSING SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0531**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$564,125	\$573,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$564,125</u>	<u>\$573,500</u>

**Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the repair of department-owned dams.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,250,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,655	\$156,912
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$144,655</u>	<u>\$156,912</u>

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0529**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,655	\$156,912
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$144,655</u>	<u>\$156,912</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,250,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Public Information and Education, Division of program, Youth Conservation Education Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$73,700	\$73,700
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$73,700</u>	<u>\$73,700</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Relations Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,978	\$96,353
All Other	\$1,451	\$1,555
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$91,429</u>	<u>\$97,908</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$110,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions and 3 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions from range 15 to range 18. This initiative also reallocates the cost from Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 26% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 2% Other Special Revenue Funds to Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 21% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 7% Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$4,426)	(\$4,606)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,426)</b>	<b>(\$4,606)</b>

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION,  
DIVISION OF 0729**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$4,426)	(\$4,606)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,426)</b>	<b>(\$4,606)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,978	\$96,353
All Other	\$75,151	\$75,255
Capital Expenditures	\$110,000	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$275,129</b>	<b>\$171,608</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Black Bear Research and Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$84,986	\$84,986

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,986</b>	<b>\$84,986</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Moose Research and Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$69,627	\$69,627

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$69,627</b>	<b>\$69,627</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase land for wildlife habitat.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,935,990	\$1,935,990

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,935,990</b>	<b>\$1,935,990</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the reconstruction of the Swan Island pier.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$150,000	\$0

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

Capital Expenditures	\$350,000	\$0
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Establishes 2 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund these positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$68,792	\$74,164
All Other	(\$68,792)	(\$74,164)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$160,526	\$173,056
All Other	(\$160,526)	(\$173,056)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position and reduces All Other to fund the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$32,679	\$35,327
All Other	(\$32,679)	(\$35,327)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,258	\$82,437
All Other	(\$76,258)	(\$82,437)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$0 \$0  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position and 2 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$249,403	\$269,356
All Other	\$6,017	\$6,501

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$255,420 \$275,857  
 FUND TOTAL

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,664	\$30,902
All Other	\$686	\$739

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$29,350 \$31,641

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Technician position and reduces All Other to fund a portion of the position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$46,193	\$49,886
All Other	(\$46,193)	(\$49,886)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$0

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,200	\$49,890
All Other	\$1,114	\$1,203

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$47,314 \$51,093  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds and 2 fish stocking tanks.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$21,000	\$115,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$21,000 \$115,500  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box and 2 boats.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$93,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$0 \$93,000  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$40,075)	(\$41,820)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$40,075)</b>	<b>(\$41,820)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$93,514)	(\$97,582)
All Other	(\$2,257)	(\$2,356)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (\$95,771) (\$99,938)  
 FUND TOTAL

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Establishes 10 limited-period seasonal IF&W Resource Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$230,260	\$254,980
All Other	(\$230,260)	(\$254,980)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$230,190	\$254,910
All Other	\$5,530	\$6,124

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$235,720	\$261,034
FUND TOTAL		

**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Office Associate II positions to 2 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II Manager Supervisor position to an Office Specialist II Supervisor position and reduces funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Specialist I position and one Office Specialist II Supervisor position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 75% General Fund and 25% Federal Expenditures Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$44,691)	(\$48,329)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$44,691)	(\$48,329)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$104,284)	(\$112,774)
All Other	(\$2,496)	(\$2,699)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$106,780)	(\$115,473)
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Specialist I position from 65% General Fund and 35% Federal Expenditures Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund, Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,830	\$30,034
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,830	\$30,034

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$67,271	\$70,087
All Other	\$1,610	\$1,677

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$68,881	\$71,764
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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions and 3 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions from range 15 to range 18. This initiative also reallocates the cost from Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 26% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 2% Other Special Revenue Funds to Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 72% Federal Expenditures Fund and 4 positions Division of Public Information and Education program and 2 positions Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 21% General Fund and Landowner Relations program, 7% Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$3,558)	(\$3,772)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,558)	(\$3,772)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$22,921	\$24,052
All Other	\$548	\$575

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$23,469	\$24,627
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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0534**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$318,430	\$350,470
All Other	(\$377,924)	(\$414,357)
Capital Expenditures	\$150,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,506	(\$63,887)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$654,971	\$713,432
All Other	(\$226,718)	(\$244,468)
Capital Expenditures	\$2,306,990	\$2,144,490

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,735,243	\$2,613,454
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$28,664	\$30,902
All Other	\$155,299	\$155,352

Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$683,963	\$686,254

**Search and Rescue 0538**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of the following positions: 88 Game Warden positions from range 20 to range 22; 4 Game Warden Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24; 5 Game Warden Lieutenant positions from range 27 to range 29; 2 Game Warden Pilot positions from range 24 to range 26; one Game Warden Pilot Supervisor position from range 26 to range 28; 15 Game Warden Sergeant positions from range 24 to range 27; and 7 Game Warden Specialist positions from range 22 to range 24. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$27,685	\$28,792
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,685	\$28,792

**SEARCH AND RESCUE 0538**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$27,685	\$28,792
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,685	\$28,792

**Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase land for wildlife habitat.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$80,000	\$80,000

**WATERFOWL HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT 0561**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$80,000	\$80,000

**Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Game Warden Specialist position from 50% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 70% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 30% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$28,579)	(\$30,252)
All Other	(\$210)	(\$223)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$28,789)	(\$30,475)

**Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of the following positions: 88 Game Warden positions from range 20 to range 22; 4 Game Warden Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24; 5 Game Warden Lieutenant positions from range 27 to range 29; 2 Game Warden Pilot positions from range 24 to range 26; one Game Warden Pilot Supervisor position from range 26 to range 28; 15 Game Warden Sergeant positions from range 24 to range 27; and 7 Game Warden Specialist positions from range 22 to range 24. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,182	\$3,288
All Other	\$23	\$24
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,205	\$3,312

**WHITewater RAFTING - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0539**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$25,397)	(\$26,964)

All Other	(\$187)	(\$199)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$25,584)	(\$27,163)
<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$3,803,242	\$3,763,853
FEDERAL	\$5,065,170	\$4,960,615
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,021,055	\$2,711,604
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,889,467</b>	<b>\$11,436,072</b>

**Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of supplies and equipment for security staff.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$191,759	\$75,814
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$191,759</b>	<b>\$75,814</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted audio and visual support.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$125,000	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to upgrade courtrooms with video bar conferencing technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$210,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted recording software support services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$165,500	\$165,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$165,500</b>	<b>\$165,500</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for recording software upgrades.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$129,000	\$129,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace analog sound mixers with digital sound processor equipment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$525,000	\$525,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$525,000</b>	<b>\$525,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for cloud services and ransomware protection.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,200	\$100,200
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,200</b>	<b>\$100,200</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted technical account management services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of virtual-machine storage technology.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Reallocates funding for the Odyssey case management system from the CMS-Technology Fee account in Other Special Revenue Funds to the Supreme JD & Superior Courts account in the General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,838,125	\$1,838,125
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,838,125</b>	<b>\$1,838,125</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$988,852)	(\$988,525)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$988,852)</b>	<b>(\$988,525)</b>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding to modernize the ADRIS case management system.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Staff Accountant position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$122,424	\$128,497
All Other	\$2,348	\$2,405
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$124,772</u>	<u>\$130,902</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for courthouse facility improvements to comply with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design from the United States Department of Justice.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the continued support of the Maine Judicial Information System.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$125,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace Google Enterprise licensing with Microsoft 365.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for Microsoft 365 security costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Reduces allocation to reflect a decrease in funding transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services for the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other	2025-26 (\$344,800)	2026-27 (\$344,800)
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$344,800)</u>	<u>(\$344,800)</u>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of contracted marshal services in Lincoln and Somerset counties.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$260,000	\$260,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$260,000</u>	<u>\$260,000</u>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding to cover the volume increase in documents signed by justices of the peace.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$62,598	\$62,598

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$62,598</u>	<u>\$62,598</u>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for a volume increase in guardian ad litem, interpreter and mental health examiner services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$490,000	\$490,000

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$490,000</u>	<u>\$490,000</u>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Court Appointed Special Advocate Legal Services Advisor positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$337,446	\$340,582

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$337,446</u>	<u>\$340,582</u>
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**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Child Protective and Juvenile Process Specialist position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$53,949	\$54,421

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$53,949</u>	<u>\$54,421</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

Personal Services	2025-26 \$125,881	2026-27 \$126,981
All Other	\$1,169	\$1,180

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$127,050	\$128,161
FUND TOTAL		

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues 5 limited-period Law Clerk positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$254,402	\$263,700
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$254,402</b>	<b>\$263,700</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$381,588	\$395,535
All Other	\$3,545	\$3,675
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$385,133</b>	<b>\$399,210</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Service Center/ Violations Bureau Assistant Clerk positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$197,820	\$200,914
All Other	\$1,838	\$1,866
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199,658</b>	<b>\$202,780</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Assistant Clerk position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$100,198	\$104,567
All Other	\$931	\$971
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,129</b>	<b>\$105,538</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of legal research.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$40,961	\$40,961
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,961</b>	<b>\$40,961</b>

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Assistant Clerk positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 12, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$183,959	\$192,556
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$183,959</b>	<b>\$192,556</b>

**COURTS - SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT 0063**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$829,756	\$851,259
All Other	\$4,873,143	\$4,297,198
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,702,899</b>	<b>\$5,148,457</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$125,881	\$126,981
All Other	(\$343,631)	(\$343,620)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$217,750)</b>	<b>(\$216,639)</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$802,030	\$829,513
All Other	(\$980,190)	(\$979,608)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$178,160)</b>	<b>(\$150,095)</b>
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**Judicial - Debt Service Z097**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,836,355	\$7,841,837
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,836,355</b>	<b>\$7,841,837</b>

**JUDICIAL - DEBT SERVICE Z097**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,836,355	\$7,841,837
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,836,355</b>	<b>\$7,841,837</b>

**Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Z367**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for civil legal services for persons unable to afford a lawyer by providing additional funds available for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 18-A, subsection 1.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**MAINE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND Z367**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$11,539,254</b>	<b>\$12,990,294</b>
<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>(\$217,750)</b>	<b>(\$216,639)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>(\$178,160)</b>	<b>(\$150,095)</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$11,143,344</b>	<b>\$12,623,560</b>
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>		

**Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: Transfers 11 Hearings Examiner positions, one Public Service Manager I position and one Public Service Manager II position from the Employment Security Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Administration - Labor program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,591,301	\$1,685,699
All Other	\$111,906	\$114,163
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,703,207</b>	<b>\$1,799,862</b>

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: Establishes 4 Hearings Officer positions effective January 1, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$235,132	\$507,020
All Other	\$28,350	\$34,848
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$263,482</b>	<b>\$541,868</b>

**Administration - Labor 0030**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager I position to a Public Service Manager II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$793	\$821

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$793</b>	<b>\$821</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$9,476	\$9,859
All Other	\$226	\$236
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,702</b>	<b>\$10,095</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - LABOR 0030**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$793	\$821
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$793</b>	<b>\$821</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,835,909	\$2,202,578
All Other	\$140,482	\$149,247
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,976,391</b>	<b>\$2,351,825</b>

**Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126**

Initiative: Establishes 3 limited-period Assistive Technology Specialist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs. These positions end on June 19, 2027.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$317,913	\$342,696
All Other	\$30,837	\$31,433
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$348,750</b>	<b>\$374,129</b>

**Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126**

Initiative: Provides funding for assistive devices and services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$317,913	\$342,696

All Other	\$30,837	\$31,433
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$348,750	\$374,129
FUND TOTAL		

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Trade Allowances Federal Expenditures Fund account to align allocation with available resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,993,260)	(\$3,993,260)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$3,993,260)	(\$3,993,260)

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Transfers 11 Hearings Examiner positions, one Public Service Manager I position and one Public Service Manager II position from the Employment Security Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Administration - Labor program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(13.000)	(13.000)
Personal Services	(\$1,591,301)	(\$1,685,699)
All Other	(\$16,059)	(\$17,017)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$1,607,360)	(\$1,702,716)

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with anticipated revenues in the Special Administrative Account Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$252,500	\$252,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$252,500	\$252,500

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with anticipated revenues in the Unemployment Program Administrative Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,525,000	\$2,525,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,525,000	\$2,525,000

**Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Secretary Legal positions to Secretary Associate Legal positions.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,700	\$8,553
All Other	\$77	\$85

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,777	\$8,638
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**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(13.000)	(13.000)
Personal Services	(\$1,591,301)	(\$1,685,699)
All Other	(\$4,009,319)	(\$4,010,277)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$5,600,620)	(\$5,695,976)
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$7,700	\$8,553
All Other	\$2,777,577	\$2,777,585

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,785,277	\$2,786,138
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**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Establishes baseline allocation in the Employment Services - Jobs and Recovery Support Other Special Revenue Funds account.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one CareerCenter Consultant position from 27 hours to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$58,889	\$62,719
All Other	\$1,883	\$2,006

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,772	\$64,725
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**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Reduces allocation in the Direct Delivery Services Other Special Revenue Funds account to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$14,706)	(\$14,706)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$14,706)	(\$14,706)
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Establishes baseline allocation in the Targeted Workforce Investment program.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY 0852**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$58,889	\$62,719
All Other	\$2,383	\$2,506

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$61,272	\$65,225
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$13,706)	(\$13,706)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$13,706)	(\$13,706)
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**Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Z383**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Office Associate II position from 73 hours to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$6,944	\$6,493
All Other	\$152	\$143

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$7,096	\$6,636
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**Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund Z383**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Labor and Safety Inspector positions effective January 1, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$148,152	\$319,119
All Other	\$29,430	\$33,206

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$177,582	\$352,325
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**PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND Z383**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$155,096	\$325,612
All Other	\$29,582	\$33,349

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$184,678	\$358,961
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**Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides funding for appeal hearings on wage and hour violation decisions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000
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**Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides funding for information technology support for the Bureau of Labor Standards case management system.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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**Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides funding for the collection of labor law fines and penalties.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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**REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,000	\$150,000
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**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs and demand for assistive technology for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$142,479	\$142,479
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$142,479</u>	<u>\$142,479</u>

**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual services to assist individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or late deafened in gaining full and equitable access to community services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,000	\$107,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$107,000</u>	<u>\$107,000</u>

**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 3 Rehabilitation Counselor II positions from 67% Federal Expenditures Fund and 33% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,646	\$105,640
All Other	\$993	\$1,064
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$99,639</u>	<u>\$106,704</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$98,646)	(\$105,640)
All Other	(\$993)	(\$1,064)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$99,639)</u>	<u>(\$106,704)</u>

**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Rehabilitation Services Manager position and one limited-period Rehabilitation Counselor I position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs. These positions end June 19, 2027.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$203,941	\$220,153
All Other	\$1,243,279	\$1,243,443
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,447,220</u>	<u>\$1,463,596</u>

**Rehabilitation Services 0799**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Rehabilitation Assistant positions, previously established by Public Law 2023, chapter 412, through June 19, 2027. This

initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$153,354	\$164,060
All Other	\$1,530	\$1,637
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$154,884</u>	<u>\$165,697</u>

**REHABILITATION SERVICES 0799**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$107,000	\$107,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$107,000</u>	<u>\$107,000</u>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$455,941	\$489,853
All Other	\$1,245,802	\$1,246,144
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,701,743</u>	<u>\$1,735,997</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$98,646)	(\$105,640)
All Other	\$141,486	\$141,415
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$42,840</u>	<u>\$35,775</u>

**Workforce Research Z164**

Initiative: Establishes one Workforce Data Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$89,643	\$96,005
All Other	\$7,550	\$7,550
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$97,193</u>	<u>\$103,555</u>

**Workforce Research Z164**

Initiative: Reduces allocation in the Workforce Research Special Projects Other Special Revenue Funds account to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$49,379)	(\$49,379)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$49,379)</u>	<u>(\$49,379)</u>

**Workforce Research Z164**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Statistical Program Supervisor position to a Principal Economic Research Analyst position.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,329	\$22,722
All Other	\$295	\$329
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,624</b>	<b>\$23,051</b>

**WORKFORCE RESEARCH Z164 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,643	\$96,005
All Other	\$7,550	\$7,550
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,193</b>	<b>\$103,555</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,329	\$22,722
All Other	\$295	\$329
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,624</b>	<b>\$23,051</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$49,379)	(\$49,379)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$49,379)</b>	<b>(\$49,379)</b>

<b>LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$554,986</b>	<b>\$561,376</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>(\$3,468,231)</b>	<b>(\$3,497,574)</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,741,423</b>	<b>\$5,110,653</b>
<b>PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$184,678</b>	<b>\$358,961</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,012,856</b>	<b>\$2,533,416</b>

**Sec. A-24. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Continues one Executive Assistant, one Legislative Aide, 2 Legislative Policy and one Calendar Clerk Assistant limited-period positions through June 19, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$693,898	\$706,691
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$693,898</b>	<b>\$706,691</b>

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Adjusts appropriations to fund the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates funds on an ongoing basis for technology costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$422,126	\$432,331
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$422,126</b>	<b>\$432,331</b>

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Adjusts appropriations to increase the number of weeks of one Executive Secretary position from 42 weeks to 52 weeks and adjusts the position count for the position from 0.808 FTE to one Legislative Count position.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	1.000	1.000
<b>POSITIONS - FTE COUNT</b>	<b>(0.808)</b>	<b>(0.808)</b>
Personal Services	\$12,563	\$13,203
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,563</b>	<b>\$13,203</b>

**LEGISLATURE 0081**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	1.000	1.000
<b>POSITIONS - FTE COUNT</b>	<b>(0.808)</b>	<b>(0.808)</b>
Personal Services	\$706,461	\$719,894
All Other	\$426,626	\$436,831
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,133,087</b>	<b>\$1,156,725</b>

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: Adjusts appropriations to fund the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,500)	(\$4,500)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,500)</b>	<b>(\$4,500)</b>

**STUDY COMMISSIONS - FUNDING 0444**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$4,500)	(\$4,500)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$4,500)</b>	<b>(\$4,500)</b>

LEGISLATURE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$1,128,587	\$1,152,225
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,128,587	\$1,152,225

**Sec. A-25. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

**Imagination Library of Maine Program Z338**

Initiative: Provides funding for the ongoing costs associated with the Imagination Library of Maine Program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**Imagination Library of Maine Program Z338**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Imagination Library of Maine Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF MAINE PROGRAM Z338**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for anticipated increases in Federal Expenditures Fund amounts available in the Maine State Library.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$130,797	\$130,797
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$130,797	\$130,797

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Maine State Library's Private Support Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$167,905)	(\$167,905)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$167,905)	(\$167,905)

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine State Library's Reading Round-Up Conference Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,400	\$10,400
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,400	\$10,400

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine State Library's Talking Books Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Reallocates 10% of one Librarian-Specialized Services position between Federal Expenditures Fund accounts and provides funding for operational needs in the Read World, Real Science project funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$11,915	\$11,915
All Other	\$34,465	\$34,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$46,380	\$46,380

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine State Library's Collections Preservation Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Librarian-Specialized Services position established through Pub-

lic Law 2021, chapter 635 and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends on June 19, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$127,851	\$137,272
All Other	\$6,069	\$6,069
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$133,920</b>	<b>\$143,341</b>

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost increase of van delivery services in the Maine State Library.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Librarian III position to a Librarian Specialized Services position.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$24,058	\$7,523
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,058</b>	<b>\$7,523</b>

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY 0217**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$127,851	\$137,272
All Other	\$81,069	\$81,069
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$208,920</b>	<b>\$218,341</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$35,973	\$19,438
All Other	\$165,262	\$165,262
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$201,235</b>	<b>\$184,700</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$156,505)	(\$156,505)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$156,505)</b>	<b>(\$156,505)</b>

**Statewide Library Information System 0185**

Initiative: Provides funding for the cloud library cost increase in the Maine State Library.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**Statewide Library Information System 0185**

Initiative: Provides funding for the large print program cost increase in the Maine State Library.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

**STATEWIDE LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM 0185**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$343,920</b>	<b>\$353,341</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$201,235</b>	<b>\$184,700</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$156,005)</b>	<b>(\$156,005)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$389,150</b>	<b>\$382,036</b>

**Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual custodial services at the department's West Boothbay Harbor facility in the Bureau of Marine Science program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$95,000	\$95,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding to expand a coastal ecosystem survey.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$31,296	\$31,296
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,296</b>	<b>\$31,296</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides funding to expand the annual scallop survey.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$46,944	\$46,944
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$46,944	\$46,944
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II position and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I positions previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17 and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Specialist positions, 3 limited-period Office Associate II positions and one limited-period Office Specialist I Supervisor position previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643 through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$905,172	\$973,245
All Other	\$96,835	\$99,777
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,002,007	\$1,073,022

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Management Analyst I position and one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003621 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$233,760	\$248,279
All Other	\$14,274	\$14,901
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$248,034	\$263,180

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II position, previously continued by Financial Order 003637 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$120,752	\$130,369
All Other	\$11,631	\$12,047
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$132,383	\$142,416

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues 5 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I positions, previously continued by Financial Order 003639 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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**PUBLIC LAW, C. 388**

Personal Services	\$522,167	\$562,853
All Other	\$54,631	\$56,389
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$576,798	\$619,242

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist IV position, 3 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist III positions, 3 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II positions and one limited-period Office Associate II position, previously continued by Financial Order 003640 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,045,729	\$1,122,005
All Other	\$96,495	\$99,791
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,142,224	\$1,221,796

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I position and one limited-period Marine Resource Specialist position, previously continued by Financial Order 003642 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$198,713	\$214,504
All Other	\$21,414	\$22,096
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$220,127	\$236,600

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Marine Resource Specialist positions and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II positions, previously continued by Financial Order 003643 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$541,719	\$583,922
All Other	\$55,476	\$57,300
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$597,195	\$641,222

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003644 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$106,561	\$114,781
All Other	\$11,018	\$11,373
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,579</b>	<b>\$126,154</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Reduces allocation to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$43,371)	(\$43,371)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$43,371)</b>	<b>(\$43,371)</b>

**Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the galvanized steel shroud on the recovery unit at the West Boothbay Harbor laboratory.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**BUREAU OF MARINE SCIENCE 0027**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$95,000	\$95,000
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$3,674,573	\$3,949,958
All Other	\$361,774	\$373,674
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,036,347</b>	<b>\$4,323,632</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$34,869	\$34,869
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,869</b>	<b>\$34,869</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Establishes one Management Analyst II position to provide administrative support for aquaculture leasing and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$108,631)	(\$116,504)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$108,631)</b>	<b>(\$116,504)</b>
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position dedicated to discharge leases in the aquaculture division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$127,346)	(\$136,945)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$127,346)</b>	<b>(\$136,945)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order 003620 F5 to provide pathology services. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$151,001	\$162,393
All Other	\$12,938	\$13,431

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,939</b>	<b>\$175,824</b>
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by financial order in fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$177,971	\$185,285
All Other	\$14,104	\$14,420

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,075</b>	<b>\$199,705</b>
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual custodial services at the department's West Boothbay Harbor facility in the Bureau of Marine Science program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$95,000)	(\$95,000)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$95,000)</b>	<b>(\$95,000)</b>
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**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Office Specialist II position previously established by financial order in fiscal year 2024-25 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$89,002	\$96,028
All Other	\$10,259	\$10,563
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,261</b>	<b>\$106,591</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Office Specialist I position from the Marine Patrol - Bureau of program, General Fund to the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
	\$84,623	\$91,310
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,623</b>	<b>\$91,310</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Management Analyst I position and one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued by Financial Order 003621 F5, through June 19, 2027. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,296	\$8,296
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,296</b>	<b>\$8,296</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$214,488)	(\$226,437)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$214,488)</b>	<b>(\$226,437)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$147,509)	(\$159,458)
All Other	(\$71,014)	(\$70,934)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$218,523)</b>	<b>(\$230,392)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II positions and one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist III position previously continued by Financial Order 003622 F5 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the positions. These positions end on June 19, 2027.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$384,387	\$415,855
All Other	(\$384,387)	(\$415,855)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Management Coordinator position previously continued by Financial Order 003623 F5 through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$138,460	\$148,854
All Other	\$12,397	\$12,846
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,857</b>	<b>\$161,700</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provides funding for additional services required from the Department of the Attorney General.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$148,889	\$160,156
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,889</b>	<b>\$160,156</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Marine Resource Specialist positions, previously continued and reorganized by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, through June 19, 2027 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$284,549	\$306,614
All Other	(\$284,549)	(\$306,614)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, through June 19, 2027 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$223,996	\$240,915
All Other	(\$223,996)	(\$240,915)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position previously continued by Financial Order CV0719 F5 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$147,506	\$153,631
All Other	\$12,787	\$13,052
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,293</b>	<b>\$166,683</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1.000)	(1.000)
	(\$124,766)	(\$134,429)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$124,766)</b>	<b>(\$134,429)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position to assist in conducting aquaculture lease hearings and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(\$127,346)	(\$136,945)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$127,346)</b>	<b>(\$136,945)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Reduces allocation to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(\$34,013)	(\$34,013)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$34,013)</b>	<b>(\$34,013)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Marine Resource Management Coordinator positions, one Marine Resource Scientist I position, one Marine Resource Scientist II position, one Marine Resource Scientist III position, one Public Service Coordinator II position and one Senior Aquaculture Inspector position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative

also transfers related All Other for the aquaculture division from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(8.000)	(8.000)
All Other	(\$995,735)	(\$1,068,889)
	(\$17,800)	(\$17,800)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,013,535)</b>	<b>(\$1,086,689)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program to the Bureau of Public Health program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(1.000)	(1.000)
All Other	(\$102,162)	(\$106,407)
	(\$4,414)	(\$4,598)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$106,576)</b>	<b>(\$111,005)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Scientist I position in the aquaculture inspection division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(\$112,709)	(\$120,929)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$112,709)</b>	<b>(\$120,929)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Scientist I position to conduct aquaculture lease site visits and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND All Other</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	(\$112,709)	(\$120,929)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$112,709)</b>	<b>(\$120,929)</b>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Provide funding for the approved reorganization of one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position to a Public Service Coordinator II position.

<b>GENERAL FUND Personal Services</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$17,470	\$18,877
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,470</b>	<b>\$18,877</b>

**BUREAU OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT  
0258**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(8,000)	(8,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$125,476)	(\$129,747)
All Other	(\$1,651,776)	(\$1,766,421)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,777,252)</b>	<b>(\$1,896,168)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$147,506	\$153,631
All Other	\$12,787	\$13,052

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160,293</b>	<b>\$166,683</b>
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	0.000	0.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$306,763	\$326,695
All Other	(\$59,743)	(\$58,285)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$247,020</b>	<b>\$268,410</b>
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**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Establishes one Management Analyst II position to provide administrative support for aquaculture leasing and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$102,483	\$110,356
All Other	\$6,148	\$6,148
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$108,631</b>	<b>\$116,504</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position dedicated to discharge leases in the aquaculture division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$121,198	\$130,797
All Other	\$6,148	\$6,148

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127,346</b>	<b>\$136,945</b>
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**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$147,509	\$159,458
All Other	\$66,979	\$66,979

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$214,488</b>	<b>\$226,437</b>
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**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position to assist in conducting aquaculture lease hearings and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$121,198	\$130,797
All Other	\$6,148	\$6,148

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127,346</b>	<b>\$136,945</b>
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**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Marine Resource Management Coordinator positions, one Marine Resource Scientist I position, one Marine Resource Scientist II position, one Marine Resource Scientist III position, one Public Service Coordinator II position and one Senior Aquaculture Inspector position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also transfers related All Other for the aquaculture division from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$995,735	\$1,068,889
All Other	\$17,800	\$17,800

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,013,535</b>	<b>\$1,086,689</b>
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**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program to the Bureau of Public Health program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,162	\$106,407
All Other	\$4,414	\$4,598
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,576</b>	<b>\$111,005</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Scientist I position in the aquaculture inspection division and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,561	\$114,781
All Other	\$6,148	\$6,148
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,709</b>	<b>\$120,929</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Establishes one Marine Resource Scientist I position to conduct aquaculture lease site visits and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Bureau of Public Health program, General Fund. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,561	\$114,781
All Other	\$6,148	\$6,148
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,709</b>	<b>\$120,929</b>

**Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Microbiologist II positions to Marine Resource Scientist II positions.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$14,467	\$19,508
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,467</b>	<b>\$19,508</b>

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH Z154**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,715,712	\$1,849,367
All Other	\$115,519	\$115,519
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,831,231</b>	<b>\$1,964,886</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,162	\$106,407
All Other	\$4,414	\$4,598
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,576</b>	<b>\$111,005</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Transfers one Office Specialist I position from the Marine Patrol - Bureau of program, General Fund to the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$84,623)	(\$91,310)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$84,623)</b>	<b>(\$91,310)</b>

**Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029**

Initiative: Reduces allocation to align with available resources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$31,133)	(\$31,133)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$31,133)</b>	<b>(\$31,133)</b>

**MARINE PATROL - BUREAU OF 0029**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$84,623)	(\$91,310)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$84,623)</b>	<b>(\$91,310)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$31,133)	(\$31,133)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$31,133)</b>	<b>(\$31,133)</b>

**Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295**

Initiative: Transfers one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, General Fund to the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program, General Fund.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$124,766	\$134,429
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,766</b>	<b>\$134,429</b>

**SEA RUN FISHERIES AND HABITAT Z295**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$124,766	\$134,429
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,766</b>	<b>\$134,429</b>

**MARINE RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$289,122</b>	<b>\$206,837</b>
<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>\$4,196,640</b>	<b>\$4,490,315</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>\$357,332</b>	<b>\$383,151</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$4,843,094</b>	<b>\$5,080,303</b>
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>		

**Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

**Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with dedicated revenue as projected by the March 2024 Revenue Forecasting Committee Report.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$3,958	\$8,015
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,958</b>	<b>\$8,015</b>
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	(\$9,267)	(\$8,299)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$9,267)</b>	<b>(\$8,299)</b>
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASINO Z167**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	(\$5,309)	(\$284)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$5,309)</b>	<b>(\$284)</b>
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only for paid family and medical leave premiums for eligible Maine Maritime Academy employees in compliance with state law.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$260,000	\$260,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>

**Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current Maine Maritime Academy operations.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$507,027	\$1,034,335
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$507,027</b>	<b>\$1,034,335</b>

**MARITIME ACADEMY - OPERATIONS 0035**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$767,027	\$1,294,335
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$767,027</b>	<b>\$1,294,335</b>

**MARITIME ACADEMY,  
MAINE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$767,027</b>	<b>\$1,294,335</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL</b>	<b>(\$5,309)</b>	<b>(\$284)</b>
<b>REVENUE FUNDS</b>		

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$761,718</b>	<b>\$1,294,051</b>
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>		

**Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE**

**Maine State Museum 0180**

Initiative: Establishes one Museum Technician III position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support essential technology operations associated with virtual education programs, in-gallery digital educational interactive displays, school group scheduling, visitor admissions and visitor demographic data collection.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$89,765	\$96,132
All Other	\$6,069	\$6,069
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,834</b>	<b>\$102,201</b>

**Maine State Museum 0180**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Museum Technician III position through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs to serve as assistant exhibits preparator.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$89,765	\$96,132
All Other	\$6,069	\$6,069
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,834</b>	<b>\$102,201</b>

**MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$179,530	\$192,264
All Other	\$12,138	\$12,138
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$191,668</b>	<b>\$204,402</b>

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$191,668</b>	<b>\$204,402</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$191,668</b>	<b>\$204,402</b>

**Sec. A-29. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**

**Office of Affordable Health Care Z320**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for renovations, furniture and technology costs required to establish a leased space necessary for the continued operations of the Office of Affordable Health Care. This initiative also provides ongoing funding for leased space rent costs and contracted services necessary to monitor compliance with the provider price oversight program envisioned in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3122.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$47,200	\$47,200
Capital Expenditures	\$55,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,200</b>	<b>\$47,200</b>

**OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE Z320**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$47,200	\$47,200
Capital Expenditures	\$55,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,200</b>	<b>\$47,200</b>

**Sec. A-30. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS**

**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 24 to range 28 and one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 26 to range 28.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,090	\$21,722
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,090</b>	<b>\$21,722</b>

**RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$20,090	\$21,722
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,090</b>	<b>\$21,722</b>

**Sec. A-31. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,263	\$6,154
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,263</b>	<b>\$6,154</b>

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated expenses.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$24,202	\$10,244
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,202</b>	<b>\$10,244</b>

**Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to align with anticipated expenses.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,175	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$7,175</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$35,640	\$16,398
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$35,640</u>	<u>\$16,398</u>

**Financial Institutions - Bureau of 0093**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a career ladder within the Bureau of Financial Institutions Bank Examiner job classification series.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$146,182	\$167,700
All Other	\$1,425	\$1,549
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$147,607</u>	<u>\$169,249</u>

**Financial Institutions - Bureau of 0093**

Initiative: Establishes one part-time Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$41,965	\$45,819
All Other	\$280	\$306
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$42,245</u>	<u>\$46,125</u>

**Financial Institutions - Bureau of 0093**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Bank Examiner position from 57 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly and for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$27,511	\$28,635
All Other	\$184	\$191
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$27,695</u>	<u>\$28,826</u>

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - BUREAU OF 0093**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$215,658	\$242,154
All Other	\$1,889	\$2,046

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$217,547</u>	<u>\$244,200</u>
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**Insurance - Bureau of 0092**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,032	\$84,759
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$48,032</u>	<u>\$84,759</u>

**INSURANCE - BUREAU OF 0092**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$48,032	\$84,759
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$48,032</u>	<u>\$84,759</u>

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$32,061	\$54,661
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$32,061</u>	<u>\$54,661</u>

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated expenses.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,838	\$85,949
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$75,838</u>	<u>\$85,949</u>

**Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to align with anticipated expenses.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,223	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,223</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$128,122	\$140,610
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$128,122	\$140,610

**Nursing - Board of 0372**

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$83,465	\$90,097
All Other	\$7,333	\$5,594
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,798	\$95,691

**Nursing - Board of 0372**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$53,372	\$69,250
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$53,372	\$69,250

**Nursing - Board of 0372**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated expenses.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$22,848	\$22,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$22,848	\$22,848

**NURSING - BOARD OF 0372**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$83,465	\$90,097
All Other	\$83,553	\$97,692
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$167,018	\$187,789

**Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$220,732	\$297,398
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$220,732	\$297,398

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION 0352**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$220,732	\$297,398
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$220,732	\$297,398

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Office Specialist II position from 60 hours to 80 hours biweekly and for related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Personal Services	\$23,723	\$24,269
All Other	\$931	\$953
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$24,654	\$25,222

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$0	\$663
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$663

**Optometry - Board of 0385**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated expenses.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$6,170	\$6,170
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,170	\$6,170

**OPTOMETRY - BOARD OF 0385**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Personal Services	\$23,723	\$24,269
All Other	\$7,101	\$7,786
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,824	\$32,055

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$87,844	\$94,815
All Other	\$8,742	\$7,071
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,586</b>	<b>\$101,886</b>

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Department of the Attorney General and related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$15,462	\$26,185
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,462</b>	<b>\$26,185</b>

**Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated expenses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$2,863	\$3,040
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,863</b>	<b>\$3,040</b>

**OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$87,844	\$94,815
All Other	\$27,067	\$36,296
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$114,911</b>	<b>\$131,111</b>

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$962,826</b>	<b>\$1,134,320</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$962,826</b>	<b>\$1,134,320</b>

**Sec. A-32. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROPERTY TAX REVIEW, STATE BOARD OF**

**Property Tax Review - State Board of 0357**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager II position, previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635, through June 18, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$166,248	\$167,999
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$166,248</b>	<b>\$167,999</b>

**PROPERTY TAX REVIEW - STATE BOARD OF 0357**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$166,248	\$167,999
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$166,248</b>	<b>\$167,999</b>

**Sec. A-33. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON**

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$1,499,500)	(\$1,499,500)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>

**Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112**

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with projected resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES Z112**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$750,000)	(\$750,000)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,499,500)	(\$1,499,500)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>
<b>PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>	<b>(\$750,000)</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>	<b>(\$1,499,500)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$2,249,000)</b>	<b>(\$2,249,000)</b>

**Sec. A-34. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

**Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Capitol Police Security Agent position through June 18, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$86,110	\$89,792
All Other	\$19,408	\$8,774

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,518</b>	<b>\$98,566</b>
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**CAPITOL POLICE - BUREAU OF 0101 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$86,110	\$89,792
All Other	\$19,408	\$8,774
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,518</b>	<b>\$98,566</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

**Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021**

Initiative: Provide funding for an annual subscription for cross-jurisdiction incident collaboration software.

<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$51,978	\$51,978
<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,978</b>	<b>\$51,978</b>

**CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Z021 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$51,978	\$51,978
<b>CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,978</b>	<b>\$51,978</b>

**Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in airport rental costs for the emergency vehicle operations course conducted as part of the basic law enforcement training program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>

**Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: Establishes one Paralegal position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$91,463	\$97,895
All Other	\$3,550	\$3,550

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$95,013</u>	<u>\$101,445</u>
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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY 0290**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$91,463	\$97,895
All Other	\$9,550	\$9,550

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$101,013</u>	<u>\$107,445</u>
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**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
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**Drug Enforcement Agency 0388**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>
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**DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 0388**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>
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**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$422,321	\$412,970

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$422,321</u>	<u>\$412,970</u>
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**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Establishes one Comprehensive Health Planner II position to support community paramedicine and critical care programming statewide and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$110,422	\$119,306
All Other	\$4,550	\$4,550

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$114,972</u>	<u>\$123,856</u>
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**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Establishes one Emergency Medical Services Licensing Agent position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$107,791	\$116,122
All Other	\$4,550	\$4,550

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$112,341</u>	<u>\$120,672</u>
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**Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Business Systems Administrator position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 412; one limited-period Health Program Manager position and 2 limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II positions, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17; and one Public Service Manager II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, through June 19, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$668,734	\$714,844
All Other	\$32,401	\$32,610

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$701,135</u>	<u>\$747,454</u>
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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 0485**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$218,213	\$235,428
All Other	\$9,100	\$9,100

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$227,313</u>	<u>\$244,528</u>
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$668,734	\$714,844
All Other	\$454,722	\$445,580

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,123,456</u>	<u>\$1,160,424</u>
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**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provide one-time funding for the purchase of a new command vehicle.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Capital Expenditures	\$1,200,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$0

**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of 2 hybrid vehicles for the Office of the State Fire Marshal in each year of the biennium in accordance with the established vehicle replacement schedule.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Capital Expenditures	\$90,000	\$90,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,000	\$90,000

**Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist II position.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Personal Services	\$9,432	\$4,013
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,432	\$4,013

**FIRE MARSHAL - OFFICE OF 0327**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Personal Services	\$9,432	\$4,013
Capital Expenditures	\$1,290,000	\$90,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,299,432	\$94,013

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Establishes one Auditor II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,589	\$108,263
All Other	\$7,156	\$7,156
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,745	\$115,419

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$284,053)	(\$75,886)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$284,053)	(\$75,886)

**GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD Z002**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,589	\$108,263
All Other	(\$276,897)	(\$68,730)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$176,308)	\$39,533

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
All Other	\$650,000	\$650,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$650,000	\$650,000

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Contract Grant Manager position and one Director of Bureau of Highway Safety position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Highway Fund.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
Personal Services	(\$158,377)	(\$166,343)
All Other	(\$1,122)	(\$1,179)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$159,499)	(\$167,522)

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Establishes one Highway Safety Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,589	\$108,263
All Other	\$4,287	\$4,341
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$104,876	\$112,604

**Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase breath-testing devices to be distributed to various law enforcement agencies around the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$299,985	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$299,985</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	(\$57,788)	(\$58,080)
All Other	\$653,165	\$653,162
Capital Expenditures	\$299,985	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$895,362</b>	<b>\$595,082</b>

**Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

Initiative: Provides funding for the State Police weapons and professional licensing unit to purchase software.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY 0712**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$633,844	\$633,844
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$633,844</b>	<b>\$633,844</b>

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$345,033	\$345,033
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$345,033</b>	<b>\$345,033</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 bomb suits for the State Police bomb team.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$109,200	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of one forensic laser for latent fingerprints.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$16,250	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a marine sonar device.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$44,070	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,070</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a throwable robot for the tactical team.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$13,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 handgun lights.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,794	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,794</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for a higher cost of fuel for State Police vehicles.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$455,000	\$455,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$455,000</b>	<b>\$455,000</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 4 specialized digital cameras.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$10,400	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 26 rifles.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$46,053	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$46,053	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace infrared lasers.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$64,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$64,220
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 plate carriers.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$485,713	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$485,713	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 helmets.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,250	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,250	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 ballistic shields.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$15,600	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,600	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 10 sniper rifles.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$35,750	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,750	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 ballistic vests.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,875	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,875	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle that can be linked to existing software.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$17,781	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,781	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a 3-dimensional scanner upgrade.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$42,226	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$42,226	\$0
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service costs associated with the purchase of State Police vehicles on a regular vehicle replacement schedule.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$858,416	\$1,127,817
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$858,416	\$1,127,817
<b>State Police 0291</b>		
Initiative: Establishes one State Police Lieutenant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,462	\$139,834
All Other	\$11,983	\$6,995
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,445	\$146,829
<b>STATE POLICE 0291 PROGRAM SUMMARY</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,462	\$139,834
All Other	\$2,153,484	\$1,654,032
Capital Expenditures	\$293,877	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,577,823	\$1,793,866
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$633,844	\$633,844
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$633,844	\$633,844
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$345,033	\$345,033
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$345,033	\$345,033
<b>Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715</b>		
Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.		

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$179,175	\$179,175

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$179,175	\$179,175
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**TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$179,175	\$179,175

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$179,175	\$179,175
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**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the State Police divisions governing: turnpike enforcement, motor vehicle inspection, traffic safety and commercial vehicle enforcement consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$371,000	\$371,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$371,000	\$371,000
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**TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$371,000	\$371,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$371,000	\$371,000
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**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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GENERAL FUND	\$3,071,667	\$2,304,405
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,651,837	\$3,388,525

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,839,157	\$849,579
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CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	\$51,978	\$51,978
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$8,614,639	\$6,594,487
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**Sec. A-35. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$126,276	\$134,276

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,276	\$134,276
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**Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted services in the Emergency Services Communication Bureau.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,998,417	\$1,998,417

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,998,417	\$1,998,417
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**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU 0994**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,124,693	\$2,132,693

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,124,693	\$2,132,693
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**Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184**

Initiative: Establishes one Utility Analyst-Safety Programs Inspector position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$126,672	\$133,006
All Other	\$7,408	\$7,459

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$134,080	\$140,465
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**Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184**

Initiative: Establishes one Utility Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$149,069	\$161,365
All Other	\$7,408	\$7,459

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$156,477	\$168,824
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$275,741	\$294,371
All Other	\$14,816	\$14,918
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$290,557</b>	<b>\$309,289</b>

<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,415,250</b>	<b>\$2,441,982</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,415,250</b>	<b>\$2,441,982</b>

**Sec. A-36. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085**

Initiative: Provides funding for benefits for retired Governors and surviving spouses under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 1-A.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$8,339	\$30,643
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,339</b>	<b>\$30,643</b>

**Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a result of allowing the service retirement benefits for certain employees within the Department of Health and Human Services earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan effective October 1, 2025.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,855,717	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,855,717</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FUND 0085**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,864,056	\$30,643
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,864,056</b>	<b>\$30,643</b>

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,864,056</b>	<b>\$30,643</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,864,056</b>	<b>\$30,643</b>

**Sec. A-37. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the refresh of computer equipment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$92,005	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$9,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,005</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$80,000	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in election ballot printing, postage and other election costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Eliminates one part-time Auditor I position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$72,034)	(\$78,001)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$72,034)</b>	<b>(\$78,001)</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for a contract programmer to support existing software applications and future technology modernization.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$212,160	\$212,160
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,160</b>	<b>\$212,160</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Election Security Analyst position through June 30, 2027 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$128,621	\$137,501
All Other	\$10,058	\$2,958
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,679</b>	<b>\$140,459</b>

**Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for meetings, travel and supplies for the post-election audits and training division.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$15,060	\$33,300
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,060</b>	<b>\$33,300</b>

**BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS 0692**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$56,587	\$59,500
All Other	\$829,283	\$748,418
Capital Expenditures	\$9,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$894,870</b>	<b>\$807,918</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$80,000	\$0

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$894,870</b>	<b>\$807,918</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$974,870</b>	<b>\$807,918</b>
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**Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF**

**Administration - Treasury 0022**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase levels for the unclaimed property program by 5% each year for the next 3 years, based upon current expenditures.

<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$22,421	\$45,963
<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,421</b>	<b>\$45,963</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - TREASURY 0022**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$22,421	\$45,963

<b>ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,421</b>	<b>\$45,963</b>
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**Debt Service - Treasury 0021**

Initiative: Reduces funding one time based on anticipated authorized general obligation bonds.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$15,000,000)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000,000)</b>
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**DEBT SERVICE - TREASURY 0021**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$15,000,000)

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000,000)</b>
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**Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,364,282	\$4,593,420

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,364,282</b>	<b>\$4,593,420</b>
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**DISPROPORTIONATE TAX BURDEN FUND 0472**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,364,282	\$4,593,420

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,364,282</b>	<b>\$4,593,420</b>
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**State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,704,200	\$14,052,406

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,704,200</b>	<b>\$14,052,406</b>
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**STATE - MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING  
0020**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$7,704,200	\$14,052,406
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,704,200	\$14,052,406

**TREASURER OF STATE,  
OFFICE OF**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$15,000,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,068,482	\$18,645,826
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	\$22,421	\$45,963
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$11,090,903	\$3,691,789

**Sec. A-39. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only for paid family and medical leave premiums for eligible University of Maine System employees.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$418,207	\$2,509,242
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$418,207	\$2,509,242

**Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with the continuation of current University of Maine System operations.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$9,580,849	\$19,544,932
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,580,849	\$19,544,932

**EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES - UMS 0031**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$9,999,056	\$22,054,174
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,999,056	\$22,054,174

**University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011**

Initiative: Provides funding for scholarships due to a projected increase in dedicated revenues from slot machine proceeds from the March 2024 Revenue Forecasting Committee report.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$89,191	\$180,607
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$89,191	\$180,607

**University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	(\$208,120)	(\$185,677)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$208,120)	(\$185,677)

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z011**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	(\$118,929)	(\$5,070)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$118,929)	(\$5,070)

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
GENERAL FUND	\$9,999,056	\$22,054,174
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$118,929)	(\$5,070)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$9,880,127	\$22,049,104

**Sec. A-40. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

**Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected available resources.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$68,131	\$77,133
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$68,131	\$77,133

**ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$68,131	\$77,133
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$68,131	\$77,133
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**Workers' Compensation Board 0751**

Initiative: Increases funding for per diem expenses for Workers' Compensation Board members.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,400	\$2,400
All Other	\$16	\$16
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,416	\$2,416
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0751**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,400	\$2,400
All Other	\$16	\$16
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,416	\$2,416
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>		

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
	\$70,547	\$79,549
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$70,547</b>	<b>\$79,549</b>

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Transfer balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall transfer any remaining unencumbered balance in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Aquaculture Research Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Bureau of Public Health program, Aquaculture Research Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.

**Sec. B-2. Transfer balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2024-25, the State Controller shall transfer any remaining unencumbered balance in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Aquaculture Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Bureau of Public Health program, Aquaculture Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Marine Resources.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

B. A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes, ~~as defined in section 1, subsection 23,~~ that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students as determined by the previous year's October and April average enrollment and participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) that serves breakfast shall provide a publicly funded student who is eligible for free and reduced-price meals under paragraph A a meal that meets the requirements of the federal School Breakfast Program set forth in 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220 (2007) at no cost to the publicly funded student. The State shall provide to the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price breakfast for each publicly funded student eligible for a reduced-price breakfast and receiving breakfast if the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes meets the requirements of section 6602-A.

**Sec. C-2. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. D, §2, is further amended to read:

D. A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes, ~~as defined in section 1, subsection 23,~~ that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students as determined by the previous year's October and April average enrollment and participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) that serves lunch shall provide a publicly funded student who is eligible for free and reduced-price meals under paragraph A a meal that meets the requirements of the federal National School Lunch Program set forth in 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2019) at no cost to the publicly funded student. The State shall provide to the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free lunch and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price lunch for each publicly funded student eligible for a reduced-price lunch and receiving lunch if the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes meets the requirements of section 6602-A.

**Sec. C-3. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

H. A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes, ~~as defined in section 1, subsection 23,~~ that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students as determined by the previous year's October and April average enrollment and participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) that serves breakfast shall provide a publicly funded student who is ineligible for free or reduced-price meals under paragraph A a meal that meets the requirements of the federal School Breakfast Program set forth in 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220 (2007) at no cost to the publicly funded student. The State shall provide to the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast and the ~~full price of the~~ federal reimbursement for a full-price regular breakfast for each publicly funded student ineligible for a free or reduced-price breakfast and receiving breakfast if the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes meets the requirements of section 6602-A.

**Sec. C-4. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶I,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. D, §4, is further amended to read:

I. A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes, ~~as defined in section 1, subsection 23,~~ that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students as determined by the previous year's October and April average enrollment and participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) that serves lunch shall provide a publicly funded student who is ineligible for free or reduced-price meals under paragraph A a meal that meets the requirements of the federal National School Lunch Program set forth in 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2019) at no cost to the publicly funded student. The State shall provide to the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free lunch and the ~~full price of the~~ federal reimbursement for a full-price lunch for each publicly funded student ineligible for a free or reduced-price lunch and receiving lunch if the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes meets the requirements of section 6602-A.

**Sec. C-5. 20-A MRSA §6602-A** is enacted to read:

**§6602-A. Federal funding for school food service programs**

**1. Condition of schools receiving state reimbursement for school lunch and school breakfast.** A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes that receives state funding under section 6602,

subsection 1, paragraph B, D, H or I shall maximize the amount of federal reimbursement funds that the school receives in order to receive state funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free regular breakfast and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price regular breakfast and equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free lunch and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price lunch, and funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the federal reimbursement for a full-price breakfast or lunch for each publicly funded student receiving breakfast or lunch. The public school or private school approved for tuition purposes, if eligible for any provisional school food service program, including, but not limited to, the community eligibility provision under the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, Section 104(a), shall maximize participation in that provisional school food service program. The department shall determine whether the school is maximizing federal reimbursement funds.

**2. Department to communicate options to public schools and private schools to maximize federal funding.** The department shall annually communicate school food service program options available to a public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes to the school for the school to maximize federal funding in the school food service program. The department may provide technical assistance to a public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes and may contract with a 3rd-party entity.

**3. School not eligible for state funding if school does not participate in National School Lunch Program or provisional school food service program if eligible.** A public school or a private school approved for tuition purposes that does not participate in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) and does not participate in any provisional school food service program, if eligible, or that chooses a provisional school food service program option other than a school food service program option communicated to the public school or private school approved for tuition purposes under subsection 2 by the department may not receive state funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price breakfast and equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free lunch and the federal reimbursement for a reduced-price lunch, and funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the federal reimbursement for a full-price breakfast or lunch for each publicly funded student receiving breakfast or lunch.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. 5 MRSA §1742-D, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §10, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The Director of the Bureau of General Services may provide a waiver of the standards and criteria established under this section if the director concludes that the unique conditions of location, program or employee function require such a waiver or in order to meet the purpose of ~~Title 30-A, section 4349-A~~ 3234, subsection 2, relating to priority locations for state office buildings, courts and other state civic buildings.

**Sec. D-2. 5 MRSA §3109**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. OOOO, §1 and amended by PL 2025, c. 33, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §10, is repealed.

**Sec. D-3. 5 MRSA §3201, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Growth management program.** "Growth management program" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 9.

**Sec. D-4. 5 MRSA §3201, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Growth-related capital investment.** "Growth-related capital investment" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 5-B.

**Sec. D-5. 5 MRSA §3201, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

**1-C. Multimunicipal region.** "Multimunicipal region" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 11-A.

**Sec. D-6. 5 MRSA §3201, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Regional council.** "Regional council" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 14.

**Sec. D-7. 5 MRSA §3202, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. DD, §2, is amended to read:

The Maine Office of Community Affairs is established ~~as an agency in the executive branch~~ to foster communications and partnerships across state agencies and between the State and communities in this State. The office shall engage with municipalities, tribal governments and regional councils to provide coordinated and efficient planning, technical assistance and financial support to better plan for challenges, pursue solutions and create stronger, more resilient communities.

**Sec. D-8. 5 MRSA §3204, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. DD, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The office may adopt rules as necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter, pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. Unless

otherwise specified, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. D-9. 5 MRSA §3205**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. DD, §2, is amended to read:

**§3205. Acceptance and administration of funds**

The office may accept, administer and expend funds, including but not limited to funds from the Federal Government or from private sources, for purposes consistent with this chapter. The director shall provide a report of the amount of any outside funding received from private sources and its designated purpose to the Governor, ~~the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters~~ and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over municipal matters on an annual basis.

**1. Rules.** The office may adopt rules to administer grants and other fund disbursements. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**2. Exemption.** To maximize the availability of technical and financial assistance programs to all communities, including municipalities and tribes, and to multimunicipal regions and service providers, a financial assistance program administered competitively by the office is exempt from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to chapter 155 governing the purchasing of services and the awarding of grants and contracts.

**3. Program statement.** The office shall publish a program statement describing its grant programs and advertising its availability to eligible applicants.

**4. Grant term; recipient duties.** A grant awarded from a financial assistance program pursuant to this section may be for a period of up to 2 years. A recipient of a grant fund from a financial assistance program shall cooperate with the office's performance of periodic evaluations. A recipient shall meet the office's reporting requirements.

**5. Appeals.** The office may adjudicate appeals of its grant disbursement decisions. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an adjudicatory hearing on an appeal must be held in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

**Sec. D-10. 5 MRSA §3211, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 33, Pt. C, §3 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

**2. Administration of certain programs.** The State Resilience Office shall administer the Community Resilience Partnership Program established in section ~~3109~~ 3221, the floodplain management program established in ~~Title 12, section 408~~ section 3223 and the State Floodplain Mapping Fund established in ~~Title 12, section 409~~ section 3224.

Sec. D-11. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 3 is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 3**

**CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

**§3221. Community Resilience Partnership Program**

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "community" means a municipal government, tribal government, plantation, township or unorganized territory.

**2. Program established; administration.** The Community Resilience Partnership Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the office to provide direction, assistance and grants to communities in the State to help the communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The office shall administer the program to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the State's emissions reduction targets under Title 38, section 576-A and the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577.

**3. Grants.** The office shall make grants from money appropriated to the program by the Legislature and any funds received by the office for the purposes of the program, including federal funding or private funds.

A. The program may solicit applications for grants and make grant awards through a competitive process to eligible communities and to service provider organizations as determined by the office.

B. The office may establish eligibility requirements and other criteria to consider in awarding grants, as long as the criteria support the goals to help communities reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy and become more resilient to the effects of climate change.

**4. Other technical assistance.** The office may provide other technical assistance and knowledge sharing that may include, but is not limited to, assisting communities with information about available grant opportunities, sharing best practices from jurisdictions inside and outside the State, providing model language for local ordinances and policies and providing information to the general public that may support local and statewide policy changes meant to reduce emissions, encourage the transition to clean energy and increase resiliency to the effects of climate change.

**§3222. Coastal zone management program**

**1. Implement and manage coastal zone management program.** The office, under direction of the director, shall manage and coordinate implementation and ongoing development and improvement of a state coastal zone management program in accordance with and in furtherance of the requirements of the federal

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 United States Code, Sections 1451 to 1466 (2012) and the State's coastal management policies established in Title 38, section 1801. The office may:

A. Implement aspects of the state coastal zone management program and be the lead state agency for purposes of federal consistency review under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 United States Code, Section 1456 (2012);

B. Receive and administer funds from public or private sources for implementation of the state coastal zone management program; and

C. Act as the coordinating agency among the several officers, authorities, boards, commissions, departments and political subdivisions of the State on matters relative to management of coastal resources and related human uses in the coastal area.

**§3223. Floodplain management**

The floodplain management program is established within the office. The office shall serve as the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60 and in that capacity shall oversee delivery of technical assistance and resources to municipalities for the purpose of floodplain management activities and shall administer the State Floodplain Mapping Fund under section 3224.

**§3224. State Floodplain Mapping Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The State Floodplain Mapping Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund administered by the office for the purpose of providing funds for the mapping of floodplains in the State using light detection and ranging technology.

**2. Sources of funding.** The fund consists of any money received from the following sources:

A. Contributions from private sources;

B. Federal funds and awards;

C. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes for which the fund is established; and

D. Any other funds received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

**3. Disbursements from the fund.** The office shall apply the money in the fund toward the support of floodplain mapping in the State, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of light detection and ranging elevation data and the processing and production of floodplain maps.

Sec. D-12. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 4 is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 4**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE****§3231. Technical and financial assistance program established; purpose, administration**

The technical and financial assistance program for municipalities, regional councils and multimunicipal regions, referred to in this subchapter as "the program," is established to encourage and facilitate the adoption and implementation of local, regional and statewide growth management programs. Under the provisions of the program, a municipality or multimunicipal region may request financial or technical assistance from the office for the purpose of planning and implementing a growth management program. A municipality or multimunicipal region that requests and receives a financial assistance grant shall develop and implement its growth management program in cooperation with the office and in a manner consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter and in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2.

To accomplish the purposes of this subchapter, the office shall develop and administer the program. The program must include direct financial assistance for planning and implementation of growth management programs, standards governing the review of growth management programs by the office, technical assistance to municipalities or multimunicipal regions and a voluntary certification program for growth management programs.

**§3232. Technical and financial assistance**

The office may enter into financial assistance grants under the program only to the extent that funds are available. In making grants, the office shall consider the need for planning in a municipality or multimunicipal region, the proximity of the municipality or multimunicipal region to other areas that are conducting or have completed the planning process and the economic and geographic role of the municipality or multimunicipal region within a regional context. The office shall give priority in making grants to any municipality or multimunicipal region that has adopted a local climate action plan and, if the municipality or multimunicipal region has adopted a comprehensive plan or growth management program, prepared a climate vulnerability assessment pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4326, subsection 1, paragraph L. The office may consider other criteria in making grants, as long as the criteria support the goal of encouraging and facilitating the adoption and implementation of local and multimunicipal growth management programs consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

**1. Financial assistance grants.** A contract for a financial assistance grant must:

A. Provide for the payment of a specific amount for the purposes of planning and preparing a comprehensive plan;

B. Provide for the payment of a specific amount for the purposes of implementing a comprehensive plan; and

C. Include specific timetables governing the preparation and submission of products by the municipality or multimunicipal region.

The office may not require a municipality or multimunicipal region to provide matching funds in excess of 25% of the value of that municipality's or multimunicipal region's financial assistance contract for its first planning assistance grant and implementation assistance grant. The office may require a higher match for other grants, including, but not limited to, grants for the purpose of updating comprehensive plans. This match limitation does not apply to distribution of federal funds that the office may administer.

**2. Use of funds.** A municipality or multimunicipal region may expend financial assistance grants for:

A. The conduct of surveys, inventories and other data-gathering activities;

B. The hiring of planning and other technical staff;

C. The retention of planning consultants;

D. Contracts with regional councils for planning and related services;

E. Assistance in the development of ordinances;

F. Retention of technical and legal expertise;

G. The updating of growth management programs or components of a program;

H. Evaluation of growth management programs; and

I. Any other purpose agreed to by the office and the municipality or multimunicipal region that is directly related to the preparation of a comprehensive plan or the implementation of a comprehensive plan adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

**3. Program evaluation.** Any recipient of a financial assistance grant shall cooperate with the office in performing program evaluations required under Title 30-A, section 4331.

**4. Encumbered balances at year-end.** Notwithstanding Title 5, section 1589, at the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered balances accounts for financial assistance and regional planning grants may be carried forward for 2 years beyond the year in which those balances are encumbered.

**5. Technical assistance.** Using its own staff, the staff of other state agencies, contractors and the resources of the regional councils, the office shall provide technical assistance to municipalities or multimunicipal regions in the development, administration and enforcement of growth management programs. The technical

assistance component of the program must include a set of model land use ordinances or other implementation strategies developed by the office that are consistent with this subchapter.

**6. Regional council assistance.** As part of the program, the office may develop and administer an initiative to develop regional education and training programs, regional policies to address state goals and regional assessments. Regional assessments may include, but are not limited to, public infrastructure, inventories of agricultural and commercial forest lands, housing needs, recreation and open space needs and projections of regional growth and economic development. The initiative may include guidelines to ensure methodological consistency among the State's regional councils. To implement this initiative, the office may contract with regional councils to assist the office in reviewing growth management programs, to develop necessary planning information at a regional level or to provide support for local planning efforts.

**7. Coordination.** State agencies with regulatory or other authority affecting the goals established in this subchapter shall conduct their respective activities in a manner consistent with the goals established under this subchapter, including, but not limited to, coordinating with municipalities, regional councils and other state agencies in meeting the state goals; providing available information to regions and municipalities as described in Title 30-A, section 4326, subsection 1; cooperating with efforts to integrate and provide access to geographic information system data; making state investments and awarding grant money as described in section 3234; and conducting reviews of growth management programs as provided in section 3233, subsection 3, paragraph A. Without limiting the application of this section to other state agencies, the following agencies shall comply with this subchapter:

- A. Department of Economic and Community Development;
- B. Department of Environmental Protection;
- C. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
- D. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- E. Department of Marine Resources;
- F. Department of Transportation;
- G. Department of Health and Human Services;
- H. Finance Authority of Maine; and
- I. Maine State Housing Authority.

**§3233. Municipal planning assistance program; review of programs**

**1. Comprehensive plans.** A municipality or multimunicipal region that chooses to prepare a growth

management program and receives a planning grant under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall submit its comprehensive plan to the office for review. A municipality or multimunicipal region that chooses to prepare a growth management program without receiving a planning grant under this subchapter may submit its comprehensive plan to the office for review. The office shall review plans for consistency with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2. A contract for a planning assistance grant must include specific timetables governing the review of the comprehensive plan by the office. A comprehensive plan submitted for review more than 12 months following a contract end date may be required to contain data, projections and other time-sensitive portions of the plan or program that are in compliance with the office's most current review standards.

**2. Growth management programs.** A municipality or multimunicipal region may at any time request a certificate of consistency for its growth management program.

A. Upon a request for review under this section, the office shall review the program and determine whether the program is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2.

B. Certification by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the office of a municipality's or multimunicipal region's growth management program under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 is valid for 10 years. To maintain certification, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall periodically review its growth management program and submit to the office in a timely manner any revisions necessary to account for changes, including changes caused by growth and development. Certification does not lapse in any year in which the Legislature does not appropriate funds to the office for the purposes of reviewing programs for recertification.

C. Upon a request for review under this section, the office may review rate of growth, impact fee and zoning ordinances to determine whether the ordinances are consistent with a comprehensive plan that has been found consistent under this section without requiring submission of all elements of a growth management program. An affirmative finding of consistency by the office is required for a municipality or multimunicipal region to assert jurisdiction as provided in section 3234.

**3. Review of growth management program.** In reviewing a growth management program, the office shall:

A. Solicit written comments on any proposed growth management program from regional councils, state agencies, all municipalities contiguous to

the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a growth management program and any interested residents of the municipality or multimunicipal region or of contiguous municipalities. The comment period extends for 45 days after the office receives the growth management program.

(1) Each state agency reviewing the proposal shall designate a person or persons responsible for coordinating the agency's review of the growth management program.

(2) Any regional council commenting on a growth management program shall determine whether the program is compatible with the programs of other municipalities that may be affected by the program and with regional policies or needs identified by the regional council;

B. Prepare all written comments from all sources in a form to be forwarded to the municipality or multimunicipal region;

C. Within 90 days after receiving the growth management program, send all written comments on the growth management program to the municipality or multimunicipal region and any applicable regional council. If warranted, the office shall issue findings specifically describing how the submitted growth management program is not consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 and the recommended measures for remedying the deficiencies.

(1) In its findings, the office shall clearly indicate its position on any point on which there are significant conflicts among the written comments submitted to the office.

(2) If the office finds that the growth management program was adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2, the office shall issue a certificate of consistency for the growth management program.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph D, if a municipality or multimunicipal region requests a certificate of consistency for its growth management program, any unmodified component of that program that has previously been reviewed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and has received a finding of consistency must retain that finding during program certification review by the office as long as the finding of consistency is current as defined in rules adopted by the office;

D. Provide ample opportunity for the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a growth management program to respond to and correct any identified deficiencies in the program. A finding of inconsistency for a growth management program may be addressed within 24 months of the date of the finding without addressing any new review standards that are created during that time interval. After 24 months, the program must be resubmitted in its entirety for state review under the office's most current review standards; and

E. Provide an expedited review and certification procedure for those submissions that represent minor amendments to certified growth management programs.

The office's decision on consistency of a growth management program constitutes final agency action.

**4. Review of comprehensive plan.** In reviewing a comprehensive plan, the office shall:

A. Solicit written comments on any proposed comprehensive plan from regional councils, state agencies, all municipalities contiguous to the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan and any interested residents of the municipality or multimunicipal region or of contiguous municipalities. The comment period extends for 25 business days after the office receives the comprehensive plan. Each state agency reviewing the proposal shall designate a person or persons responsible for coordinating the agency's review of the comprehensive plan;

B. Prepare all written comments from all sources in a form to be forwarded to the municipality or multimunicipal region;

C. Within 35 business days after receiving the comprehensive plan, notify the municipality or multimunicipal region if the plan is complete for purposes of review. If the office notifies the municipality or multimunicipal region that the plan is not complete for purposes of review, the office shall indicate in its notice necessary additional data or information;

D. Within 10 business days of issuing notification that a comprehensive plan is complete for purposes of review, issue findings specifically describing whether the submitted plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 and identify which inconsistencies in the plan, if any, may directly affect rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinances.

(1) In its findings, the office shall clearly indicate its position on any point on which there are significant conflicts among the written comments submitted to the office.

(2) If the office finds that the comprehensive plan was developed in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2, the office shall issue a finding of consistency for the comprehensive plan.

(3) A finding of inconsistency must identify the goals under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 not adequately addressed, specific sections of the rules relating to comprehensive plan review adopted by the office not adequately addressed and recommendations for resolving the inconsistency;

E. Send all written findings and comments on the comprehensive plan to the municipality or multimunicipal region and any applicable regional council; and

F. Provide ample opportunity for the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan to respond to and correct any identified deficiencies in the plan. A finding of inconsistency for a comprehensive plan may be addressed within 24 months of the date of the finding without addressing any new review standards that are created during that time interval. After 24 months, the plan must be resubmitted in its entirety for state review under the office's most current review standards.

If the office finds that a plan is not consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2, the municipality or multimunicipal region that submitted the plan may appeal that finding to the office within 20 business days of receipt of the finding in accordance with rules adopted by the office, which are routine technical rules pursuant to chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

The office's decision on consistency of a comprehensive plan constitutes final agency action.

A finding by the office pursuant to paragraph D that a comprehensive plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 is valid for 12 years from the date of its issuance. For purposes of Title 30-A, section 4314, subsection 3 and Title 30-A, section 4352, subsection 2, expiration of a finding of consistency pursuant to this subsection does not itself make a comprehensive plan inconsistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2.

**5. Updates and amendments.** A municipality or multimunicipal region may submit proposed amendments to a comprehensive plan or growth management program to the office for review in the same manner as provided for the review of new plans and programs. Subsequent to voluntary certification under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2, the municipality or multimunicipal region shall file a copy of an amendment to a growth management program with the office within 30

days after adopting the amendment and at least 60 days prior to applying for any state grant program that offers a preference for consistency or certification.

**6. Regional councils.** Subject to the availability of funding and pursuant to the conditions of a contract, each regional council shall review and submit written comments on the comprehensive plan or growth management program of any municipality or multimunicipal region within its planning region. The comments must be submitted to the office and contain an analysis of:

A. Whether the comprehensive plan or growth management program is compatible with identified regional policies and needs; and

B. Whether the comprehensive plan or growth management program is compatible with plans or programs of municipalities or multimunicipal regions that may be affected by the proposal.

**§3234. Municipal planning assistance program; state capital investments**

**1. Growth-related capital investments.** The State may make growth-related capital investments only in:

A. A locally designated growth area, as identified in a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to and consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 or as identified in a growth management program certified under section 3233.

B. In the absence of a consistent comprehensive plan, an area served by a public sewer system that has the capacity for the growth-related project, an area identified in the latest Federal Decennial Census as a census-designated place or a compact area of an urban compact municipality as defined by Title 23, section 754; or

C. Areas other than those described in paragraph A or B for the following projects:

(1) A project related to a commercial or industrial activity that, due to its operational or physical characteristics, typically is located away from other development, such as an activity that relies on a particular natural resource for its operation;

(2) An airport, port or railroad or industry that must be proximate to an airport, a port or a railroad line or terminal;

(3) A pollution control facility;

(4) A project that maintains, expands or promotes a tourist or cultural facility that is required to be proximate to a specific historic, natural or cultural resource or a building or improvement that is related to and required to be

proximate to land acquired for a park, conservation, open space or public access or to an agricultural, conservation or historic easement;

(5) A project located in a municipality that has none of the geographic areas described in paragraph A or B and that prior to January 1, 2000 formally requested but had not received from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry funds to assist with the preparation of a comprehensive plan or that received funds from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assist with the preparation of a comprehensive plan within the previous 2 years. This exception expires for a municipality 2 years after such funds are received; or

(6) A housing project serving the following: individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, brain injuries, substance use disorder or a human immunodeficiency virus; homeless individuals; victims of domestic violence; foster children; children or adults in the custody of the State; or individuals with a household income of no more than 80% of the area median income if the project has 18 or fewer units and receives funding through a program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. A nursing home is not considered a housing project under this paragraph.

**2. State facilities.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall develop site selection criteria for state office buildings, state courts, hospitals and other quasi-public facilities and other civic buildings that serve public clients and customers, whether owned or leased by the State, that give preference to the priority locations identified in this subsection while ensuring safe, healthy, appropriate work space for employees and clients and accounting for agency requirements. On-site parking may only be required if it is necessary to meet critical program needs and to ensure reasonable access for agency clients and persons with disabilities. Employee parking that is within reasonable walking distance may be located off site. If there is a change in employee parking from on-site parking to off-site parking, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must consult with the duly authorized bargaining agent or agents of the employees. Preference must be given to priority locations in the following order: service center downtowns, service center growth areas and downtowns and growth areas in other than service center communities. If no suitable priority location exists or if the priority location would impose an undue financial hardship on the occupant or is not within a reasonable distance of the clients and customers served, the facility must be located in accordance with subsection 1. The following state facilities are exempt from this subsection: a lease

of less than 500 square feet; and a lease with a tenure of less than one year, including renewals.

**3. State's role in implementation of growth management programs.** All state agencies, as partners in local and regional growth management efforts, shall contribute to the successful implementation of comprehensive plans and growth management programs adopted under this subchapter by making investments, delivering programs and awarding grants in a manner that reinforces the policies and strategies within the plans or programs. Assistance must be provided within the confines of agency policies, available resources and considerations related to overriding state interest.

**4. Preference for other state grants and investments.** Preference for other state grants and investments is governed by this subsection.

A. When awarding a grant or making a discretionary investment under any of the programs under paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2) or when undertaking its own capital investment programs other than for projects identified in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 5-B, a state agency shall respect the primary purpose of its grant or investment program and, to the extent feasible, give preference:

(1) First, to a municipality that has received a certificate of consistency for its growth management program under section 3233;

(2) Second, to a municipality that has adopted a comprehensive plan that the former State Planning Office, the municipal planning assistance unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the office has determined is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 and has adopted zoning ordinances that the former State Planning Office, the municipal planning assistance unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the office has determined are consistent with the comprehensive plan; and

(3) Third, to a municipality that has adopted a comprehensive plan that the former State Planning Office, the municipal planning assistance unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the office has determined is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines in Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2.

If a municipality has submitted a comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance or growth management program to the former State Planning Office, the municipal planning assistance unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or

the office for review, the time for response as established in section 3233 has expired and comments or findings have not been provided to the municipality, a state agency when awarding a grant or making a discretionary investment under this subsection may not give preference over the municipality to another municipality.

B. This subsection applies to:

(1) Programs that assist in the acquisition of land for conservation, natural resource protection, open space or recreational facilities under chapter 353; and

(2) Programs intended to:

(a) Accommodate or encourage additional growth and development;

(b) Improve, expand or construct public facilities; or

(c) Acquire land for conservation or management of specific economic and natural resource concerns.

C. This subsection does not apply to state grants or other assistance for sewage treatment facilities, public health programs or education.

D. The office shall work with state agencies to prepare mechanisms for establishing preferences in specific investment and grant programs as described in paragraph B.

**5. Application.** Subsections 1 and 2 apply to a state capital investment for which an application is accepted as complete by the state agency funding the project after January 1, 2001 or which is initiated with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services by a state agency after January 1, 2001.

### **§3235. Development Ready Advisory Committee**

The Development Ready Advisory Committee, referred to in this section as "the committee," is established pursuant to section 12004-I, subsection 6-J to develop and maintain best practices for municipalities in infrastructure, land use, housing, economic development, conservation and historic preservation policy. The committee shall provide coordination and subject matter expertise to municipalities to advance the likelihood of success across the community development life cycle.

**1. Membership.** The members of the committee are as follows:

A. The director;

B. The executive director of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority under Title 30-A, chapter 204, or the executive director's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee;

E. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

F. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, or the commissioner's designee;

G. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, or the director's designee;

H. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, or the director's designee;

I. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or the commissioner's designee; and

J. The following members, selected by and serving at the pleasure of the director:

(1) Three representatives of municipalities in this State;

(2) Five representatives from the regional councils selected for geographic diversity and subject matter expertise;

(3) A representative of an organization that develops or funds affordable housing projects;

(4) A representative of a local or statewide organization promoting civil rights that has racial justice or racial equity as its primary mission;

(5) A representative of an organization that advocates for conservation of the natural resources of this State; and

(6) A representative of a regional or statewide economic development organization.

**2. Duties.** The committee shall develop best practices for community development intended to support the following goals:

A. Assisting communities in preparing for sustainable growth and in a way that maximizes financial return for state and local economies, improving quality of life for local residents, addressing housing needs for households of all income levels and advancing environmental protection and transportation goals and specific locally identified priority needs;

B. Providing technical assistance and coordination to communities to facilitate the adoption of best practices for growth across the following sectors:

(1) Transportation and infrastructure;

(2) Housing creation and preservation;

(3) Economic development;

- (4) Conservation; and
- (5) Historic preservation.

C. Assisting communities in designating priority investment areas in consultation with regional planning organizations, including but not limited to village centers, downtowns and adjacent neighborhoods, rural crossroads, high-impact corridors, working waterfronts and rural farmsteads;

D. Ensuring that development efforts are achievable by communities and based on the appropriateness of the location for development and the overall merit of the development project and the community's commitment to the development project based on the community's stated goals; and

E. Providing resources and education for municipalities to improve capacity to access funding sources for community development project implementation.

3. Chair and officers. The director shall serve as chair of the committee. The members of the committee shall annually elect one of its members as vice-chair and one of its members as secretary to set the agenda and schedule meetings. The committee may elect other officers, create subcommittees and designate their duties.

4. Voting rights. Each member of the committee has a vote.

5. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least twice a year.

6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum.

7. Staff support. The office shall provide staff support to the committee to carry out the purposes of this section.

**Sec. D-13. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 5** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 5  
HOUSING PLANNING**

**§3241. Housing Opportunity Program**

1. Program established; administration. The Housing Opportunity Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, established in section 3202 and referred to in this section as "the office." The program must encourage and support the development of additional housing units in the State, including housing units that are affordable for low-income and moderate-income individuals and housing units targeted to community workforce housing needs. The office shall administer the program and provide technical and financial assistance to support communities implementing zoning and land use-related policies necessary

to support increased housing development. The program must support regional approaches and municipal model ordinance development and encourage policies that support increased housing density, where feasible, to protect working lands and natural lands.

2. Housing Opportunity Fund. The Housing Opportunity Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a fund within the office for the purpose of providing funds for the program. The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature and any funds received by the office for the purposes of the program.

A. The office shall solicit applications for grants from the fund through a competitive application process. Grants may be awarded to experienced service providers and municipalities to:

(1) Support municipal ordinance development, provide technical assistance and encourage public participation and community engagement in the process of increasing housing opportunities;

(2) Provide community housing planning services to municipalities to support the creation of housing development plans, including municipal ordinances, and policy amendments to support those plans; and

(3) Provide community housing implementation services.

Programs receiving grants under subparagraph (1) may encourage regional coordination between municipalities.

Grants awarded must be for a period of up to 3 years, with required progress reports each year.

B. The office shall provide technical assistance, housing policy development and guidance directly to regional groups, municipalities and other housing stakeholders, to the extent feasible with available resources. This may include, but is not limited to, assisting municipalities with information about available grant opportunities, sharing best practices from jurisdictions inside and outside of the State, providing model language for municipal ordinances and policies and providing information to the general public, which may support local and statewide policy changes meant to increase the supply of housing.

3. Program evaluation. A recipient of grant funds through the program shall cooperate with the office in performing evaluations and specific reporting requirements.

4. Rulemaking. The office may establish by rule the criteria for eligibility for grants from the program and the process for applying to the program. Rules

adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. D-14. 5 MRSA c. 310-B, sub-c. 6** is enacted to read:

### **SUBCHAPTER 6**

#### **MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

##### **§3251. Commission established**

There is established the Maine Commission for Community Service, referred to in this subchapter as "the commission," to foster the State's ethic of community service; encourage community service and volunteerism as a means of meeting critical human, environmental, educational and public safety needs throughout the State; address climate challenges through community service and volunteerism; serve as the State's liaison regarding national and community service and volunteer activities; foster collaboration among service agencies; and receive gifts and grants, implement statewide service programs and make subgrants to state and local entities in accordance with the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, 42 United States Code, Sections 12501 to 12682 (1994).

##### **§3252. Membership; terms**

**1. Membership; qualifications.** The commission consists of no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 voting members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The commission must include the following:

- A. A representative of a community-based agency or organization;
- B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- C. A representative of local government;
- D. A representative of a local labor organization;
- E. A representative of business;
- F. An individual who is at least 16 years of age but no more than 25 years of age and who is a participant in or supervisor of a service program for youth or a campus-based or national service program;
- G. A representative of a national service program;
- H. An individual with expertise in the education, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
- I. An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of adults 55 years of age or older in national service and volunteerism; and
- J. A representative of the State's volunteer community.

A member may fulfill the representation requirement for more than one category in this subsection.

The appointments may also include educators, including representatives from institutions of higher education and local education agencies; experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental or public safety services to communities and persons; representatives of Native American tribes and nations; out-of-school or at-risk youth; and representatives of programs that are administered or receive assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951, et seq. (1973). The commission also must include a nonvoting liaison designated by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. The appointments must reflect diversity with respect to geography, race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability characteristics and political affiliation. Not more than 50% plus one member may be from the same political party. The number of voting members who are officers or employees of the State may not exceed 25% of the total membership.

The chair must be an appointed voting member of the commission, selected by the voting members. Members may not vote on issues affecting organizations they have served in a staff or volunteer capacity at any time during the preceding 12 months.

**2. Terms of office.** The appointed members serve 3-year staggered terms. Terms expire on September 1st. The Governor shall appoint members to vacancies on the commission as they occur or upon expiration of terms. Any vacancy must be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

**3. Reimbursement.** Members are entitled to compensation for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the commission in the same manner as state employees.

##### **§3253. Duties**

The commission shall:

**1. Vision.** Develop a state vision statement for national, state and community service;

**2. Ethic of service.** Demonstrate an ethic of service through its activities, policies and procedures and annually evaluate how effectively these are fostering the state vision and service ethic;

**3. National and community service plan.** Develop a 3-year comprehensive national and community service plan and update the plan annually. The commission shall ensure an open and inclusive process for maximum participation in development of the plan and determination of state priorities;

**4. Preselect programs and prepare applications.** Preselect national service programs as defined in the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, 42 United States Code, Section 12501, et seq. and prepare

a grant application to the Corporation for National and Community Service;

**5. Assist state education agencies.** Assist the Department of Education and institutions of higher education in the preparation of applications for national and community service grants;

**6. Administer grant programs.** Evaluate, monitor and administer grant programs;

**7. Provide technical assistance.** Serve as a clearinghouse for information on national and community service and provide technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations and other entities in planning, applying for funds and implementing national service programs;

**8. Provide program development assistance and training.** Provide program development assistance and training to national service programs in the State;

**9. Recruitment and placement.** Serve as a clearinghouse for people interested in national and community service placements and agencies recruiting volunteers;

**10. State priorities.** Make recommendations to the Corporation for National and Community Service with respect to priorities within the State for programs receiving assistance under the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42 United States Code, Section 4951, et seq. (1973);

**11. Coordination.** Coordinate and foster collaboration among state agencies, colleges, universities, municipalities, federal agencies and volunteer service programs, including, but not limited to, coordination of and collaboration regarding the activities of the Maine Climate Corps Program established pursuant to section 3257 and related national and other climate-related service programs;

**12. Advisory committees.** Establish advisory committees as needed, with membership not limited to commission members;

**13. Fundraising.** Carry out fundraising efforts to supplement federal funding and to meet all federal matching requirements;

**14. Maine Service Fellows Program.** Develop and administer the Maine Service Fellows Program under section 3256; and

**15. Annual report.** Submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 31st of each year.

#### **§3254. Staff and administrative services**

The office shall provide staff and administrative services as follows.

**1. Executive director.** The director, in consultation with the commission, shall hire an executive director as a member of the office staff. The executive director oversees day-to-day operations of the commission, hires staff members with the approval of the commission and the director and carries out other responsibilities as directed by the commission.

**2. Administrative services.** The director shall provide the executive director and the commission with continuing administrative support as appropriate. The office may establish a dedicated account on behalf of the commission to receive funds contributed by private and public agencies for use solely for commission purposes.

#### **§3255. Private support organization**

**1. Designation of private support organization.** The executive director of the commission, with the consent of the voting members of the commission, shall designate a nonprofit corporation as the private support organization for the commission. The nonprofit corporation must be incorporated under the laws of this State and for purposes that are consistent with the goals, objectives, programs, responsibilities and functions of the commission.

The commission's private support organization must be organized and operated exclusively to receive, hold, invest and administer property and funds and to make expenditures to and for the benefit of the commission.

**2. Board of directors.** A member of the private support organization's board of directors may not also be a member of the commission. The executive director of the commission, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the private support organization's board of directors.

**3. Scope of work.** The private support organization shall operate under a memorandum of understanding negotiated annually by the commission that outlines a plan of work consistent with the purposes and goals of the commission and shall submit an annual budget for review and approval by the commission by June 1st.

The memorandum of understanding must further stipulate the reversion to the commission, or to the State if the commission ceases to exist, of money and property held in trust by the private support organization if the private support organization is no longer designated by the commission pursuant to subsection 1.

**4. Use of property.** The commission may authorize the private support organization to use the commission's facilities, equipment and other property, except money, in keeping with the purposes of the private support organization.

#### **§3256. Maine Service Fellows Program**

The Maine Service Fellows Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the

commission. Individuals who participate in the program are referred to in this section as "program fellows." The commission shall administer the program in accordance with this section.

**1. Program purposes.** The commission shall establish the program to:

A. Increase the opportunities for individuals to devote a year of service to communities in the State;

B. Attract to and retain in the State motivated adults who have completed a college degree within the prior 5 years to serve in positions where they can apply skills and abilities to projects for the benefit of citizens of the State;

C. Provide rural and underserved communities in the State a resource to address critical health and human, public safety, education and environmental needs; and

D. Strengthen civic engagement of both the program fellows and community residents through solutions based in whole or in part in volunteer service.

**2. Program design.** The program must be designed to coordinate with appropriate organizations in the served communities. Program fellows must be required to commit up to 20% of their time in the program to developing regional networks of volunteer programs whose common goals can result in mutual benefits. An entity may submit a proposal to sponsor a program fellow based on guidelines established under this subsection. Services provided by a program fellow may include but are not limited to services to address home evictions, to support workforce development, to mitigate and prevent substance use disorder and to promote mental health. The commission may identify other priority needs of communities to be addressed by the program and may make those services available to eligible communities. The commission shall establish guidelines for the program that include but are not limited to:

A. Limiting the eligibility of entities that may sponsor program fellows to local or county government, school districts, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations and similar entities;

B. Establishing standards for local sponsors regarding supervision and support of program fellows during their service;

C. Ensuring that projects and project proposals are well-designed and measure their impact and do not include partisan or political activity;

D. Ensuring that program fellows are not used to replace positions eliminated or position hours reduced as a result of budget cuts by the sponsor;

E. Requiring criminal background checks or other safeguards if projects involve working with vulnerable populations such as schoolchildren or if otherwise required to receive federal funds;

F. Focusing the program on rural communities as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service's rural-urban continuum codes, except that the commission shall use criteria other than the codes for defining rural communities in Penobscot County;

G. Authorizing private sector and local partner contributions to program operations for travel reimbursements or training costs; and

H. Any other guideline that the commission believes will benefit the program.

**3. Compensation.** To the extent funds are available, the commission shall ensure that program fellows receive the following compensation for service:

A. A stipend set by the commission to achieve an annual income of up to 212% of the nonfarm income official federal poverty level. To the extent the stipend is paid from the General Fund or any other account of the commission, personal liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance, paid for from the same source of funds, must also be provided. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, program fellows are not employees of the State for the purposes of Title 5, Part 20;

B. A program completion bonus that includes, to the extent established by the commission by rule, an educational loan payment in an amount up to 20% of the stipend value paid on behalf of the program fellow to the holder of the loan; and

C. An allowance to pay for individual health insurance not to exceed 2% of the stipend amount.

**4. Funding.** The commission may seek and receive both private and federal funds, grants and gifts in support of the program. The commission may accept funding from other state agencies to support program fellows whose work will support and promote goals of programs administered by those agencies.

**5. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### **§3257. Maine Climate Corps Program**

The Maine Climate Corps Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the commission to provide grants, technical assistance and training to community service corps programs with the mission of responding to the impacts of climate change. Eligible community service corps programs under the program must be designed to:

**1. Direct service projects.** Conduct evidence-based direct service projects developed through community collaboration, including collaboration with indigenous communities, that address principles of equity, justice and accessibility;

**2. Climate impacts.** Address through measurable performance one or more of the following areas: transportation, energy, housing, the State’s coastal zone as defined under the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s coastal zone management program, public health, land and fresh water preservation, community resilience and climate-related education;

**3. Disproportionately affected communities; representation.** Prioritize assistance to disproportionately affected communities and ensure that individuals in service positions represent the economic and demographic diversity of communities, including persons who are historically marginalized; and

**4. Additional standards.** Meet additional program standards, including, but not limited to, requirements to:

- A. Enroll individuals for set terms in service positions;
- B. Provide individuals in full-time service positions with stipends, health insurance, liability insurance and accidental death or dismemberment insurance;
- C. Provide individuals in service positions with training, education and service experiences that further employability or career preparation; and
- D. Meet any other standards set by the commission or nationally for similar programs.

**Sec. D-15. 5 MRSA Pt. 17-B,** as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. D-16. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-J,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §2, is amended to read:

**6-J.**

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**Sec. D-17. 5 MRSA §13056-E, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 414, Pt. G, §2 and affected by §5, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) A municipality is eligible to receive a grant if that municipality has adopted a growth management program certified under ~~Title 30-A~~, section ~~4347-A~~ 3233 that includes a capital improvement program composed of:
  - (a) An assessment of all public facilities and services, including, but not limited to, roads and other transportation facilities,

sewers, schools, parks and open space, fire departments and police departments;

(b) An annually reviewed 5-year plan for the replacement and expansion of existing public facilities or the construction of such new facilities as are required to meet expected growth and economic development. The plan must include projections of when and where those facilities will be required; and

(c) An assessment of the anticipated costs for replacement, expansion or construction of public facilities, an identification of revenue sources available to meet these costs and recommendations for meeting costs required to implement the plan.

**Sec. D-18. 5 MRSA §13056-J,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. U, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. D-19. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 633, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Establishment.** The Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A and located within the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs, is established to adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, to resolve conflicts between the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and the fire and life safety codes in Title 25, sections 2452 and 2465 and to provide for training for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors.

**Sec. D-20. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, is amended to read:

**3. Ex officio member; chair.** The ~~Commissioner of Public Safety~~ Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, or the ~~commissioner's~~ director's designee, serves as an ex officio member and as the chair of the board. The chair is a nonvoting member, except in the case of a tie of the board. The chair is responsible for ensuring that the board maintains the purpose of its charge when executing its assigned duties, that any adoption and amendment requirements for the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code are met and that training and technical assistance is provided to municipal building officials.

**Sec. D-21. 10 MRSA §9723, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Training program standards; implementation.** The committee shall direct the training coordinator of the Division of Building Codes and Standards, established in Title 25, section 2372, to develop a training

program for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs, pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, shall implement the training and certification program established under this chapter.

**Sec. D-22. 12 MRSA §408**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. HH, §1 and affected by §7 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5 and PL 2025, c. 33, Pt. C, §4 and affected by §10, is repealed.

**Sec. D-23. 12 MRSA §409**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. HH, §2 and affected by §7 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5 and PL 2025, c. 33, Pt. C, §5 and affected by §10, is repealed.

**Sec. D-24. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§4, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §3, is further amended to read:

D. Establishing a marine research revolving fund for soliciting and receiving funds for conducting marine research. A marine research fund established under this paragraph may be used only for research purposes set forth under paragraphs A and B and may not be used for research specific to any one company; and

**Sec. D-25. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §4, is further amended to read:

**5. Safety and security services.** Provide safety and security services in the coastal waters of the State. The department shall coordinate with other local, state and federal agencies when the department provides such safety and security services; and

**Sec. D-26. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. QQ, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. D-27. 25 MRSA §2371, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

**5-B. Director.** "Director" means the Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Title 5, chapter 310-B.

**Sec. D-28. 25 MRSA §2371, sub-§5-C** is enacted to read:

**5-C. Office.** "Office" means the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Title 5, chapter 310-B.

**Sec. D-29. 25 MRSA §2372**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §2, is further amended to read:

**§2372. Division of Building Codes and Standards**

**1. Established.** The Division of Building Codes and Standards is established within the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ office to provide administrative support and technical assistance

to the board in executing its duties pursuant to Title 10, section 9722, subsection 6.

**2. Staff.** The ~~commissioner~~ director may appoint and may remove for cause staff of the division, including:

A. A technical codes coordinator certified in building standards pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 2-A, paragraph E, who serves as the division director and principal administrative and supervisory employee of the board. The technical codes coordinator shall attend meetings of the board, keep records of the proceedings of the board and direct and supervise the personnel employed to carry out the duties of the board, including but not limited to providing technical support and public outreach for the adoption of the code, amendments, conflict resolutions and interpretations. Technical support and public outreach must include, but may not be limited to:

- (1) Providing nonbinding interpretation of the code for professionals and the general public; and
- (2) Establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible website to publish general technical assistance, code updates and interpretations and post-training course schedules; and

B. An office specialist to provide administrative support to the division and the board.

**Sec. D-30. 25 MRSA §2374**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §3, is further amended to read:

**§2374. Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund**

The Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the ~~Department of Public Safety~~ office to fund the activities of the division under this chapter and the activities of the board under Title 10, chapter 1103 and Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A. Revenue for this fund is provided by the surcharge established by section 2450-A. The ~~Department of Public Safety~~ office shall determine an amount to be transferred annually from the fund for training and certification under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A to the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-B. Any balance of the fund may not lapse, but must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

**Sec. D-31. 25 MRSA §2450-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §13, is amended to read:

**§2450-A. Surcharge on plan review fee for Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund**

In addition to the fees established in section 2450, a surcharge of 4¢ per square foot of occupied space must be levied on the existing fee schedule for new construction, reconstruction, repairs, renovations or new use for the sole purpose of funding the activities of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board with respect to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, established pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103, the activities of the Division of Building Codes and Standards under chapter 314 and the activities of the ~~Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, except that the fee for review of a plan for the renovation of a public school, including the fee established under section 2450, may not exceed \$450. Revenue collected from this surcharge must be deposited into the Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund established by section 2374.

**Sec. D-32. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §79, is amended by amending subparagraph (31) to read:

(31) Service performed by participants enrolled in programs or projects under the Maine Climate Corps Program established pursuant to Title 5, section ~~7507~~ 3257 or under national service laws including the federal National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, 42 United States Code, Section 12501 et seq. and the federal Domestic Volunteer Service Act, as amended, 42 United States Code, Section 4950 et seq.;

**Sec. D-33. 30-A MRSA §4314, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §16 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

**3. Rate of growth, zoning and impact fee ordinances.** After January 1, 2003, any portion of a municipality's or multimunicipal region's rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinance must be consistent with a comprehensive plan adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter. The portion of a rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinance not directly related to an inconsistency identified by a court or during a comprehensive plan review by the department in accordance with Title 5, section 4347-A 3233, subsection ~~3-A 4~~ remains in effect. For purposes of this subsection, "zoning ordinance" does not include an ordinance that applies townwide that is a cluster development ordinance or a design ordinance prescribing the color, shape, height, landscaping, amount of open space or other comparable physical characteristics of development. The portion of a rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinance that is not consistent with a comprehensive plan is no longer in effect unless:

C. The ordinance or portion of the ordinance is exempted under subsection 2;

D. The municipality or multimunicipal region is under contract with the department to prepare a comprehensive plan or implementation program, in which case the ordinance or portion of the ordinance remains valid for up to 4 years after receipt of the first installment of its first planning assistance grant or for up to 2 years after receipt of the first installment of its first implementation assistance grant, whichever is earlier;

E. The ordinance or portion of the ordinance conflicts with a newly adopted comprehensive plan or plan amendment adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter, in which case the ordinance or portion of the ordinance remains in effect for a period of up to 24 months immediately following adoption of the comprehensive plan or plan amendment;

F. The municipality or multimunicipal region applied for and was denied financial assistance for its first planning assistance or implementation assistance grant under this subchapter due to lack of state funds on or before January 1, 2003. If the department subsequently offers the municipality or multimunicipal region its first planning assistance or implementation assistance grant, the municipality or multimunicipal region has up to one year to contract with the department to prepare a comprehensive plan or implementation program, in which case the municipality's or multimunicipal region's ordinances will be subject to paragraph D; or

G. The ordinance or portion of an ordinance is an adult entertainment establishment ordinance, as defined in section 4352, subsection 2, that has been adopted by a municipality that has not adopted a comprehensive plan.

**Sec. D-34. 30-A MRSA §4326, sub-§3-A, ¶A**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §109, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) A municipality or multimunicipal region exercising the discretion afforded by subparagraph (4) shall review the basis for its demonstration during the periodic revisions undertaken pursuant to Title 5, section 4347-A 3233;

**Sec. D-35. 30-A MRSA c. 187, sub-c. 2, art. 3-A**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. D-36. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

**2. Density requirements.** A municipality shall allow an affordable housing development where multi-family dwellings are allowed to have a dwelling unit density of at least 2 1/2 times the base density that is otherwise allowed in that location and may not require more than 2 off-street parking spaces for every 3 units. The development must be in a designated growth area

of a municipality consistent with Title 5, section 4349-A 3234, subsection 1, paragraph A or B or the development must be served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system. The development must comply with minimum lot size requirements in accordance with Title 12, chapter 423-A, as applicable.

**Sec. D-37. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 192, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Use allowed.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except as provided in Title 12, chapter 423-A, for any area in which residential uses are allowed, including as a conditional use, a municipality shall allow structures with up to 2 dwelling units per lot if that lot does not contain an existing dwelling unit, except that a municipality shall allow up to 4 dwelling units per lot if that lot does not contain an existing dwelling unit and the lot is located in a designated growth area within a municipality consistent with Title 5, section 4349-A 3234, subsection 1, paragraph A or B or if the lot is served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer system in a municipality without a comprehensive plan.

A municipality shall allow on a lot with one existing dwelling unit the addition of up to 2 dwelling units: one additional dwelling unit within or attached to an existing structure or one additional detached dwelling unit, or one of each.

A municipality may allow more units than the number required to be allowed by this subsection.

**Sec. D-38. 30-A MRSA §4451**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 517, §5, is further amended to read:

**§4451. Training and certification for code enforcement officers**

**1. Certification required; exceptions.** A municipality may not employ any individual to perform the duties of a code enforcement officer who is not certified by the former State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development or, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal or the Maine Office of Community Affairs, except that:

- A. An individual other than an individual appointed as a plumbing inspector has 12 months after beginning employment to be trained and certified as provided in this section;
- B. Whether or not any extension is available under paragraph A, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may waive this requirement for

up to one year if the certification requirements cannot be met without imposing a hardship on the municipality employing the individual;

C. An individual may be temporarily authorized in writing by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Engineering to be employed as a plumbing inspector for a period not to exceed 12 months; and

D. An individual whose certification has expired or is about to expire may be temporarily authorized in writing by the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs to extend that individual's certification for a period not to exceed 12 months in cases where the necessary training or examination is suspended under subsection 3-B, paragraph E.

**2. Penalty.** Any municipality that violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged. Each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

**2-A. Code enforcement officer; definition and duties.** As used in this subchapter, "code enforcement officer" means a person certified under this section and employed by a municipality to enforce all applicable laws and ordinances in the following areas:

- A. Shoreland zoning under Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 2-B;
- B. Comprehensive planning and land use under Part 2, Subpart 6-A;
- C. Internal plumbing under chapter 185, subchapter 3;
- D. Subsurface wastewater disposal under chapter 185, subchapter 3; and
- E. Building standards under chapter 141; chapter 185, subchapter 1; Title 5, sections 4582-B, 4582-C and 4594-F; Title 10, chapter 1103; and Title 25, chapter 313.

**3. Training and certification of code enforcement officers.** In cooperation with code enforcement officer professional associations, the Maine Community College System, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services, except as otherwise provided in paragraph H, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall establish a continuing education program for individuals engaged in code enforcement. This program must provide training in the technical and legal aspects of code enforcement necessary for certification. The training program must include training to provide familiarity with the laws and ordinances related to the structure and practice of the municipal code enforcement office, municipal planning board and appeals board procedures,

application review and permitting procedures, inspection procedures and enforcement techniques.

H. If funding is not available to support the training and certification program authorized under this subsection, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall discontinue training and certification activities related to laws and ordinances referenced in subsection 2-A, paragraphs A and B and shall adopt by routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A a program to register code enforcement officers that meet training and education qualifications. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall publish the list of persons registered for code enforcement who have submitted evidence of required qualifications. Persons registered under this paragraph must meet the requirements for training and certification under this subchapter. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of carrying out training and certification activities related to laws and ordinances referenced in subsection 2-A, paragraphs C and D. Within one month of discontinuation of training and certification under this paragraph, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters a recommendation for funding the training and certification program or for further changes in program requirements.

**3-A. Training and certification of inspectors in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.** In accordance with the training and certification requirements developed pursuant to Title 10, section 9723, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall provide the training necessary to certify municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors.

**3-B. Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund.** The Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund to support training and certification programs administered by the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs for code enforcement officers, local plumbing inspectors, municipal building officials and 3rd-party inspectors in accordance with this subchapter.

A. On July 1st of each year, the funds identified in section 4215, subsection 4 for training and certifying local plumbing inspectors must be transferred to the fund.

B. On July 1st of each year, the funds identified in Title 25, section 2374 for training and certifying municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors must be transferred to the fund.

C. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall place in the fund any money it receives from grants to support the requirements of this subchapter.

D. Funds related to code enforcement training and certification may be expended only in accordance with allocations approved by the Legislature and solely for the administration of this subchapter. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

E. If the fund does not contain sufficient money to support the costs of the training and certification provided for in this subchapter, the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may suspend all or reduce the level of training and certification activities.

**4. Examination.** The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall conduct at least one examination each year to examine candidates for certification at a time and place designated by it. The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs may conduct additional examinations to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

**5. Certification standards.** The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall adopt routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to establish the qualifications, conditions and licensing standards and procedures for the certification and recertification of individuals as code enforcement officers. A code enforcement officer need only be certified in the areas of actual job responsibilities. The rules established under this subsection must identify standards for each of the areas of training under subsection 2-A, in addition to general standards that apply to all code enforcement officers.

**6. Certification; terms; revocation.** The ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall certify individuals as to their competency to successfully enforce ordinances and other land use regulations and permits granted under those ordinances and regulations and

shall issue certificates attesting to the competency of those individuals to act as code enforcement officers. Certificates issued by the former State Planning Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development or the ~~Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs are valid for 6 years unless revoked by the District Court. An examination is not required for recertification of code enforcement officers. The ~~Department Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ Maine Office of Community Affairs shall recertify a code enforcement officer if the code enforcement officer successfully completes at least 12 hours of approved training in each area of job responsibility during the 6-year certification period.

A. The District Court may revoke the certificate of a code enforcement officer, in accordance with Title 4, chapter 5, when it finds that:

- (1) The code enforcement officer has practiced fraud or deception;
- (2) Reasonable care, judgment or the application of a duly trained and knowledgeable code enforcement officer's ability was not used in the performance of the duties of the office; or
- (3) The code enforcement officer is incompetent or unable to perform properly the duties of the office.

B. Code enforcement officers whose certificates are invalidated under this subsection may be issued new certificates provided that they are newly certified as provided in this section.

**7. Other professions unaffected.** This subchapter may not be construed to affect or prevent the practice of any other profession.

**Sec. D-39. 30-A MRSA §5161**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. D-40. 30-A MRSA §5248, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 426, §1, is amended to read:

F. An assurance that the program complies with Title 5, section ~~4349-A~~ 3234;

**Sec. D-41. 30-A MRSA §5953-D, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §27 and affected by §41 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) A municipality is eligible to receive a grant or a loan, or a combination of both, if that municipality has adopted a growth management program certified under Title 5, section ~~4347-A~~ 3233 that includes a capital improvement program composed of the following elements:
  - (a) An assessment of all public facilities and services, such as, but not limited to,

roads and other transportation facilities, sewers, schools, parks and open space, fire and police;

(b) An annually reviewed 5-year plan for the replacement and expansion of existing public facilities or the construction of such new facilities as are required to meet expected growth and economic development. The plan must include projections of when and where those facilities will be required; and

(c) An assessment of the anticipated costs for replacement, expansion or construction of public facilities, an identification of revenue sources available to meet these costs and recommendations for meeting costs required to implement the plan.

**Sec. D-42. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§14, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §32 and affected by §41 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) A municipality that has adopted a local growth management program that has been certified under Title ~~30-A~~ 5, section ~~4347-A~~ 3233; and

**Sec. D-43. Transition provisions; Community Resilience Partnership Program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Community Resilience Partnership Program from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Community Resilience Partnership Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Community Resilience Partnership Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Community Resilience Partnership Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Community Resilience Partnership Program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Community Resilience Partnership Program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances remaining in the Community Resilience Partnership Program, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-44. Transition provisions; coastal zone management program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the coastal zone management program from the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the coastal zone management program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the coastal zone management program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the coastal zone management program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the coastal zone management program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the coastal zone management program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the coastal zone management program remaining in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-45. Transition provisions; municipal planning assistance program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the municipal planning assistance program from the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the municipal planning assistance program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the municipal planning assistance program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the municipal planning assistance program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the municipal planning assistance program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the municipal planning assistance program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the municipal planning assistance program remaining in the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-46. Transition provisions; Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program from the Department of Education to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows Program and the Maine Climate Corps Program remaining in the Department of Education, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-47. Transition provisions; Housing Opportunity Program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Housing Opportunity Program from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Housing Opportunity Program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Housing Opportunity Program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Housing Opportunity Program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Housing Opportunity Program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Housing Opportunity Program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

**Sec. D-48. Transition provisions; Division of Building Codes and Standards program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program from the Department of Public Safety to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Division of Building Codes and Standards program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Division of Building Codes and Standards program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program remaining in the Department of Public Safety, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-49. Transition provisions; floodplain management program.** The following provisions govern the transition of the floodplain management program from the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Floodplain Program, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the floodplain management program.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the floodplain management program or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the floodplain management program continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the floodplain management program become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the floodplain management program may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the floodplain management program remaining in the Geology and Resource Information program, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Maine Office of Community Affairs no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. D-50. Transition provisions; Development Ready Advisory Committee.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Development Ready Advisory Committee from the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

1. The Maine Office of Community Affairs is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Development Ready Advisory Committee.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Development Ready Advisory Committee or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Development Ready Advisory Committee continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Development Ready Advisory Committee become, on the effective date of this Part, part of the property of the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Development Ready Advisory Committee may be used by the Maine Office of Community Affairs until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

**Sec. D-51. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the municipal planning assistance program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$7,509)	(\$7,509)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$7,509)</b>	<b>(\$7,509)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,681)	(\$1,681)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,681)</b>	<b>(\$1,681)</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the floodplain management program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$5,857)	(\$5,857)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$5,857)</b>	<b>(\$5,857)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$910)	(\$910)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$910)</b>	<b>(\$910)</b>

**DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Transfers position-related All Other funding from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$6,706)	(\$6,706)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,706)</b>	<b>(\$6,706)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,392)	(\$1,392)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,392)</b>	<b>(\$1,392)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the municipal planning assistance program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$170,049)	(\$170,049)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$170,049)</b>	<b>(\$170,049)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	(\$577,978)	(\$577,978)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$577,978)</b>	<b>(\$577,978)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the flood-plain management program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$7,423)	(\$7,423)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$7,423)</b>	<b>(\$7,423)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$49,909)	(\$49,909)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$49,909)</b>	<b>(\$49,909)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$500)</b>	<b>(\$500)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Public Service Manager I position and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Senior Planner position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same funds and from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund, respectively. Three authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of positions as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Each employee retains the employee's accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$148,625)	(\$158,183)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$148,625)</b>	<b>(\$158,183)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)

Personal Services	(\$105,933)	(\$114,192)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$105,933)</b>	<b>(\$114,192)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$119,781)	(\$124,686)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$119,781)</b>	<b>(\$124,686)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Planner II position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Flood-plain Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same respective funds to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$101,924)	(\$106,067)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$101,924)</b>	<b>(\$106,067)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$126,728)	(\$134,712)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$126,728)</b>	<b>(\$134,712)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Planner II position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office

of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(2,000)	(2,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$216,371)	(\$232,966)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$216,371)</b>	<b>(\$232,966)</b>

**Geology and Resource Information Z237**

Initiative: Transfers position-related All Other funding from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$7,000)</b>	<b>(\$7,000)</b>

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$671,464)	(\$701,760)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$860,548)	(\$876,791)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$124,264)	(\$129,169)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$1,656,276)</b>	<b>(\$1,707,720)</b>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Housing Opportunity Program Z336**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Housing Opportunity Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,060,118)	(\$2,046,660)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,060,118)</b>	<b>(\$2,046,660)</b>

**Housing Opportunity Program Z336**

Initiative: Transfers 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Housing Opportunity Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same

fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Economic and Community Development are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(2,000)	(2,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$327,236)	(\$340,694)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$327,236)</b>	<b>(\$340,694)</b>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$2,387,354)	(\$2,387,354)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$2,387,354)</b>	<b>(\$2,387,354)</b>

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc Z350**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$9,328)	(\$9,328)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$9,328)</b>	<b>(\$9,328)</b>

**Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc Z350**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position from the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program within the Department of Education to the Maine Climate Corps Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities

across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$105,595)	(\$113,841)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$105,595)</b>	<b>(\$113,841)</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z134**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$53,276)	(\$53,276)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$53,276)</b>	<b>(\$53,276)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,269,136)	(\$2,269,136)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$2,269,136)</b>	<b>(\$2,269,136)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$194,282)	(\$194,282)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$194,282)</b>	<b>(\$194,282)</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z134**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager I position and 3 Senior Planner positions from the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same respective funds, and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Senior Planner position from 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 40% General Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department

of Education to 75% General Fund and 25% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs. Five authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of positions as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Each employee retains the employee's accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$42,239)	(\$45,535)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$42,239)</b>	<b>(\$45,535)</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(5,000)	(5,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$531,169)	(\$561,217)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$531,169)</b>	<b>(\$561,217)</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z134**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Secretary Specialist position from 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department of Education to 70% General Fund and 30% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$67,522)	(\$72,852)
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$67,522)</b>	<b>(\$72,852)</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$22,506)	(\$24,281)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$22,506)	(\$24,281)
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z311**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z311**

Initiative: Transfers one limited-period Volunteer Services Coordinator position from the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same fund, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$98,611)	(\$106,558)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$98,611)	(\$106,558)

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z311**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Service Fellows Program within

the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,433)	(\$12,072)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$12,433)	(\$12,072)

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>(210,438)</b>	<b>(221,980)</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>(\$2,979,371)</b>	<b>(\$3,022,335)</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$217,288)</b>	<b>(\$219,063)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$3,407,097)</b>	<b>(\$3,463,378)</b>

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the community resilience partnership program from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program within the Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$3,003,660)	(\$3,003,660)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,003,660)	(\$3,003,660)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)
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**GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program within the Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient tech-

nical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Executive Department are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$155,944)	(\$167,760)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$155,944)</b>	<b>(\$167,760)</b>

<b>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$3,159,604)	(\$3,171,420)
FEDERAL	(\$500)	(\$500)
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL	(\$5,000,500)	(\$5,000,500)
REVENUE FUNDS		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$8,160,604)</b>	<b>(\$8,172,420)</b>

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Community Resilience Partnership Z412**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the community resilience partnership program from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program within the Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,003,660</b>	<b>\$3,003,660</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$5,000,500	\$5,000,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000,500</b>	<b>\$5,000,500</b>

**Community Resilience Partnership Z412**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program within the Executive Department to the Community Resilience Partnership program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Executive Department are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$150,690	\$162,304
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,690</b>	<b>\$162,304</b>

**Division of Building Codes and Standards Z419**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the code enforcement program from the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding and partnership with communities across the State.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$60,109	\$60,109
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,109</b>	<b>\$60,109</b>

**Division of Building Codes and Standards Z419**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Safety Inspector III position and one Office Associate II position from the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Public Safety are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$179,050	\$192,497
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$179,050</b>	<b>\$192,497</b>

**Housing Opportunity Program Z418**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Housing Opportunity Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,060,174	\$2,046,718
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,060,174</b>	<b>\$2,046,718</b>

**Housing Opportunity Program Z418**

Initiative: Transfers 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Housing Opportunity Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Economic and Community Development are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$327,180	\$340,636
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$327,180</b>	<b>\$340,636</b>

**Maine Climate Corps Program Z416**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$9,328	\$9,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,328</b>	<b>\$9,328</b>

**Maine Climate Corps Program Z416**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position from the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program within the Department of Education to the Maine Climate Corps Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$105,489	\$113,731
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,489</b>	<b>\$113,731</b>

**Maine Coastal Program Z413**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the coastal zone management program from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same respective funds to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,097,473	\$1,097,508
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,097,473</b>	<b>\$1,097,508</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$150,500	\$150,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,500</b>	<b>\$150,500</b>

**Maine Coastal Program Z413**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position, one Public Service Coordinator I position, one Public Service Manager II position and 2 Marine Resource Management Coordinator positions from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within

the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Five authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Marine Resources are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$658,826	\$699,834
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$658,826</b>	<b>\$699,834</b>

**Maine Coastal Program Z413**

Initiative: Transfers one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Marine Resources are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$146,891	\$152,992
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,891</b>	<b>\$152,992</b>

**Maine Coastal Program Z413**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	\$12,787	\$13,052
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,787</b>	<b>\$13,052</b>

**Maine Coastal Program Z413**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 33.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$12,065	\$18,781
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,065</b>	<b>\$18,781</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z415**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,276	\$53,276
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,276</b>	<b>\$53,276</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,269,136	\$2,269,136
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,269,136</b>	<b>\$2,269,136</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$194,282	\$194,282
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$194,282</b>	<b>\$194,282</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z415**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager I position and 3 Senior Planner positions from the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same respective funds, and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Senior Planner position from 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 40% General Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department of Education to 75% General Fund and 25% Federal

Expenditures Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs. Five authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of positions as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Each employee retains the employee's accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$79,117	\$85,301
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,117</b>	<b>\$85,301</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$515,761	\$543,772
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$515,761</b>	<b>\$543,772</b>

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z415**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Secretary Specialist position from 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Department of Education to 70% General Fund and 30% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Maine Commission for Community Service program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$62,947	\$67,917
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,947</b>	<b>\$67,917</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$26,975	\$29,106

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$26,975	\$29,106
<b>FUND TOTAL</b>		

**Maine Commission for Community Service Z415**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Specialist position to a Management Analyst I position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,158	\$1,333
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,158</b>	<b>\$1,333</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$496	\$571
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$496</b>	<b>\$571</b>

**Maine Floodplain Program Z420**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the floodplain management program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,190	\$14,190
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,190</b>	<b>\$14,190</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$49,909	\$49,909
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,909</b>	<b>\$49,909</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Maine Floodplain Program Z420**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Planner II position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Floodplain Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same respective funds to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The

designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$101,480	\$105,606
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,480</b>	<b>\$105,606</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$126,284	\$134,251
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,284</b>	<b>\$134,251</b>

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: Establishes one Secretary Specialist position and one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide administrative support for the Maine Office of Community Affairs and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$214,376	\$231,076
All Other	\$17,826	\$17,826
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$232,202</b>	<b>\$248,902</b>

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Public Service Manager II positions and one limited-period Public Service Executive II position, previously established by financial order, through January 1, 2030 to support activities under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate resilience regional challenge grant and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$552,805	\$598,336
All Other	\$35,652	\$35,652
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,457</b>	<b>\$633,988</b>

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: Provides funding for DICAP costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z417**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Commission for Community Service program, the Maine Climate Corps Program and the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, respectively, and within the same respective funds, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z417**

Initiative: Transfers one limited-period Volunteer Services Coordinator position from the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same fund, to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Education are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$98,505	\$106,448
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$98,505</b>	<b>\$106,448</b>

**Maine Service Fellows Program Z417**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Department of Education to the Maine Service Fellows Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,433	\$12,072
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,433</b>	<b>\$12,072</b>

**Municipal Planning Assistance Z414**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the municipal planning assistance program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$179,789	\$179,789
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$179,789</b>	<b>\$179,789</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$577,978	\$577,978
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$577,978</b>	<b>\$577,978</b>

**Municipal Planning Assistance Z414**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Public Service Manager I position and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Senior Planner position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs, within the same funds and from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund, respectively. Three authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of positions as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Each employee retains the employee's accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT Personal Services	2.000 \$267,518	2.000 \$281,947
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$267,518</b>	<b>\$281,947</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT Personal Services	1.000 \$105,489	1.000 \$113,731
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,489</b>	<b>\$113,731</b>

**Municipal Planning Assistance Z414**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position and one Planner II position from the Geology and Resource Information program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Municipal Planning Assistance program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT Personal Services	2.000 \$214,475	2.000 \$230,828
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$214,475</b>	<b>\$230,828</b>

**Municipal Planning Assistance Z414**

Initiative: Transfers position-related All Other funding from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Office of Community Affairs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$14,888	\$14,888
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,888</b>	<b>\$14,888</b>

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$6,897,561</b>	<b>\$6,980,354</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$6,300,465</b>	<b>\$6,454,129</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,585,941</b>	<b>\$5,599,388</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$18,783,967</b>	<b>\$19,033,871</b>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the coastal zone management program from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same respective funds to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,097,473)	(\$1,097,508)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$1,097,473)</u>	<u>(\$1,097,508)</u>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$150,500)	(\$150,500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$150,500)</u>	<u>(\$150,500)</u>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Senior Planner position, one Public Service Coordinator I position, one Public Service Manager II position and 2 Marine Resource Management Coordinator positions from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Five authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Marine Resources are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(5,000)	(5,000)
Personal Services	(\$661,863)	(\$703,013)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$661,863)</u>	<u>(\$703,013)</u>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers one Marine Resource Management Coordinator position from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities

across the State. One authorized position and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Marine Resources are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$147,506)	(\$153,631)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$147,506)</u>	<u>(\$153,631)</u>

**Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Bureau of Policy and Management program within the Department of Marine Resources to the Maine Coastal Program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,787)	(\$13,052)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$12,787)</u>	<u>(\$13,052)</u>

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>(\$1,919,629)</b>	<b>(\$1,967,204)</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$150,500)</b>	<b>(\$150,500)</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>(\$2,070,129)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$2,117,704)</b></u>

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073**

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding for the code enforcement program from the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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All Other	(\$60,109)	(\$60,109)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$60,109)	(\$60,109)
FUNDS TOTAL		

**Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073**

Initiative: Transfers one Public Safety Inspector III position and one Office Associate II position from the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Building Codes and Standards program within the Maine Office of Community Affairs within the same fund to provide coordinated and efficient technical assistance and funding in partnership with communities across the State. Two authorized positions and any incumbent personnel as of July 1, 2025 in the Department of Public Safety are transferred to the Maine Office of Community Affairs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Maine Office of Community Affairs. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(2,000)	(2,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$184,724)	(\$198,460)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$184,724)	(\$198,460)
FUNDS TOTAL		
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$244,833)	(\$258,569)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$244,833)	(\$258,569)
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$468,701	\$497,840
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$540,417	\$587,299
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$151,444)	(\$158,413)
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$857,674	\$926,726

**PART E**

**Sec. E-1. 36 MRSA §4365**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 218, §44 and c. 457, Pt. AA, §1 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

**§4365. Rate of tax**

A Before January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on all cigarettes imported into this State or held in this State by any person for sale at the rate of 100 mills for each cigarette. Beginning January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on all cigarettes imported into this State or held in this State by any person for sale at the rate of 175 mills for each cigarette. Payment of the tax is evidenced by the affixing of stamps to the packages containing the cigarettes.

**Sec. E-2. 36 MRSA §4365-F**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. AA, §3 and affected by §8, is repealed.

**Sec. E-3. 36 MRSA §4365-G** is enacted to read:

**§4365-G. Application of cigarette tax rate increase effective January 5, 2026**

The following provisions apply to cigarettes held for resale on January 5, 2026.

**1. Stamped rate.** Cigarettes stamped at the rate of 100 mills per cigarette and held for resale on or after January 5, 2026 are subject to tax at the rate of 175 mills per cigarette.

**2. Liability.** A person possessing cigarettes for resale is liable for the difference between the tax rate of 175 mills per cigarette and the tax rate of 100 mills per cigarette in effect before January 5, 2026. Stamps indicating payment of the tax imposed by this section must be affixed to all packages of cigarettes held for resale as of January 5, 2026, except that cigarettes held in vending machines as of that date do not require that stamp.

**3. Vending machines.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is presumed that all cigarette vending machines are filled to capacity on January 5, 2026 and that the tax imposed by this section must be reported on that basis. A credit against this inventory tax must be allowed for cigarettes stamped at the rate of 175 mills per cigarette placed in vending machines before January 5, 2026.

**4. Payment.** Payment of the tax imposed by this section must be made to the assessor by April 1, 2026, accompanied by forms prescribed by the assessor.

**Sec. E-4. 36 MRSA §4366-A, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 438, §93, is further amended to read:

D. For stamps at the face value of ~~100~~ 175 mills, the discount rate is ~~1.15%~~ 0.66%.

**Sec. E-5. 36 MRSA §4403**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 441, Pt. E, §§16 to 19 and affected by §28, is further amended to read:

**§4403. Tax on tobacco products**

**1. Smokeless tobacco before January 5, 2026.** A Before January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco and snuff, at the rate of:

A. On amounts of smokeless tobacco packaged for sale to the consumer in a package that contains one ounce or more of smokeless tobacco, \$2.02 per ounce and prorated; and

B. On smokeless tobacco packaged for sale to the consumer in a package that contains less than one ounce of smokeless tobacco, \$2.02 per package.

Beginning January 2, 2020, the tax rates in this subsection are subject to adjustment pursuant to subsection 5.

**1-A. Smokeless tobacco on or after January 5, 2026.** Beginning January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco and snuff, at the rate of:

A. On amounts of smokeless tobacco packaged for sale to the consumer in a package that contains one ounce or more of smokeless tobacco, \$3.54 per ounce and prorated; and

B. On smokeless tobacco packaged for sale to the consumer in a package that contains less than one ounce of smokeless tobacco, \$3.54 per package.

The tax rates in this subsection are subject to adjustment pursuant to subsection 5.

**2. Other tobacco.** Beginning January 2, 2020, and before January 1, 2024, a tax is imposed on all tobacco products, other than those subject to tax under subsection 1, at the rate of 43% of the wholesale sales price. Beginning January 1, 2024, and before January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on all tobacco products, other than those subject to tax under subsection 1, at the rate of 43% of the cost price. Beginning January 5, 2026, a tax is imposed on all tobacco products, other than those subject to tax under subsection 1-A, at the rate of 75% of the cost price. Beginning January 2, 2020, the tax rate imposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to adjustment pursuant to subsection 5.

**3. Imposition.** The tax is imposed at the time the distributor or remote retail seller brings or causes to be brought into this State tobacco products that are for sale or for use or at the time tobacco products are manufactured or fabricated in this State for sale in this State.

**5. Equivalence.** If the tax on cigarettes under chapter 703 is increased after January 2, ~~2020~~ 5, 2026, the assessor shall calculate a rate of tax on other tobacco products under subsections 1, 1-A and 2 that is equivalent to the same percentage change in the tax rate for one cigarette. The adjusted rates calculated by the assessor take effect at the same time as the increase in the tax on cigarettes.

A tobacco product may be taxed only once by the State in accordance with this section.

**Sec. E-6. Effective date.** This Part takes effect January 5, 2026.

**PART F**

**Sec. F-1. 36 MRSA §1811, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 87, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) ~~Ten percent~~ Before January 1, 2026, 10% on the value of adult use cannabis, adult use cannabis products and, if sold by a person to an individual who is not a qualifying patient, cannabis and cannabis products beginning on the first day of the calendar month in which adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products may be sold in the State by a cannabis establishment licensed to conduct retail sales pursuant to Title 28-B, chapter 1. For sales occurring on or after January 1, 2026, the applicable rate of tax under this subparagraph is 14%.

**Sec. F-2. 36 MRSA §1818,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 645, §5 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

**§1818. Tax on adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products**

~~All~~ Before January 1, 2026, all sales tax revenue collected pursuant to section 1811 on the sale of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products must be deposited into the General Fund, except that, before January 1, 2026, on or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer 12% of the sales tax revenue received by the assessor during the preceding month pursuant to section 1811 to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established under Title 28-B, section 1101. Beginning January 1, 2026, on or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer 9% of the sales tax revenue received by the assessor on the sale of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products during the preceding month pursuant to section 1811 to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established under Title 28-B, section 1101.

**Sec. F-3. 36 MRSA §4923,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. C, §13, is further amended to read:

**§4923. Excise tax imposed**

Beginning on the first day of the calendar month in which adult use cannabis may be sold in the State by a cultivation facility under Title 28-B, chapter 1, an excise tax on adult use cannabis is imposed in accordance with this chapter.

**1. Excise tax on cannabis flower.** A Before January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$335 per pound or fraction thereof of cannabis flower sold to other licensees in the State. Beginning January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$223 per pound or fraction thereof of cannabis flower sold to other licensees in the State.

**2. Excise tax on cannabis trim.** A Before January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$94 per pound or fraction thereof of cannabis trim sold to other licensees in the State. Beginning January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$63 per pound or fraction thereof of cannabis trim sold to other licensees in the State.

**3. Excise tax on immature cannabis plants and seedlings.** A Before January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$1.50 per immature cannabis plant or seedling sold to other licensees in the State. Beginning January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$1 per immature cannabis plant or seedling sold to other licensees in the State.

**3-A. Excise tax on mature cannabis plants.** Beginning July 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$35 per mature cannabis plant sold to other licensees in the State. Beginning January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of \$23 per mature cannabis plant sold to other licensees in the State.

**4. Excise tax on cannabis seeds.** A Before January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of 30¢ per cannabis seed sold to other licensees in the State. Beginning January 1, 2026, a cultivation facility licensee shall pay an excise tax of 20¢ per cannabis seed sold to other licensees in the State.

**5. Excise tax on purchases from registered caregivers and registered dispensaries.** A cultivation facility licensee authorized pursuant to Title 28-B to purchase cannabis plants and cannabis seeds from registered caregivers and registered dispensaries that transacts such a purchase shall pay to the assessor the excise taxes that would have been imposed under subsections 1 to 4 on the sale of the cannabis plants and cannabis seeds if the cannabis plants and cannabis seeds had been sold by a cultivation facility licensee to another licensee.

**6. Multiple licenses.** When a cultivation facility licensee also holds a license to operate another cannabis establishment, the taxes imposed by subsections 1 to 4 apply to any transfer of cannabis from the cultivation facility to the other cannabis establishment or, if no such transfer is made, to any activity undertaken pursuant to Title 28-B, section 501, subsection 2 or 4 with regard to cannabis cultivated by the cultivation facility.

**7. Sales and transfers between licensed cultivation facilities.** An excise tax is not imposed on a sale of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility or on a transfer of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility.

**Sec. F-4. 36 MRSA §4925,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 645, §6 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

**§4925. Application of excise tax revenue**

~~A#~~ Before January 1, 2026, all excise tax revenue collected by the assessor pursuant to this chapter on the sale of adult use cannabis must be deposited into the General Fund, except that, before January 1, 2026, on or before the last day of each month, the assessor shall transfer 12% of the excise tax revenue received during the preceding month pursuant to this chapter to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established in Title 28-B, section 1101. Beginning January 1, 2026, on or before the last day of each month, the assessor shall transfer 9% of the excise tax revenue received during the preceding month pursuant to this chapter to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established in Title 28-B, section 1101.

**Sec. F-5. Effective date.** This Part takes effect January 1, 2026.

**PART G**

**Sec. G-1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. XXX, §1 and affected by §15, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Beginning January 1, 2025, no later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer to the Local Government Fund 5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 and Title 36, former section 2552, subsection 1-A, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except that the postage, state cost allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund. Twenty percent of the amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund each month must be transferred to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4-B.

**Sec. G-2. 36 MRSA §182, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 437, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Generally.** The State Tax Assessor may, through the Attorney General, file an action in Superior Court applying for an order to enjoin from doing business any person who has:

A. Failed to register with the assessor when the person is required to register by any provision of Part 3, ~~chapter 358~~ or Part 5 or by any rule adopted pursuant to this Title, as long as the assessor has provided written notice and the person continues to fail to register 15 days after receiving notice from the assessor of such failure;

B. Failed to file with the assessor any overdue return required by Part 3, ~~chapter 358~~ or Part 5 within 15 days after receiving notice from the assessor of such failure;

C. Failed to pay any tax required by Part 3, ~~chapter 358~~ or Part 5 when the tax is shown to be due on a

return filed by that person, or that is otherwise conceded by that person to be due, or has been determined by the assessor to be due and that determination has become final;

D. Knowingly filed a false return required by Part 3, ~~chapter 358~~ or Part 5; or

E. Failed to deduct and withhold, or truthfully account for or pay over or make returns of, income taxes in violation of the provisions of chapter 827.

**Sec. G-3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶EE,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 360, Pt. C, §3, is further amended to read:

EE. The disclosure by the State Tax Assessor of the fact that a person has or has not been issued a certificate of exemption pursuant to section 1760, ~~2013 or 2557 or 2013~~ or a resale certificate pursuant to section 1754-B, subsection 2-B or 2-C. The exemption under this paragraph is limited to the disclosure of information applicable to the previous 6 years;

**Sec. G-4. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-K** is enacted to read:

**1-K. Ancillary service.** "Ancillary service" means a service that is associated with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, detailed telecommunications billing service, directory assistance, vertical service and voice mail service.

**Sec. G-5. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-L** is enacted to read:

**1-L. Breast pump.** "Breast pump" means an electronically or manually controlled pump device used to express milk from a human breast during lactation, including any external power supply unit packaged and sold with the pump device at the time of sale to power the pump device. "Breast pump" includes breast pump replacement parts, breast pump collection and storage supplies and breast pump kits. For the purposes of this subsection, "breast pump collection and storage supplies" means tangible personal property to be used in conjunction with a breast pump to collect milk expressed from a human breast and to store collected milk until it is ready for consumption.

**Sec. G-6. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-M** is enacted to read:

**1-M. Cable and satellite television or radio services.** "Cable and satellite television or radio services" means all cable and satellite television or radio services, including the installation or use of associated equipment, for which a charge is made.

**Sec. G-7. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-N** is enacted to read:

**1-N. Conference bridging service.** "Conference bridging service" means an ancillary service that links 2 or more participants in an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. "Conference bridging service" does not include the telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

**Sec. G-8. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-O** is enacted to read:

**1-O. Detailed telecommunications billing service.** "Detailed telecommunications billing service" means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.

**Sec. G-9. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-P** is enacted to read:

**1-P. Digital audiovisual and digital audio services.** "Digital audiovisual and digital audio services" means the electronic transfer of digital audiovisual works and digital audio works to an end user with the right of less than permanent use granted by the seller, including when conditioned upon continued payment from the purchaser or a subscription. For purposes of this subsection:

A. "End user" means a person other than a person who receives by contract a product transferred electronically for further commercial broadcast, re-broadcast, transmission, retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution or exhibition of the product, in whole or in part, to another person;

B. "Permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time;

C. "Subscription" means an agreement with a seller that grants a purchaser the right to obtain products transferred electronically, in a fixed quantity or for a fixed period of time, or both; and

D. "Transfer electronically" or "electronic transfer" means obtainment by the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.

**Sec. G-10. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-Q** is enacted to read:

**1-Q. Digital audiovisual works.** "Digital audiovisual works" means a series of related images that, when shown in succession, impart an impression of motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any.

**Sec. G-11. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§1-R** is enacted to read:

**1-R. Digital audio works.** "Digital audio works" means works that result from the fixation of a series of musical, spoken or other sounds, including ringtones. For purposes of this subsection, "ringtones" means digitized sound files that are downloaded onto a device and

that may be used to alert the purchaser with respect to a communication.

**Sec. G-12.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§2-F is enacted to read:

**2-F. Directory assistance.** "Directory assistance" means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information or address information or both.

**Sec. G-13.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§2-G is enacted to read:

**2-G. Durable medical equipment.** "Durable medical equipment" means equipment, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that:

- A. Can withstand repeated use;
- B. Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- C. Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and
- D. Is not worn in or on the body.

"Durable medical equipment" does not include mobility-enhancing equipment.

**Sec. G-14.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§2-H is enacted to read:

**2-H. Fabrication services.** "Fabrication services" means the production of tangible personal property for a consideration for a person who furnishes, either directly or indirectly, the materials used in that production.

**Sec. G-15.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§3-E, as repealed by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §10 and affected by §29, is reenacted to read:

**3-E. Home service provider.** "Home service provider" means the facilities-based carrier or reseller with which a customer contracts for the provision of mobile telecommunications services.

**Sec. G-16.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

**4-A. International telecommunications service.** "International telecommunications service" means a telecommunications service that originates or terminates in the United States and terminates or originates outside the United States, respectively. For purposes of this subsection, "United States" includes a territory or possession of the United States.

**Sec. G-17.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

**4-B. Interstate telecommunications service.** "Interstate telecommunications service" means a telecommunications service that originates in one state, territory or possession of the United States and terminates in a different state, territory or possession of the United

States. For purposes of this subsection, "state" includes the District of Columbia.

**Sec. G-18.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§5-D, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §2 and affected by §29 and enacted by c. 673, §2 and affected by §28, is amended to read:

B. A transfer of possession or control of property under a security agreement or deferred payment plan that requires the transfer of title upon completion of the required payments; or

**Sec. G-19.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§5-D, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §2 and affected by §29 and enacted by c. 673, §2 and affected by §28, is amended to read:

C. Providing tangible personal property along with a person to operate that property, for a fixed or indeterminate period of time, when that person is necessary for the tangible personal property to perform as designed and the person does more than maintain, inspect or set up the tangible personal property; or

**Sec. G-20.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§5-D, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §2 and affected by §29 and enacted by c. 673, §2 and affected by §28, is repealed.

**Sec. G-21.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§6-J is enacted to read:

**6-J. Mobile telecommunications services.** "Mobile telecommunications services" means commercial mobile radio service as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.3 as in effect October 1, 2015. For purposes of sourcing, "mobile telecommunications services" does not include air-ground radiotelephone service as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 22.99 as in effect October 1, 2015.

**Sec. G-22.** 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§6-K is enacted to read:

**6-K. Mobility-enhancing equipment.** "Mobility-enhancing equipment" means equipment, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, that:

A. Is primarily and customarily used to provide or increase the ability to move from one place to another and that is appropriate for use either in a home or a motor vehicle;

B. Is not generally used by persons with normal mobility; and

C. Does not include any motor vehicle or equipment on a motor vehicle normally provided by a motor vehicle manufacturer.

"Mobility-enhancing equipment" does not include durable medical equipment.

**Sec. G-23. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§7-E**, as repealed by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §13 and affected by §29, is reenacted to read:

**7-E. Place of primary use.** "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where a customer's use of mobile telecommunications services primarily occurs, which must be either the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer and must also be located within the licensed service area of the home service provider. For purposes of determining the place of primary use, "customer" means the person or entity that contracts with the home service provider for mobile telecommunications services, or, if the end user of such services is not the contracting party, the person that is the end user of such services. The term "customer" does not include a reseller of mobile telecommunications services, or a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the home service provider's licensed service area.

**Sec. G-24. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§7-F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. G-25. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§8-C**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. PP, §1 and affected by §4, is repealed.

**Sec. G-26. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§9-D**, as repealed by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §15 and affected by §29, is reenacted to read:

**9-D. Reseller.** "Reseller," when used in relation to mobile telecommunications services, means a provider that purchases telecommunications services from another telecommunications service provider and then resells, uses as a component part of or integrates the purchased services into mobile telecommunications services. "Reseller" does not include a serving carrier with which a home service provider arranges for services to its customers outside the home service provider's licensed service area.

**Sec. G-27. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§11, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 113, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (4).

**Sec. G-28. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§11, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 113, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (7).

**Sec. G-29. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§11, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 113, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (14) to read:

(14) The sale of repair parts used in the performance of repair services on telecommunications equipment ~~as defined in section 2551, subsection 19~~ pursuant to an extended service contract that entitles the purchaser to specific benefits in the service of the telecommunications equipment for a specific duration;

**Sec. G-30. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§11, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 113, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (15).

**Sec. G-31. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§14, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §§14 to 18 and affected by §29 and amended by c. 673, §§14 to 18 and affected by §28, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) The price received for labor or services used in installing or applying or repairing the property sold or fabricated, if separately charged or stated;

**Sec. G-32. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§14-D**, as repealed by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §17 and affected by §29, is reenacted to read:

**14-D. Serving carrier.** "Serving carrier," when used in relation to mobile telecommunications services, means a facilities-based carrier providing mobile telecommunications services to a customer outside a home service provider's licensed service area.

**Sec. G-33. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §19 and affected by §29 and amended by c. 673, §19 and affected by §28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**17-B. Taxable service.** "Taxable service" means:

A. The rental of living quarters in a hotel, rooming house or tourist or trailer camp;

B. The transmission and distribution of electricity;

C. The sale of an extended service contract on an automobile or truck that entitles the purchaser to specific benefits in the service of the automobile or truck for a specific duration;

D. The sale of prepaid calling service;

E. Cable and satellite television or radio services;

F. Fabrication services;

G. Telecommunications services;

H. The installation, maintenance or repair of telecommunications equipment;

I. Ancillary services; and

J. Digital audiovisual and digital audio services.

**Sec. G-34. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-C** is enacted to read:

**17-C. Telecommunications equipment.** "Telecommunications equipment" means any 2-way interactive communications device, system or process for transmitting or receiving signals and capable of exchanging audio, video, data or textual information. "Telecommunications equipment" includes all transmission media that are used or capable of being used in

the provision of 2-way interactive communications, including, without limitation, copper wire, coaxial cable and optical fiber, except those transmission media designed and primarily used to transmit electricity. "Telecommunications equipment" does not include computers, except those components of a computer used primarily and directly as a 2-way interactive communications device capable of exchanging audio, video, data or textual information.

**Sec. G-35. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-D** is enacted to read:

**17-D. Telecommunications services.** "Telecommunications services" means the electronic transmission, conveyance or routing of voice, data, audio, video or any other information or signals to a point or between or among points. "Telecommunications services" includes transmission, conveyance or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance or routing without regard to whether the service is referred to as "Voice over Internet Protocol" services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value added. "Telecommunications services" does not include:

A. Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser when the purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is to obtain the processed data or information;

B. Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises;

C. Tangible personal property;

D. Advertising, including, but not limited to, directory advertising;

E. Billing and collection services provided to 3rd parties;

F. Internet access service;

G. Radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance and routing of those services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services include, but are not limited to, cable service as defined in 47 United States Code, Section 522(6) and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.3;

H. Ancillary services; or

I. Digital products delivered electronically, including, but not limited to, software, music, video, reading materials or ringtones.

**Sec. G-36. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§22-A** is enacted to read:

**22-A. Vertical service.** "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services and offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections. "Vertical service" includes conference bridging service.

**Sec. G-37. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§23-A** is enacted to read:

**23-A. Voice mail service.** "Voice mail service" means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send or receive recorded messages. "Voice mail service" does not include a vertical service that the customer may be required to have in order to use the voice mail service.

**Sec. G-38. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§9-I** is enacted to read:

**9-I. Fuel used at manufacturing facility.** Ninety-five percent of the sale price of fabrication services for the production of fuel for use at a manufacturing facility.

**Sec. G-39. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§94,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. B, §15, is repealed.

**Sec. G-40. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§116** is enacted to read:

**116. Durable medical equipment; breast pumps.** Beginning January 1, 2026, sales of:

A. Durable medical equipment for home use; and

B. Breast pumps for home use.

**Sec. G-41. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§117** is enacted to read:

**117. Mobility-enhancing equipment.** Beginning January 1, 2026, sales of mobility-enhancing equipment for home use or use in a motor vehicle.

**Sec. G-42. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§118** is enacted to read:

**118. Fabrication services for resale.** Beginning January 1, 2026, the production of tangible personal property through fabrication services if a sale to the consumer of that tangible personal property would be exempt or otherwise not subject to tax under this Part.

**Sec. G-43. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§119** is enacted to read:

**119. International telecommunications service.** Beginning January 1, 2026, sales of international telecommunications service to a business for use directly in that business.

**Sec. G-44. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§120** is enacted to read:

**120. Interstate telecommunications service.** Beginning January 1, 2026, sales of interstate telecommunications service to a business for use directly in that business.

**Sec. G-45. 36 MRSA §1819, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. H, §24 and affected by §29 and amended by c. 673, §23 and affected by §28, is further amended to read:

**2. Sourcing for sales of tangible personal property and taxable services; generally.** The sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service is sourced in this State pursuant to this subsection, except the sale of mobile telecommunications services, which is sourced under subsection 6. Except as provided in subsections 3 to 5, the provisions of this subsection do not apply to the lease or rental of tangible personal property.

A. When the tangible personal property or taxable service is received by the purchaser at a business location of the seller, the sale is sourced to that business location.

B. When the tangible personal property or taxable service is not received by the purchaser at a business location of the seller, the sale is sourced to the location where receipt by the purchaser or the purchaser's donee occurs, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery to the purchaser or donee known to the seller.

C. For a sale when paragraphs A and B do not apply, the sale is sourced to the location indicated by an address for the purchaser that is available from the business records of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of the seller's business when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.

D. For a sale when paragraphs A to C do not apply, the sale is sourced to the location indicated by an address for the purchaser obtained during the consummation of the sale, including the address of a purchaser's payment instrument, if no other address is available, when use of this address does not constitute bad faith.

E. When paragraphs A to D do not apply, including the circumstance in which the seller is without sufficient information to apply paragraphs A to D, the location is determined by the address from which tangible personal property was shipped, from which the tangible personal property or taxable service transferred electronically was first available for transmission by the seller or from which the service was provided, disregarding for these purposes any location that merely provided the digital transfer of the tangible personal property or taxable service sold.

**Sec. G-46. 36 MRSA §1819, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Sourcing for mobile telecommunications services.** The sale of mobile telecommunications services is sourced in this State pursuant to this subsection.

A. Mobile telecommunications services provided to a customer whose place of primary use is located in this State, the charges for which are billed by or for the customer's home service provider, are deemed to be provided at the customer's place of primary use. A home service provider is responsible for obtaining and maintaining a record of a customer's place of primary use. Subject to paragraph B and if the home service provider's reliance on the information provided by its customer is in good faith, the home service provider:

(1) May rely on the applicable residential or business street address supplied by the home service provider's customer; and

(2) May not be held liable for any additional taxes under this Part based on a different determination of the place of primary use.

B. If the assessor determines that the address used by a home service provider as a customer's place of primary use does not meet the definition provided by section 1752, subsection 7-E, the assessor shall notify the customer in writing of that determination and provide the customer an opportunity to demonstrate that that address is the customer's place of primary use. If the customer fails to demonstrate to the assessor's satisfaction within 30 days from the time the customer receives notice from the assessor, or within another time period as the assessor may allow, that the address in question is the customer's place of primary use, the assessor shall provide the home service provider with the proper address to be used as the customer's place of primary use. The home service provider shall begin using the address provided by the assessor as the customer's place of primary use within 30 days from the date the home service provider receives notice of the assessor's determination.

C. A home service provider is entitled to the hold harmless protections provided by Section 1 of the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, Public Law 106-252, 114 Stat. 626 (2000).

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, otherwise nontaxable charges that are aggregated with and not separately stated from taxable mobile telecommunications charges are subject to taxation unless the home service provider can, to the satisfaction of the assessor, reasonably identify such charges from the home service provider's books and records kept in the regular course of its business. A customer may not rely upon the nontaxability of bundled services unless the customer's home service provider separately states the other-

wise nontaxable services or the home service provider elects, after receiving written notice from the customer in the form required by the provider, to provide verifiable data based upon the home service provider's books and records that are kept in the regular course of its business and that reasonably identify the nontaxable charges.

**Sec. G-47. 36 MRSA c. 358**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. G-48. Application.** This Part applies to sales of tangible personal property and taxable services on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART H**

**Sec. H-1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-3** is enacted to read:

M-3. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the amount in paragraph M-2, subparagraph (1), division (a) must be reduced by an amount equal to the total amount in paragraph M-2, subparagraph (1), division (a) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income less the applicable amount, except that the numerator may not be less than zero, and the denominator of which is \$50,000 in the case of a married individual filing a separate return and \$100,000 in all other filing cases. The fraction contained in this paragraph may not produce a result that is more than one. The applicable amount must be adjusted for inflation in accordance with section 5403, subsection 10.

For purposes of this paragraph, "applicable amount" means:

- (1) For individuals filing as single individuals, \$125,000;
- (2) For individuals filing as heads of households, \$187,500;
- (3) For individuals filing married joint returns or as surviving spouses, \$250,000; or
- (4) For married individuals filing separate returns, 1/2 of the applicable amount under subparagraph (3);

**Sec. H-2. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §9, is further amended to read:

**8. Personal exemption phase-out.** Beginning in 2018 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the applicable amounts specified in section 5126-A, subsection 2, paragraphs A, B and C, except that for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month pe-

riod ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2017; ~~and~~

**Sec. H-3. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §10, is amended to read:

**9. Dependent exemption tax credit amount.** Beginning in 2024 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the dependent exemption tax credit under section 5219-SS, except that for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023. If the credit amount, adjusted by application of the cost-of-living adjustment, is not a multiple of \$5, any increase must be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$5-; and

**Sec. H-4. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Income deduction for retirement plan benefits; applicable amount.** Beginning in 2025 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the applicable amounts specified in section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M-3, except that for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024.

**PART I**

**Sec. I-1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§20-B** is enacted to read:

**20-B. Renewable energy credits; purchase, retirement and sale.** To purchase, retire and sell renewable energy credits. Net proceeds from the purchase, retirement or sale of renewable energy credits must first be applied to achieve the State's obligation under section 1766-A to supply electricity used in state-owned buildings with 100% renewable resources. If the State generates more renewable energy credits than needed to fulfill the obligation under section 1766-A, the credits may be sold and the proceeds placed in a Lead by Example Program Other Special Revenue Funds account established pursuant to section 1742-H. For purposes of this subsection, "renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-2.

The Bureau of General Services shall adopt rules for the sale and purchase of renewable energy credits under this subsection; the administration of sale proceeds; the allocation and distribution of renewable energy credit proceeds; the reimbursement of renewable energy credits, including federal Internal Revenue Service elective

pay reimbursements; and the administration of the Lead by Example Program established in section 1742-H. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A;

Sec. I-2. 5 MRSA §1742-H is enacted to read:

**§1742-H. Bureau of General Services; Lead by Example Program**

**1. Program established.** The Lead by Example Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to consolidate responsibilities regarding statewide energy data, strategic energy purchases and the development of renewable energy projects and serve as a competitive, revolving grant program for state agency renewable energy and building efficiency projects, the purchase of electric vehicles, the construction of electric vehicle charging stations and initiatives that support maintenance, upgrades and upkeep of renewable energy systems.

**2. Assistance and funding.** The program may receive federal clean energy direct reimbursements, including under the federal Internal Revenue Service elective pay reimbursement program established under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Public Law 117-169. All funds received must be placed in the same Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**PART J**

Sec. J-1. 4 MRSA §1610-R is enacted to read:

**§1610-R. Additional securities for capital construction, repairs and improvements and hazardous waste cleanup**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 outstanding at any one time for capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

Sec. J-2. 4 MRSA §1610-S is enacted to read:

**§1610-S. Additional securities for correctional facilities**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 outstanding at any one time for capital repairs and improvements to and construction of correctional facilities.

**Sec. J-3. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities; state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606,

subsection 2 and Title 4, section 1610-R, and notwithstanding the limitation contained in Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 regarding the amount of securities that may be issued, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized to issue securities in its own name in an amount up to \$28,000,000. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated with capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties as designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

**Sec. J-4. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities; correctional facilities.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and Title 4, section 1610-S, and notwithstanding the limitation contained in Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 regarding the amount of securities that may be issued, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized to issue securities in its own name in an amount up to \$25,000,000. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated with capital repairs and improvements to and construction of correctional facilities as designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

**PART K**

**Sec. K-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$13,500,000 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 6 years in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category allocations in the Central Fleet Management Division account.

**PART L**

**Sec. L-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund; lease-purchase authorization.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund, established in Title 5, section 1520, specifically for purchasing portables, ongoing upgrades of tower hardware and the purchase of equipment in support of tower maintenance. The financing agreements entered into in

each fiscal year may not exceed \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 7 years in duration. The interest rate on each financing agreement may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology accounts.

### PART M

**Sec. M-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 7 years in duration. The interest rate on each financing agreement may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology accounts.

### PART N

**Sec. N-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. GGGG, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services must apply:

A. Any balance remaining in the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year; ~~and~~

B. Any balance remaining in the General Fund Capital, Construction, Repairs, Improvements - Administrative program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year;

C. Any balance remaining in the Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year; and

D. Any balance remaining in the Central Administrative Applications program, General Fund ac-

count in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

### PART O

**Sec. O-1. State Controller; post-closing.** The State Controller is authorized to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2024-25 in order to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. O-2. Retroactivity.** This Part applies retroactively to June 30, 2025.

### PART P

**Sec. P-1. 22 MRSA §1728, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 276, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. P-2. 22 MRSA §1728, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Hospital" means:

(1) An acute care institution licensed and operating in this State as a hospital under section 1811 or the parent of such an institution; or

(2) A hospital subsidiary or hospital affiliate in the State that provides medical services or medically related diagnostic and laboratory services or engages in ancillary activities supporting those services.

B. "340B contract pharmacy" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7752, subsection 5.

C. "340B drug" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7752, subsection 6.

D. "340B entity" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7752, subsection 7.

**Sec. P-3. 22 MRSA §1728, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Additional reporting by hospitals on participation in federal 340B drug program.** In addition to any report required pursuant to subsection 2, beginning July 1, 2026, each hospital participating in the 340B program shall provide an annual report to the Maine Health Data Organization. The Maine Health Data Organization shall post the report on its publicly accessible website. Each hospital shall report in a standardized format, as agreed upon by the Maine Health Data Organization and the hospital, and include, at a minimum, the following information in the report:

A. The hospital's national provider identification number;

B. The name of the hospital;

C. The address of the hospital for the purpose of accepting service of process;

D. The classification of the hospital;

E. The aggregated acquisition cost for the prescription drugs obtained under the 340B program;

F. The aggregated payment amount received for the prescription drugs obtained under the 340B program and dispensed to patients;

G. The number of pricing units dispensed or administered for prescription drugs described in paragraph F;

H. The aggregated payments made:

(1) To 340B contract pharmacies to dispense 340B drugs;

(2) To any other entity that is not the 340B entity and is not a 340B contract pharmacy for managing any aspect of the hospital's 340B program; and

(3) For all other expenses related to administering the 340B program; and

I. The number of claims for prescription drugs described in paragraph H.

The information required under this subsection must be reported by payor type, including commercial insurance, medical assistance, the MaineCare program and Medicare as required by the Maine Health Data Organization. The information for paragraphs E to G must also be reported at the National Drug Code level for the 50 most frequently dispensed prescription drugs by the hospital under the 340B program. The information must include all physician-administered and physician-dispensed prescription drugs.

Data submitted must also include prescription drugs dispensed by outpatient facilities that are identified as child facilities under the 340B program based on their inclusion on a hospital's Medicare cost report.

**Sec. P-4. 22 MRSA §1728, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 276, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Reporting.** The Maine Health Data Organization shall produce and post on its publicly accessible website a report that includes a summary of the aggregate information received from hospitals required to report under subsection 2 and subsection 2-A. The Maine Health Data Organization shall submit the report required by this subsection to the Office of Affordable Health Care, as established in Title 5, section 3122, the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board, as established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14-I, and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health data reporting and prescription drug matters.

**Sec. P-5. 24-A MRSA c. 103** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 103**

**PROTECT HEALTH CARE FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACT**

**§7751. Short title**

This chapter may be known and cited as "the Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Communities Act."

**§7752. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Health insurance issuer.** "Health insurance issuer" has the same meaning as "carrier" as defined in section 4301-A, subsection 3.

**2. Manufacturer.** "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 13702-A, subsection 19.

**3. Pharmacy.** "Pharmacy" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 13702-A, subsection 24.

**4. Pharmacy benefits manager.** "Pharmacy benefits manager" has the same meaning as in section 4347, subsection 17.

**5. 340B contract pharmacy.** "340B contract pharmacy" means a pharmacy that has a contract with a 340B entity to receive and dispense 340B drugs to the 340B entity's patients on behalf of the 340B entity. For the purposes of this chapter, a record of a current 340B contract pharmacy relationship between the 340B entity and the 340B contract pharmacy that is on the 340B United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B Information System website, or such publicly accessible successor website maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, is prima facie evidence of such a contract.

**6. 340B drug.** "340B drug" means a drug that is purchased or eligible for purchase under Section 340B of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 United States Code, Section 256b(a)(3).

**7. 340B entity.** "340B entity" means an entity participating or authorized to participate in the federal 340B drug discount program, as described in 42 United States Code, Section 256b, including its pharmacy, or any pharmacy contracted with the participating entity to dispense drugs purchased through the federal 340B drug discount program.

**§7753. Prohibition of certain discriminatory actions by manufacturer or agent related to 340B entities**

**1. Interference with acquisition or delivery of 340B drugs prohibited.** A manufacturer or its agent may not deny, restrict, prohibit or otherwise interfere

with, either directly or indirectly, the acquisition of a 340B drug by, or delivery of a 340B drug to, a 340B contract pharmacy on behalf of a 340B entity unless receipt of that 340B drug is prohibited by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**2. Submission of claims or utilization data prohibited.** A manufacturer or its agent may not, either directly or indirectly, require a 340B entity to submit any claims or utilization data as a condition for allowing the acquisition of a 340B drug by, or delivery of a 340B drug to, a 340B entity unless the claims or utilization data sharing is required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**3. Other interference prohibited.** A manufacturer may not otherwise interfere directly or indirectly with a 340B entity unless expressly authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**§7754. Prohibition of certain discriminatory actions with respect to reimbursement of 340B entities**

With respect to reimbursement of a 340B entity for 340B drugs, a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor or agent may not:

**1. Reimbursement at lower rate prohibited.** Reimburse a 340B entity for 340B drugs at a rate lower than that paid for the same drug to entities that are not 340B entities or lower the reimbursement amount for a claim on the basis that the claim is for a 340B drug;

**2. Imposition of different terms and conditions prohibited.** Impose any terms or conditions on any 340B entity that differ from such terms or conditions applied to entities that are not 340B entities or pharmacies that are not 340B contract pharmacies because it is a 340B entity including, without limitation:

A. Fees, charges, clawbacks or other adjustments or assessments. For purposes of this paragraph, "other adjustment or assessment" includes, without limitation, placing any additional requirements, restrictions or burdens upon the 340B entity that result in administrative costs or fees to the 340B entity that are not placed upon entities that are not 340B entities, including affiliate pharmacies of the health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor;

B. Dispensing fees that are less than the dispensing fees for entities that are not 340B entities or pharmacies that are not 340B contract pharmacies;

C. Restrictions or requirements regarding participation in standard or preferred pharmacy networks;

D. Requirements relating to inventory management systems or to the frequency or scope of audits;

E. Requirements that a claim for a drug dispensed by a pharmacy include any identification, billing modifier, attestation or other indication that a drug

is a 340B drug in order to be processed or submitted or reimbursed unless it is required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Department of Health and Human Services for the administration of the MaineCare program; or

F. Any other restrictions, conditions, practices or policies that are not imposed on entities that are not 340B entities;

**3. Reversal, resubmission or clarification of claims prohibited.** Require a 340B entity to reverse, resubmit or clarify a claim after the initial adjudication unless these actions are in the normal course of pharmacy business and are not related to 340B drug pricing;

**4. Discrimination against 340B entity that interferes with patient choice.** Discriminate against a 340B entity in a manner that prevents or interferes with a patient's choice to receive 340B drugs from the 340B entity, including the administration of the drugs. For purposes of this subsection, it is considered a discriminatory practice that prevents or interferes with a patient's choice to receive drugs at a 340B entity if a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor places any additional requirements, restrictions or burdens upon the 340B entity that differ from the terms and conditions applied to entities that are not 340B entities that result in administrative costs or fees to the 340B entity, including, but not limited to, requiring a claim for a drug dispensed by a pharmacy to include any identification, billing modifier, attestation or other indication that a drug is a 340B drug in order to be processed or resubmitted unless it is required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Department of Health and Human Services for the administration of the MaineCare program;

**5. Discrimination against 340B entity that interferes with patient choice of delivery method.** Include any other provision in a contract between a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor and a 340B entity that differs from the terms and conditions applied to entities that are not 340B entities that discriminates against the 340B entity that participates in the 340B program or prevents or interferes with a patient's choice to receive a 340B drug from a 340B entity, whether by direct administration, in-person dispensing, direct delivery, mail or other form of shipment;

**6. Restrictions or additional charges prohibited.** Place a restriction or additional charge on a patient who chooses to receive 340B drugs from a 340B entity if the restriction or additional charge differs from the terms and conditions applied when patients choose to receive drugs that are not 340B drugs from an entity that is not a 340B entity or from a pharmacy that is not a 340B contract pharmacy;

**7. Submission of data pertaining to ingredient costs or pricing of 340B drugs prohibited.** Require or compel the submission of ingredient costs or pricing data pertaining to 340B drugs from a 340B entity to any health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor; or

**8. Exclusion from pharmacy network prohibited.** Exclude any 340B entity from the health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager or other 3rd-party payor network on the basis that the 340B entity dispenses 340B drugs or refuse to contract with a 340B entity for reasons other than those that apply equally to entities that are not 340B entities.

This section may not be construed to limit a health insurance issuer's ability to use certain preferred pharmacies or develop networks of preferred pharmacies as long as a health insurance issuer's decision is not based on an entity's status as a 340B entity.

**§7755. MaineCare program not affected**

This chapter does not apply to the MaineCare program as a payor when the MaineCare program provides reimbursement for covered outpatient drugs as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 1396r-8(k)(2).

**§7756. Contracting under 340B program**

As permitted under federal law and regulation, a 340B entity shall, to the extent possible, contract with a 340B contract pharmacy that is located in this State.

**§7757. Enforcement**

**1. Enforcement; violation.** Notwithstanding section 12-A, a violation of this chapter is subject to enforcement under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, including any of the remedies provided for in that Act. A violation is committed each time a prohibited act under this chapter occurs. An investigation of a violation by a manufacturer may include a wholesaler or 3rd party that may possess evidence supporting that investigation.

**2. Exemption from enforcement.** The limited distribution of a drug required under 21 United States Code, Section 355-1 is not a violation of this chapter.

**§7758. Federal preemption; statutory construction**

**1. No less restrictive than federal law.** This chapter may not be construed or applied to be less restrictive than federal law for a person or entity regulated by this chapter.

**2. No conflict with federal law and regulation or other laws of this State.** This chapter may not be construed or applied in any manner that conflicts with:

- A. Applicable federal law and related regulations;
- or
- B. Other laws of this State if the law is compatible with applicable federal law.

**PART Q**

**Sec. Q-1. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §6, is further amended to read:

**4. Refundability; phase-out.** For tax years beginning before January 1, 2024, the credit allowed by this section may not reduce the tax otherwise due under this Part to less than zero. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the credit allowed under subsections 1, 1-A, 3 and 3-A, as increased by subsection 5 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, is refundable. ~~The amount of the credit allowed by this section must be reduced, but not below zero, by \$7.50 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof by which the taxpayer's Maine adjusted gross income exceeds \$400,000 in the case of a joint return and \$200,000 in any other case.~~

For tax years beginning before January 1, 2025, the amount of the credit allowed by this section must be reduced, but not below zero, by \$7.50 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof by which the taxpayer's Maine adjusted gross income exceeds \$400,000 in the case of a joint return and \$200,000 in any other case.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the amount of the credit allowed by this section, as increased by subsection 5, must be reduced, but not below zero, by \$20 for each \$500 or fraction thereof by which the taxpayer's Maine adjusted gross income exceeds:

- A. For a single individual, \$100,000;
- B. For an individual filing as a head of household, \$125,000;
- C. For individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses, \$150,000; and
- D. For a married individual filing a separate return, 1/2 of the applicable amount under paragraph C.

**Sec. Q-2. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Increased credit for qualifying children and dependents under 6 years of age.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the credit amount allowed in subsections 1, 1-A, 2, 2-A, 3 and 3-A for each qualifying child and dependent who has not attained 6 years of age before the end of the taxable year is multiplied by 2.

**Sec. Q-3. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §9, is further amended to read:

**8. Personal exemption phase-out.** Beginning in 2018 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the applicable amounts specified in section 5126-A, subsection 2, paragraphs A, B and C, except that for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is

the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2017; ~~and~~

**Sec. Q-4. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §10, is amended to read:

**9. Dependent exemption tax credit amount.** Beginning in 2024 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the dependent exemption tax credit under section 5219-SS, except that for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023. If the credit amount, adjusted by application of the cost-of-living adjustment, is not a multiple of \$5, any increase must be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$5; ~~and~~

**Sec. Q-5. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Dependent exemption phase-out.** Beginning in 2025 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount of the applicable amounts specified in section 5219-SS, subsection 4, paragraphs A, B and C, except that, for the purposes of this subsection, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the "cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024.

## PART R

**Sec. R-1. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶P**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §4, is further amended to read:

P. Detectives in the employment of the Office of the Attorney General on July 1, 2020 who elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan or hired thereafter; ~~and~~

**Sec. R-2. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶Q**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. IIII, §1, is further amended to read:

Q. Until July 31, 2024, civilian employees whose job responsibilities include the handling, examination or analysis of digital or physical evidence in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit on October 1, 2021 or hired thereafter; ~~and~~

**Sec. R-3. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶R** is enacted to read:

R. Persons in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2025 or hired thereafter who have the job classification

of Mental Health Worker I, Mental Health Worker II, Mental Health Worker III or Mental Health Worker IV.

**Sec. R-4. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Qualification for benefits.** A member employed in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1 after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; any employee identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R; and any employee identified in subsection 1, paragraph L, qualifies for a service retirement benefit if that member either:

A. Is at least 55 years of age and has completed at least 10 years of creditable service under the 1998 Special Plan in any one or a combination of the capacities; or

B. Has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1, whether or not the creditable service included in determining that the 25-year requirement has been met was earned under the 1998 Special Plan or prior to its establishment.

**Sec. R-5. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Service credit purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions following termination of service is included only to the extent that time to which the refund relates was served after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; and after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1. Service credit may be purchased for service by an employee identified in subsection 1, paragraphs L ~~and~~ M ~~and~~ R regardless of when performed; and

**Sec. R-6. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §8, is further amended to read:

A. If all of the member's creditable service in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1 was earned after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R; if service credit was purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions for service in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1 after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R; or if service credit was purchased by other than the repayment of an earlier refund and eligibility to make the purchase of the service credit, including, but not limited to, service credit for military service, was achieved after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R, the benefit must be computed as provided in section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A.

(1) If the member had 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the benefit under subsection 2, paragraph B must be reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B.

(2) If the member had fewer than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the benefit under subsection 2, paragraph B must be reduced by 6% for each year that the member's age precedes 55 years of age.

**Sec. R-7. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§4, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §9, is further amended to read:

B. Except as provided in paragraphs D, E ~~and~~ F and G, if some part of the member's creditable service in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1 was earned before July 1, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H; before January 1, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; before January 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; before July 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; before July 1, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ before October 1, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and before October 1, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R and some part of the member's creditable service in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1 was earned after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R, then the member's service retirement benefit must be computed in segments and the amount of the member's service retirement benefit is the sum of the segments. The segments must be computed as follows:

(1) The segment or, if the member served in more than one of the capacities specified in subsection 1 and the benefits related to the capacities are not interchangeable under section 17856, segments that reflect creditable service earned before July 1, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H; before January 1, 2000 for employees identified

in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; before January 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; before July 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; before July 1, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ before October 1, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and before October 1, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R or purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions for service before July 1, 1998, for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H; before January 1, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; before January 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; before July 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; before July 1, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ before October 1, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and before October 1, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R in a capacity or capacities specified in subsection 1 or purchased by other than the repayment of a refund and eligibility to make the purchase of the service credit, including, but not limited to, service credit for military service, was achieved before July 1, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A to H; before January 1, 2000 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; before January 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; before July 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; before July 1, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ before October 1, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and before October 1, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R, must be computed under section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A. If the member is qualified under subsection 2, paragraph B and:

- (a) Had 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the amount of the segment or segments must be reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B; or
  - (b) Had fewer than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the amount of the segment or segments must be reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 3-A; and
- (2) The segment that reflects creditable service earned after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in

subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R or purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions for service after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R in any one or a combination of the capacities specified in subsection 1, or purchased by other than the repayment of a refund and eligibility to make the purchase of the service credit, including, but not limited to, service credit for military service, was achieved after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R must be computed under section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A. If the member is qualified under subsection 2, paragraph B and:

- (a) Had 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the segment amount must be reduced in the manner provided in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B

for each year that the member's age precedes 55 years of age; or

(b) Had fewer than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the segment amount must be reduced by 6% for each year that the member's age precedes 55 years of age.

**Sec. R-8. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§4, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. The service retirement benefit of a member to whom subsection 1, paragraph R applies and who qualifies for service retirement benefits under subsection 2 must be computed under section 17852, subsection 1, paragraph A on the basis of all of the member's creditable service in the capacity specified in subsection 1, paragraph R, regardless of when that creditable service was earned, except that for a member qualifying under subsection 2, paragraph B:

(1) If the member had 10 years of service on July 1, 1993, the benefit must be reduced as provided in section 17852, subsection 3, paragraphs A and B for each year the member's age precedes 55 years of age; or

(2) If the member had fewer than 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the benefit must be reduced by 6% for each year that the member's age precedes 55 years of age.

**Sec. R-9. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 474, §10, is further amended to read:

**5. Contributions.** Notwithstanding any other provision of subchapter 3 to the contrary, after June 30, 1998 and before September 1, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; after June 30, 1998 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs C to H; after December 31, 1999 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs I to K; after December 31, 2001 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph L; after June 30, 2002 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph M; after June 30, 2020 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraphs N to P; ~~and~~ after September 30, 2021 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph Q; and after September 30, 2025 for employees identified in subsection 1, paragraph R, a member in the capacities specified in subsection 1 must contribute to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or have pick-up contributions made at the rate of 8.65% of earnable compensation until the member has completed 25 years of creditable service as provided in this section and at the rate of 7.65% thereafter.

**PART S**

**Sec. S-1. 7 MRSA §164, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Funding.** A separate, nonlapsing, interest-bearing account, administered by the department, is established in the department within the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to support public-private partnerships to carry out the purposes of the program. The account consists of money appropriated or allocated to the account or received from any private or public source.

**PART T**

**Sec. T-1. 7 MRSA §2188, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 84, §3, is amended to read:

The fee for an original or renewal annual license may not exceed ~~\$75~~ \$180.

**PART U**

**Sec. U-1. 12 MRSA §685,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 682, §9, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

A dedicated account is established for the commission. This dedicated account is authorized to accept funding for commission-related activities, including surcharges for digital and online fee payments.

**PART V**

**Sec. V-1. 22 MRSA §20-A, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. AAAA, §1, is amended to read:

A. All money received by the State in accordance with Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-1 and, beginning with fiscal year 2026-27, Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-2;

**Sec. V-2. 30-A MRSA §4773** is enacted to read:

**§4773. Housing Production Fund**

The Housing Production Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction and control of the Maine State Housing Authority. The fund is funded by revenue from Title 36, section 4641-A, subsection 1, paragraph A. Funds in the fund must be used by the authority to support the federal low-income housing tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the authority's rural affordable rental housing program and affordable homeownership program.

**Sec. V-3. 36 MRSA §4641-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 559, Pt. I, §3 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

A. The rate of the tax is \$2.20 for each \$500 or fractional part of \$500 of the value of the property transferred. When the value of the property being transferred exceeds \$1,000,000, an additional tax at the rate of \$3.80 for each \$500 or fractional part of

\$500 of the value of the property transferred that exceeds \$1,000,000 is imposed.

**Sec. V-4. 36 MRSA §4641-A, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 559, Pt. I, §3 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

A. ~~The~~ For property owned by the entity and located in this State, the rate of the tax is \$2.20 for each \$500 or fractional part of \$500 of the value of the real property ~~owned by the entity and located in this State~~ transferred. When the value of the property being transferred exceeds \$1,000,000, an additional tax at the rate of \$3.80 for each \$500 or fractional part of \$500 of the value of the real property transferred that exceeds \$1,000,000 is imposed.

**Sec. V-5. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. AAAA, §3, is amended to read:

E-1. In fiscal year 2025-26 ~~and each fiscal year thereafter~~, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

(2) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit 1/2 of any remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and 1/2 of any remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the Housing First Fund established in Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 2.

(3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall credit 50% of the revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority. The Maine State Housing Authority shall deposit the funds received pursuant to this subparagraph in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853. Beginning July 1, 2025, the Maine State Housing Authority shall use 25% of funds transferred to the Housing

Opportunities for Maine Fund under this subparagraph to support the creation of new housing units, through new construction or adaptive reuse, that are affordable to low-income households.

**Sec. V-6. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-2** is enacted to read:

E-2. In fiscal year 2026-27 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

(2) After reducing the revenue amount by the amount certified pursuant to subparagraph (1), on a monthly basis, of the remaining revenue, the Treasurer of State shall:

(a) Pay 18% to the Department of Health and Human Services, which shall deposit the funds in the Housing First Fund established in Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 2;

(b) Pay 32% to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853;

(c) Pay 30% to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Housing Production Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4773 to support the federal low-income housing tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the authority's rural affordable rental housing program and affordable homeownership program; and

(d) Deposit 20% in the General Fund.

**Sec. V-7. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§20**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. E, §3 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

**20. Controlling interests.** Transfers of controlling interests in an entity with a fee interest in real property if the transfer of the real property would qualify for exemption if accomplished by deed of the real property between the parties to the transfer of the controlling interest; ~~and~~

**Sec. V-8. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§21**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. E, §4 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**21. Transfers pursuant to transfer on death deed.** Any transfer of real property effectuated by a transfer on death deed pursuant to Title 18-C, Article 6, Part 4; and

**Sec. V-9. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

**22. Purchases by first-time home buyers participating in certain mortgage loan programs.** Deeds to property to purchasers who receive financial assistance through the Maine State Housing Authority's first-time home-buyer mortgage loan programs. The exemption under this subsection applies to both the buyer and the seller.

**Sec. V-10. Effective date.** This Part takes effect November 1, 2025.

#### PART W

**Sec. W-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Community-based Greenhouse - Bureau of Agriculture Other Special Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Community-based Greenhouse - Bureau of Agriculture Other Special Revenue Funds account for one-time funding for grants for durable greenhouse structures, including glass and polycarbonate structures, and associated siting and installation costs to schools, community centers and other eligible public entities as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for shared and educational uses and to enhance community-based opportunities for food production.

#### PART X

**Sec. X-1. 22 MRSA §3024, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEE, §1, is further amended to read:

The salary of the Chief Medical Examiner of the State must be set by the Governor. Other nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators, upon the submission of their completed report to the Chief Medical Examiner, must be paid a fee of up to ~~\$400~~ \$150 for an inspection and view and are entitled to receive travel expenses to be calculated at the mileage rate currently paid to state employees pursuant to Title 5, section 8. An additional fee of \$50 may be authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner for payment to other nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators for visits to death scenes other than hospitals.

**Sec. X-2. 22 MRSA §3024, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 113, §3, is further amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may, in an unusual circumstance as determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, prescribe a special fee for the service of a medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator or for any consultant service the Chief Medical Examiner determines necessary. A special fee prescribed by the Chief Medical Examiner under this paragraph may not include a fee for a standard blood, urine or vitreous collection.

#### PART Y

**Sec. Y-1. Transfer to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of funding unmet capital construction and repair needs for state dams.

#### PART Z

**Sec. Z-1. 34-A MRSA §1403, sub-§8, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 127, §3, is amended to read:

C. The commissioner may contract with the Attorney General of the United States or officer designated by the Congress for the care, custody, subsistence, education, treatment and training of any prisoner or juvenile accepted under this ~~section~~. ~~All sums paid pursuant to contracts authorized by this section shall accrue to the General Fund subsection.~~

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), all sums paid pursuant to contracts authorized by this paragraph must accrue to the General Fund.

(2) Sums paid by the United States Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service pursuant to a contract authorized by this paragraph must accrue to the department for deposit into the client benefit welfare accounts at the department's correctional facilities. Sums accrued to the department under this paragraph may not exceed \$250,000 each fiscal year. Any sums paid pursuant to contracts under this subparagraph in excess of \$250,000 each fiscal year must accrue to the General Fund.

#### PART AA

**Sec. AA-1. Department of Corrections; transfer of funds for overtime expenses.** Not-

withstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Corrections, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, may transfer funds in the Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures line categories between accounts within the same fund for the purposes of paying overtime expenses in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

#### PART BB

**Sec. BB-1. Transfers and adjustments to position count; Department of Corrections.** The Commissioner of Corrections shall review the current organizational structure of the Department of Corrections to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness and shall recommend to the State Budget Officer transfers of positions and available balances. In accordance with the requirements of this section and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Budget Officer shall transfer the position counts and available balances by financial order, in accordance with the recommendations of the commissioner, from July 1st to December 1st of each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium. Position adjustments made after December 1st and on or before June 30th of each fiscal year may not be considered an adjustment to position count or appropriations. The transfer and adjustment authorized by this section must comply with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585. Any transfer or adjustment pursuant to this section that would result in a program or mission change or facility closure must be reported by the Bureau of the Budget to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters for review before the associated financial order is submitted to the Governor for approval; these transfers are considered adjustments to authorized position count, appropriations and allocations.

#### PART CC

**Sec. CC-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 only, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer the available balances of appropriations and allocations in the Personal Services line category in the Long Creek Youth Development Center program after all salary, benefit and other obligations have been met to the All Other line category of the program in order to fund juvenile community programs and services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

#### PART DD

**Sec. DD-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Corrections, Administration - Corrections.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,661,559 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Corrections, Administration - Corrections, Other Special Revenue Funds account for one-time implementation costs of the offender management system.

#### PART EE

**Sec. EE-1. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 235, §6 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

C. Report and pay \$75,000 in each fiscal year from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education; ~~and~~

**Sec. EE-2. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 694, §1 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

D. Report and pay in each fiscal year from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education an amount sufficient to fund all salary supplements for national board-certified teachers as described in section 13013-A, subsections 1 and 2. If the fees are insufficient to fully fund the annual national board certification salary supplements, general purpose aid must be appropriated to fund the balance; ~~and~~

**Sec. EE-3. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. Report and pay in each fiscal year from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the Higher Education Administrative Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the department established under section 10017 an amount sufficient to fund annual dues of the New England Board of Higher Education established under Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 2.

#### PART FF

**Sec. FF-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Judicial Department, Courts - Supreme, Superior and District; fiscal year 2025-26.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26 only, the Judicial Department is authorized to transfer up to \$750,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior

and District program, after all financial commitments for salary, benefit and other obligations have been made, to the All Other line category in order to fund temporary clerk services, marshal services contracts, guardians ad litem, interpreters and mental health services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order on the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**Sec. FF-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Judicial Department, Courts - Supreme, Superior and District; fiscal year 2026-27.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2026-27 only, the Judicial Department is authorized to transfer up to \$750,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, after all financial commitments for salary, benefit and other obligations have been made, to the All Other line category in order to fund temporary clerk services, marshal services contracts, guardians ad litem, interpreters and mental health services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order on the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

#### PART GG

**Sec. GG-1. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices; Maine Clean Election Act program; General Fund transfer to Maine Clean Election Fund.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 2, paragraph B, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000, currently authorized to be transferred on or before January 1, 2027, from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund on or before July 1, 2026.

#### PART HH

**Sec. HH-1. Rename Learning Systems Team program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Learning Systems Team program within the Department of Education is renamed the Federal Programs Team program.

#### PART II

**Sec. II-1. 36 MRS §2892, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 2, Pt. II, §3, is further amended to read:

For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, a tax is imposed annually against each hospital in the State. The tax is equal to 2.23% of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's taxable year. Beginning January 1, 2025, the tax for acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals except for the Riverview Psychiatric Center and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and

rehabilitation hospitals is equal to 3.25% of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2022. Beginning January 1, 2025, the tax does not apply to critical access hospitals. For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2002. For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2003. For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2006 but before July 1, 2008, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2004.

**Sec. II-2. 36 MRS §2893, sub-§2-A, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. JJ, §5, is amended to read:

C. For a facility licensed as a psychiatric hospital by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 1817, except the Riverview Psychiatric Center and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, an amount equal to ~~2.23%~~ 3.25% of the hospital's net operating revenue as identified in the hospital's audited financial statement for the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2022 multiplied by one-half ~~on or before May 15, 2025.~~

**Sec. II-3. Form and timing of payments by private psychiatric hospitals.** A psychiatric hospital subject to the tax imposed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 377 shall submit to the assessor a return on a form prescribed and furnished by the assessor and pay the tax by the 30th day following the effective date of this Part.

Any amounts paid to the assessor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2893, subsection 2-A, paragraph C between January 1, 2025 and the effective date of this Act must be deducted from the total amount owed by the hospital pursuant to that paragraph.

**Sec. II-4. Supplemental payments to private psychiatric hospitals.** The Department of Health and Human Services, from the amounts appropriated and allocated, shall determine a consistent and reasonable allocation method to distribute supplemental payments to private psychiatric hospitals. Total payment amounts may not exceed the lower of the amount appropriated for supplemental payments to psychiatric hospitals by this Act and the amount by which any payment would cause the department to exceed allowable aggregate upper payment limits as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

These payments must be allocated based on a consistent allocation method subject to United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services approval from total supplemental pool amounts as follows:

1. A supplemental pool amount based on the tax owed by psychiatric hospitals in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 as the result of the incremental increase in the hospital tax rate imposed by this Part, for twice-annual supplemental payments in those fiscal years; and

2. A supplemental pool amount based on the tax owed by psychiatric hospitals in fiscal year 2024-25 as the result of the retroactive application of the incremental increase in the hospital tax rate imposed by this Part, for a one-time supplemental payment in fiscal year 2025-26.

Supplemental payments must continue until implementation of reimbursement reform for psychiatric hospitals, at which point the supplemental payments must be discontinued and the associated spending must be invested in direct reimbursement for inpatient and outpatient psychiatric hospital services.

**Sec. II-5. Federal approval.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any state plan amendments or waivers determined necessary in order to accomplish the purposes of this Part.

**Sec. II-6. Retroactivity.** Those sections of this Part that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2892 and section 2893, subsection 2-A, paragraph C apply retroactively to January 1, 2025.

**PART JJ**

**Sec. JJ-1. Attrition savings.** Notwithstanding Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part H or any other provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2026-2027 biennium is 6% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies only. The attrition rate for subsequent biennia is 1.6%.

**Sec. JJ-2. Calculation and transfer; attrition savings.** The State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of the savings in section 3 that applies against each General Fund account for all executive branch departments and agencies statewide and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The State Budget Officer shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than October 1, 2025.

**Sec. JJ-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect additional savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 5% to 6%. This savings is in addition to the savings pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 2 from recognizing an increase in attrition from 1.6% to 5%.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$5,686,312)	(\$5,889,423)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$5,686,312)</u>	<u>(\$5,889,423)</u>

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$5,686,312)	(\$5,889,423)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$5,686,312)</u>	<u>(\$5,889,423)</u>

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect additional savings from an increase in the attrition rate from 5% to 6%. This savings is in addition to the savings pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 2 from recognizing an increase in attrition from 1.6% to 5%.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$617,683)	(\$629,678)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$617,683)</u>	<u>(\$629,678)</u>

<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$617,683)	(\$629,678)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$617,683)</u>	<u>(\$629,678)</u>

<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$6,303,995)	(\$6,519,101)
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$6,303,995)</u>	<u>(\$6,519,101)</u>

**PART KK**

**Sec. KK-1. Transfer; Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and Preschool Special Education Program Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$21,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the Depart-

ment of Education, Preschool Special Education Program Fund, General Fund account, All Other line category.

**PART LL**

**Sec. LL-1. Lapsed balances; Legislature; June 30, 2026.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,128,587 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature program, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category within the Legislature lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**Sec. LL-2. Lapsed balances; Legislature; June 30, 2027.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,152,225 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature program, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category within the Legislature lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027.

**PART MM**

**Sec. MM-1. Fiscal year 2024-25 year-end unappropriated surplus; 5th priority transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 1507 and 1511, the transfer of \$2,500,000 for the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital pursuant to Title 5, section 1536 and the transfers to the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund pursuant to Title 5, section 1519 and after all required deductions of appropriations, budgeted financial commitments and adjustments considered necessary by the State Controller have been made, the State Controller shall transfer up to \$24,000,000 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in Title 22, section 3174-KK.

**PART NN**

**Sec. NN-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,376,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support Capital Expenditures.

**PART OO**

**Sec. OO-1. Personal Services balances; Maine Health Data Organization; transfers authorized.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the

Maine Health Data Organization is authorized to transfer up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year of available balances of Personal Services allocations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met to the All Other line category in the Maine Health Data Organization Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**PART PP**

**Sec. PP-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support a manufactured home and mobile home park preservation and assistance program. Program funds must be prioritized for the purpose of maintaining housing affordability in manufactured home and mobile home parks, including by supporting ownership by mobile home owners' associations, resident-owned housing cooperatives or other nonprofit organizations. Funds may also be used to prevent homelessness among those negatively impacted by the sale or change of use of such parks. Before June 30, 2027, unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**PART QQ**

**Sec. QQ-1. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-3** is enacted to read:

E-3. Notwithstanding paragraphs E-1 and E-2, the State Controller shall first credit \$4,847,891 of the revenues available to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4853 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the General Fund and \$5,147,141 of the revenues available to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 to the General Fund.

**PART RR**

**Sec. RR-1. 22 MRSA §1322-E, sub-§3, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

F. Funding for educational programs and information for owners of rental property used for residential purposes; ~~and~~

**Sec. RR-2. 22 MRSA §1322-E, sub-§3, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 147, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Implementation of the lead-safe housing registry by the department pursuant to section 1331-; ~~and~~

**Sec. RR-3. 22 MRSA §1322-E, sub-§3, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. Funding for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts, including, but not limited to, funding for state personnel and contracted resources dedicated to reducing lead hazard exposures and preventing harm from lead poisoning; blood lead testing and laboratory analysis; short-term relocation of families with a lead-poisoned child to a lead-safe residence; and other related costs.

**Sec. RR-4. 22 MRSA §1322-F, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 403, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Fee imposed.** Beginning July 1, 2006, a fee is imposed on manufacturers or wholesalers of paint sold in the State to support the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund under section 1322-E. The fee must be imposed at the manufacturer or wholesaler level, and until June 30, 2026, the fee must be in the amount of 25¢ per gallon of paint estimated to have been sold in the State during the prior year, as determined by rule adopted by the department. Beginning July 1, 2026, the fee imposed under this subsection must be 75¢ per gallon of paint estimated to have been sold in the State during the prior year, as determined by rule adopted by the department.

**Sec. RR-5. 22 MRSA §1322-F, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 403, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Rules.** ~~By July 1, 2006, the~~ The department shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules to determine which manufacturers or wholesalers of paint sold in the State are responsible for the fees imposed under subsection 1 and rules establishing the estimated number of gallons of paint sold in the State in the prior year for each manufacturer and rules determining the manner of payment. The rules must provide for waivers of payment for manufacturers and wholesalers of paint that is sold in low quantities in the State. The costs for development of these rules and for administration of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund must be reimbursed from the fees collected. The rules must specify that the first payment of ~~fees is due by April 1, 2007~~ the fees imposed beginning July 1, 2026 is due by October 1, 2026. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

#### PART SS

**Sec. SS-1. Transfer of interest earnings; General Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,178,388 from the interest earnings on the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery fund and the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

#### PART TT

**Sec. TT-1. 7 MRSA §220-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 729, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund.** The Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to provide funding to achieve the purposes of the program. The department may use funds for personnel services and to contract for professional services to carry out the purposes of this section. The fund consists of any funds received from private and public sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

#### PART UU

**Sec. UU-1. Reimbursement; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall seek reimbursement of costs associated with the repair of the Mackworth Island causeway through risk management administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1725-A; from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency; and from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Any reimbursement received must be transferred to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account established for capital improvements and repairs to state-owned facilities.

#### PART VV

**Sec. VV-1. Carrying provision; Office of the Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any remaining balance in the Office of the Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program in each year of the 2026-2027 biennium into the following fiscal year.

#### PART WW

**Sec. WW-1. Judges and justices salary adjustment.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026, the State Court Administrator shall increase the salaries of the judges and justices on the Supreme Judicial Court and each Superior Court and District Court by 3% total in each fiscal year.

#### PART XX

**Sec. XX-1. 34-B MRSA §1203-B, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Licensing fees and terms.** Fees and terms for licenses under this section are as follows.

A. The application fee for a provisional license may not be less than \$100 nor more than \$280. The term of a provisional license is established pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph B.

B. The application fee for a full license may not be less than \$100 nor more than \$280. The term of a full license is for 2 years.

C. The fee for the biennial renewal of a full license may not be less than \$70 nor more than \$170.

D. The processing fee to add a service site to an issued license may not be less than \$35 nor more than \$70.

E. The processing fee to add a service to an issued license may not be less than \$70 nor more than \$140.

F. A licensee under this section shall maintain a valid license. An issued license is not valid when the information on the license is no longer accurate. A processing fee not to exceed \$10 must be paid to the department to secure a reissued license with accurate information. The fee applies to each license replaced. The reissued license must have the same expiration date as the replaced license.

G. The transaction fee for the electronic renewal of a license may not be less than \$25 nor more than \$50. The transaction fee may not exceed the cost of providing the electronic renewal service.

The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**PART YY**

**Sec. YY-1. 34-B MRSa §3613**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. KKK, §1 and c. 675, §9 and amended by PL 2025, c. 2, Pt. R, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§3613. Crisis receiving centers**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "crisis receiving center" means a center that provides immediate and short-term walk-in access to an array of both clinical and nonclinical mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services to all individuals seeking care regardless of acuity or insurance coverage and within bounds of licensing.

**2. Department to develop plan and serve as coordinator.** The department shall develop a plan for a network of community-based crisis receiving centers across the State to support both clinical and nonclinical mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services. The department shall also coordinate

meetings, technical assistance and training and provide other assistance to help create, maintain and, as necessary, expand the network.

**3. Guidelines.** In carrying out its duties under subsection 2, the department shall:

A. Consult with law enforcement agencies, municipalities, public health experts, behavioral health care providers, other states and others as appropriate;

B. Assess geographical locations for maximization of community impact;

C. Provide technical assistance to persons and entities across the State and providers interested in joining the network;

D. Coordinate regular meetings with crisis receiving centers and provide technical assistance to crisis receiving centers; and

E. Engage in continual process improvement and planning updates.

**PART ZZ**

**Sec. ZZ-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; state psychiatric centers.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 only, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations and allocations in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, the Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met to the All Other line category of those programs. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART AAA**

**Sec. AAA-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Health and Human Services.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 only, the Department of Health and Human Services may transfer from available balances of appropriations in the All Other line category, after the deduction of all appropriations, financial commitments, other designated funds or any other transfer authorized by statute, from any account within the Department of Health and Human Services, excluding balances in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance and State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance programs, for the purpose of the information system modernization project in the department's office of aging and disability services, including the modernization of and merging of information systems within the

office of aging and disability services, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered an adjustment to appropriations.

### PART BBB

**Sec. BBB-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Health and Human Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the Department of Health and Human Services may transfer without a 30-day wait available balances between the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program and the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program in the All Other line category. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

### PART CCC

**Sec. CCC-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence and Office for Family Independence - District.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 only, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to transfer available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence - District program after all financial commitments for salary, benefit, other obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made to the All Other line category in either the Office for Family Independence program or the Office for Family Independence - District program in order to provide for administrative expenses. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

### PART DDD

**Sec. DDD-1. MaineCare reimbursement; hospital professional costs.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement reimbursement of hospital professional costs at hospital-based practices related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45, Hospital Services at 160% of Medicare rates effective July 1, 2027.

### PART EEE

**Sec. EEE-1. Transfer of federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 savings.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, until June 30, 2026, balances of appropriations and allocations in various General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds

accounts in the MaineCare programs within the Department of Health and Human Services that are available as part of the increased 10% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for MaineCare home and community-based services per the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Section 9817 may be transferred by financial order, upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Home and Community Based Services - ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Home and Community Based Services Admin - ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account within the department to be used for federally authorized purposes.

**Sec. EEE-2. Transfer between Other Special Revenue Funds accounts.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, until June 30, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services may transfer balances of appropriations and allocations by financial order, upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, between the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Home and Community Based Services - ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Home and Community Based Services Admin - ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account within the department.

### PART FFF

**Sec. FFF-1. Transfer of funds from unencumbered balance forward; Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the Department of Health and Human Services may transfer funds by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor from the unencumbered balance forward in the Office of MaineCare Services program, General Fund account to the All Other line category in the Office of MaineCare Services program, General Fund account to be used for the Medicaid Enterprise System modernization project.

### PART GGG

**Sec. GGG-1. Cost-of-living adjustment for certain MaineCare reimbursement rates.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit the required methodology notice necessary to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Sections 23, 25 and 46 effective July 1, 2025, and Sections 60, 89 and 90 effective January 1, 2026, and rule Chapter 101:

MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 30; 31; 40; 45; 50; 91; 93; 97, Appendices B, C, D, E and F; and 102 effective July 1, 2025, and Sections 2, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 65, 67, 92, 96 and 103 effective January 1, 2026. The cost-of-living adjustment must be determined based on appropriations and allocations available for the purpose of making cost-of-living adjustments.

### PART HHH

**Sec. HHH-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,400,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part QQ.

**Sec. HHH-2. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,500,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part JJ.

**Sec. HHH-3. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$900,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part MM.

**Sec. HHH-4. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$953,300 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part HH.

**Sec. HHH-5. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Children.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Children, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the

unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part AA.

### PART III

**Sec. III-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$550,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

### PART JJJ

**Sec. JJJ-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$4,500,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

### PART KKK

**Sec. KKK-1. Carrying balance in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the State Controller shall carry forward for the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services any remaining balance in the Personal Services line category in the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services program, General Fund account to the next fiscal year. The funds carried forward may be transferred to the All Other line category to support contracted attorney costs. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**Sec. KKK-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services is authorized to transfer up to \$2,500,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services program, after all financial commitments for salary, benefit and other obligations have been met, to the All Other line category in order to fund costs associated with assigned legal counsel. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART LLL**

**Sec. LLL-1. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$5,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026.

**PART MMM**

**Sec. MMM-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account.**

On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account for the purchase of one replacement aircraft engine and propeller. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account for the purchase of one replacement aircraft engine and propeller.

**Sec. MMM-2. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account.**

On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$125,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account for the purchase of boat, motor and trailer replacements. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$125,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account for the purchase of boat, motor and trailer replacements.

**Sec. MMM-3. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account.**

On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$250,000 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Administrative - Services Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund account for the upgrade of regional offices for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and energy efficiency. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$200,000 from the Department of In-

land Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, General Fund account for the upgrade of regional offices for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and energy efficiency.

**PART NNN**

**Sec. NNN-1. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶D,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

D. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

**Sec. NNN-2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶E,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

**Sec. NNN-3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶J,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

J. A nonresident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$150~~ \$169.

**Sec. NNN-4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 245, §3, is further amended to read:

B. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48;

**Sec. NNN-5. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

**5. Fee.** The fee for a super pack license is ~~\$207~~ \$212 for residents and ~~\$182~~ \$187 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

**Sec. NNN-6. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §§11 and 12, is further amended to read:

**6. Schedule of fees.** The fees for fishing licenses are as follows.

A. A resident fishing license is ~~\$25~~ \$30.

B. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48.

C. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48.

E. A 3-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is ~~\$23~~ \$30.

F. A nonresident 7-day fishing license, valid for 7 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$43~~ \$62.

G. A nonresident 15-day fishing license, valid for 15 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$47~~ \$66.

H. A nonresident season fishing license for persons 16 years of age or older is ~~\$64~~ \$83.

J. A one-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 24-hour period indicated on license, is ~~\$14~~ \$18.

**PART OOO**

**Sec. OOO-1. 26 MRSA c. 25, sub-c. 6** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 6**

**TARGETED WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

**§2041. Targeted Workforce Investment Program**

**1. Program established.** The Targeted Workforce Investment Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Department of Labor to provide training and other workforce development activities in support of industries or occupations for which there is an identified need in the state economy.

**2. Administration.** The Department of Labor shall administer the program and may expend funds in accordance with applicable funding agreements or as determined necessary by the commissioner. To the extent that funds are available, the program may include:

A. Preapprenticeship training programs, career exploration programs and outreach efforts to build a career development network;

B. Training, education and career pathway programs to develop industry-aligned skills;

C. Wraparound services and case management services that are designed to connect individuals in this State, especially individuals from underrepresented communities, to in-demand jobs;

D. Investments in the Maine Apprenticeship Program established under section 3202 and other job skills development programs; and

E. Employer outreach and education to create sustained, quality job opportunities.

**3. Agency coordination.** To better prepare the State's workforce for investments in the State, state and quasi-state agencies shall coordinate with the Department of Labor on workforce development initiatives that affect the agencies and their respective industries. The agencies shall further consult with the Department of Labor when seeking funding opportunities that include workforce development as an allowable activity.

**4. Funding.** The Department of Labor may accept funds, public or private, and may expend the funds for purposes that are consistent with this subchapter. Any funds received under this subchapter must be deposited in a nonlapsing account and any balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year for use consistent with this subchapter.

**5. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART PPP**

**Sec. PPP-1. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Oaths and witnesses.** In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the commission and any duly authorized representative has the power to administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, certify official acts and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records determined necessary as evidence in connection with a disputed claim. Oaths and affirmations required by reason of duties performed pursuant to this chapter may be administered by any persons as may be designated for the purpose by the commissioner. In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the commission or any duly authorized representative, when the interests of any interested party demand, may issue commissions to take depositions to any unemployment compensation or employment security official empowered to take such depositions under this chapter or the laws of any other state, for any of the following causes:

A. When the deponent resides out of or is absent from the State;

B. When the deponent is bound to sea or is about to go out of the State; or

C. When the deponent is so aged, infirm or sick as to be unable to attend at the place of hearing.

A deposition pursuant to paragraph A, B or C must be taken by written interrogatories to be compiled by the commission, and the adverse party must be afforded an opportunity to refute such testimony before a determination is made. The deponent must be sworn and the deposition must be signed and sworn to by the deponent before admissible as testimony at a hearing before the commission.

Subpoenas under this subsection must be issued pursuant to Title 5, section 9060.

**Sec. PPP-2. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Refusal to appear.** A person who without just cause fails or refuses to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records, if it is in that person's power to do so, in obedience to a subpoena of the commission or the duly authorized representative commits a Class E crime. This crime is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A. If a person refuses to obey a subpoena duly issued by the commission or the duly authorized representative, any court of this State within the jurisdiction of which the person resides or transacts business has jurisdiction to issue to that person an order requiring the person to appear and produce evidence or testimony, and any failure to obey that order may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

**Sec. PPP-3. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Protection against self-incrimination.** A person may not be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records before the commission or any duly authorized representative or in obedience to the subpoena of the commission or the duly authorized representative in any cause or proceeding before the commission or any duly authorized representative on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of that person may tend to incriminate that person or subject that person to a penalty or fine; but an individual may not be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or fine for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which that individual is compelled, after having claimed privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that the individual in testifying under this subsection is not exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in testifying.

**Sec. PPP-4. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§4-A,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 641, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. PPP-5. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. PPP-6. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§9-A,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. O, §5 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. PPP-7. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §6, is repealed.

**Sec. PPP-8. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §10, is further amended to read:

**5. Commission review.** The commission may on its own motion affirm, modify or set aside any decision of the Division of Administrative Hearings on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in that case or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit

any of the parties of that decision to initiate further appeals before it. The commission shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of the Division of Administrative Hearings and by the deputy whose decision has been overruled or modified by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The commission may remove to itself or transfer to the ~~chief administrative hearing officer~~ Director of the Division of Administrative Hearings or to another administrative hearing officer the proceedings on any claim pending before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any proceedings so removed to the commission shall must be heard in accordance with the requirements in subsection 3. All hearings conducted pursuant to this section may be heard by a quorum of commissioners, as defined in section 1081, subsection 3. The commission shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decisions.

**Sec. PPP-9. 26 MRSA §1401-A, sub-§2, ¶I,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 154, §2 and c. 277, §6, is further amended to read:

I. The State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006; ~~and~~

**Sec. PPP-10. 26 MRSA §1401-A, sub-§2, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2025, c. 277, §6, is amended to read:

J. The Bureau of Paid Family and Medical Leave; ~~and~~

**Sec. PPP-11. 26 MRSA §1401-A, sub-§2, ¶K** is enacted to read:

K. The Division of Administrative Hearings.

**Sec. PPP-12. 26 MRSA §1401-C** is enacted to read:

**§1401-C. Division of Administrative Hearings**

**1. Division established.** There is established within the department the Division of Administrative Hearings, referred to in this section as "the division," to hear and decide appeals from decisions pertaining to chapters 7 and 13 and any other appeals as the commissioner may require.

A. The division is under the direction of the Director of the Division of Administrative Hearings, referred to in this section as "the director," appointed by the commissioner and subject to the Civil Service Law. The director must be an attorney admitted to practice law in the State.

B. The director shall administer the office, supervise and assign cases to administrative hearing officers and preside at hearings as necessary.

C. Administrative hearing officers shall preside at appeal proceedings. Administrative hearing officers are under the direction of the director and hired subject to the Civil Service Law.

2. Oaths and witnesses. In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the commissioner, the division and any duly authorized representative of the commissioner or division has the power to administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, certify official acts and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records determined necessary as evidence in connection with a disputed claim or the administration of this chapter. Oaths and affirmations required by reason of duties performed pursuant to this chapter may be administered by any persons as may be designated for the purpose by the commissioner. In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the commissioner, the division or any duly authorized representative of the commissioner or division, when the interests of any interested party demand, may issue commissions to take depositions to any unemployment compensation or employment security official empowered to take such depositions under this chapter or the laws of any other state, for any of the following causes:

A. When the deponent resides out of or is absent from the State;

B. When the deponent is bound to sea or is about to go out of the State; or

C. When the deponent is so aged, infirm or sick as to be unable to attend at the place of hearing.

A deposition pursuant to paragraph A, B or C must be taken by written interrogatories to be compiled by the commissioner or the division, and the adverse party must be afforded an opportunity to refute such testimony before a determination is made. The deponent must be sworn and the deposition must be signed and sworn to by the deponent before admissible as testimony at a hearing before the division or the commissioner.

Subpoenas under this subsection must be issued pursuant to Title 5, section 9060.

3. Refusal to appear. A person who without just cause fails or refuses to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records, if it is in that person's power to do so, in obedience to a subpoena of the commissioner, the division or the duly authorized representative of the commissioner or division commits a Class E crime. This crime is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A. If a person refuses to obey a subpoena duly issued by the commissioner, the division or the duly authorized representative of the commissioner or division, any court of this State within the jurisdiction of which the person resides or transacts business has jurisdiction to issue to that person an order requiring the person to appear and produce evidence or testimony, and any failure to obey

that order may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

4. Protection against self-incrimination. A person may not be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda and other records before the division or any duly authorized representative or in obedience to the subpoena of the division or the duly authorized representative in any cause or proceeding before the division or any duly authorized representative on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of that person may tend to incriminate that person or subject that person to a penalty or fine; but an individual may not be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or fine for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which that person is compelled, after having claimed privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that the individual in testifying under this subsection is not exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in testifying.

**PART QQQ**

**Sec. QQQ-1. 26 MRSA §1401-B, sub-§1,** ~~¶B~~, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 467, §5, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner shall appoint to serve at the commissioner's pleasure:

- (1) Deputy Commissioner;
- (2) Director of Legislative Affairs;
- (3) Director of Operations;
- (4) Director of Communications;
- (5) Director, Bureau of Labor Standards;
- (6) Director, Bureau of Employment Services; ~~and~~
- (7) Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; ~~and~~
- (8) Associate Commissioner.

**PART RRR**

**Sec. RRR-1. 35-A MRSA §7104, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. UUU, §4, is further amended to read:

**5. Funds for Communications Equipment Fund.** The commission shall annually transfer ~~\$85,000~~ \$250,000 from a state universal service fund established pursuant to this section to the Communications Equipment Fund established under Title 26, section 1419-A.

If the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services does not receive from federal or other sources funds in addition to the ~~\$85,000~~ \$250,000 sufficient to carry out the purposes of Title 26, section 1419-A, the commission, at the request of the Department of Labor,

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, may transfer from the state universal service fund to the Communications Equipment Fund an additional \$100,000.

The commission may require contributions to the state universal service fund in an amount necessary to collect amounts transferred pursuant to this subsection.

**PART SSS**

**Sec. SSS-1. Rename Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Public Health program.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Bureau of Public Health program within the Department of Marine Resources is renamed the Bureau of Public Health and Aquaculture program.

**PART TTT**

**Sec. TTT-1. Promotion adjustments in Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions.**

There is created within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions a process for promotion to Senior Bank Examiner and Principal Bank Examiner positions based on professional competency benchmarks.

1. A person employed by the bureau in a Bank Examiner position may be promoted to a Senior Bank Examiner position if that person demonstrates achievement of certain professional competency benchmarks as determined by the bureau.

2. A person employed by the bureau in a Senior Bank Examiner position may be promoted to a Principal Bank Examiner position if that person demonstrates achievement of certain professional competency benchmarks as determined by the bureau.

**PART UUU**

**Sec. UUU-1. 25 MRSA §1501, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 360, §1, is further amended to read:

Subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, the chief may appoint one commissioned officer of the State Police to act as the chief's deputy and ~~2~~ 3 commissioned officers of the State Police to act as the chief's majors, all of whom serve at the pleasure of the chief. Subject to the Civil Service Law, the Chief of the State Police may enlist suitable persons as members of the State Police to enforce the law and employ such other employees as may be necessary. The Chief of the State Police shall make rules, subject to the approval of the State Civil Service Appeals Board, for the discipline and control of the State Police. If a deputy chief or major is removed or fails to be reappointed for any reason other than malfeasance of office and, at that time, does not have at least the number of years of creditable service necessary for a service retirement benefit pursuant to Title 5, section 17851, subsection 4, the

deputy chief or major must be reinstated at the commissioned rank held at the time of the appointment with all the rights and privileges as provided by law and personnel rules.

**PART VVV**

**Sec. VVV-1. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 298, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Submits an application fee along with the written application to the proper issuing authority pursuant to the following schedule:

- (a) ~~Resident~~ For a resident of a municipality or unorganized territory, ~~\$35~~ \$50 for an original application and ~~\$20~~ \$35 for a renewal, except that a person who paid \$60 for a concealed firearms permit or renewal during 1991 or 1992 is entitled to a credit toward renewal fees in an amount equal to \$30 for a person who paid \$60 for an original application and \$45 for a person who paid \$60 for a permit renewal. The credit is valid until fully utilized; and
- (b) ~~Nonresident~~ For a nonresident, ~~\$60~~ \$80 for an original or renewal application; and

**Sec. VVV-2. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§15**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 123, §1, is further amended to read:

**15. Duty of issuing authority; application fees.**

The application fees submitted by the applicant as required by subsection 1, paragraph E, subparagraph (4) are subject to the following.

- A. If the issuing authority is other than the Chief of the State Police, ~~\$25~~ \$40 of the fee for an original application and ~~\$15~~ \$30 of the fee for a renewal must be paid over to the Treasurer of State.
- B. If the Chief of the State Police is the issuing authority as the designee of a municipality under section 2002-A, ~~\$25 of the fee for an original application and \$15 of the fee for a renewal~~ the application fee must be paid over to the Treasurer of State.
- C. If the Chief of the State Police is the issuing authority because the applicant is a resident of an unorganized territory, a nonresident or an applicant under subsection 18, the application fee must be paid over to the Treasurer of State. ~~The fee must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the State Police.~~

**PART WWW**

**Sec. WWW-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Department of Public Safety; lease-purchase authorization for**

**motor vehicles for State Police.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$3,655,000 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 60 months in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations and allocations in the State Police accounts.

### PART XXX

**Sec. XXX-1. 22 MRSA §259, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Six hundred ninety-nine thousand, one hundred fifty dollars in fiscal year 2001-02 to federally qualified health centers to support the infrastructure of these programs in providing primary care services to underserved populations. Forty-four thousand, two hundred fifty dollars must be provided to each federally qualified health center with an additional \$8,850 for the 2nd and each additional site operated by a federally qualified health center. For the purposes of this paragraph, "site" means a site or sites operated by the federally qualified health center within its scope of service that meet all health center requirements, including providing primary care services, regardless of patients' ability to pay, 5 days a week with extended hours. If there is not sufficient funding to meet the formula in this paragraph, the \$699,150 must be allocated in proportion to the formula outlined in this paragraph; and

**Sec. XXX-2. 22 MRSA §259, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §2, is further amended to read:

C. Five hundred thousand dollars, beginning with fiscal year 2015-16 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter, to support access to primary medical, behavioral health and dental services to residents of the State in rural and underserved communities and to assist with provider recruitment and retention. Twenty-five thousand dollars must be provided to each federally qualified health center; ~~and~~

**Sec. XXX-3. 22 MRSA §259, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. XXX-4. 22 MRSA §259, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. XXX-5. PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. QQ, §5** is repealed.

**Sec. XXX-6. Lapsed balances; Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$4,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2026. These funds were authorized to carry forward in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 259, subsection 3.

### PART YYY

**Sec. YYY-1. 39-A MRSA §154, sub-§6, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. R, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The assessments levied under this section may not be designed to produce more than ~~\$14,700,000 beginning in the 2023-24 fiscal year~~ revenue than is sufficient for expenditures allocated pursuant to subsection 2 and to maintain a reserve of up to 1/4 of the board's annual budget. Assessments collected that exceed ~~the this~~ limit by a margin of more than 10% must be used to reduce the assessment that is paid by insured employers pursuant to subsection 3. Any amount collected above the board's allocated budget and within the 10% margin must be used to create a reserve of up to 1/4 of the board's annual budget.

### PART ZZZ

**Sec. ZZZ-1. Transfer to the General Fund unappropriated surplus; Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 from available balance in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

### PART AAAA

**Sec. AAAA-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Judicial Department, Courts - Supreme, Superior and District; fiscal year 2025-26.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Judicial Department is authorized to transfer up to \$80,000 of available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, after all financial commitments for salary, benefit and other obligations have been met, to the All Other line category in order to fund costs associated with a market pay study. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the

recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 389  
H.P. 1149 - L.D. 1722**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing the Regulation of  
Aquaculture Leases**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the process that an applicant for an aquaculture lease goes through is extremely rigorous and, for various reasons, the application process can take years; and

**Whereas,** the administrative burden of processing applications for Department of Marine Resources staff is significant, contributing to the long wait times; and

**Whereas,** this legislation seeks to simplify the administrative procedures the department must go through in an effort to reduce wait times for lease applicants; and

**Whereas,** it is important that this legislation take effect immediately to reduce barriers to entry for applicants as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§12,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 564, §5, is further amended to read:

**12. Renewal.** The commissioner shall renew a lease if:

- A. The commissioner receives, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of a lease, an application for renewal that includes information on the type and amount of aquaculture to be conducted during the new lease term. If the renewal application is received after the expiration of a lease but within 30 days of the date of expiration, the application must include a nonrefundable \$500 late fee in order for the application to be accepted. The late fee may be waived by the commissioner if a substantial illness or medical condition prevented the leaseholder

from submitting the application prior to the date of expiration. The applicant shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the substantial illness or medical condition. The commissioner may not process an application received more than 30 days after the expiration of a lease, and the applicant's lease expires;

B. The lessee has complied with the lease agreement during the term of the lease. The department shall consider the compliance record of the leaseholder. For the purposes of this paragraph, "compliance record" means department aquaculture inspection reports and enforcement actions as they relate to the operation of an aquaculture lease;

C. The commissioner determines that renewal of the lease is in the best interest of the State;

D. Except as provided in subsection 13-A, the renewal will not cause the lessee to become a tenant of any kind in leases covering an aggregate of more than 500 acres; and

E. The lease is not being held for speculative purposes.

If a person who holds a lease pursuant to this section applies to renew the lease, the lease remains in effect until the commissioner makes a decision on the renewal application. If the renewal is denied, the lease expires 30 120 days after the date of the commissioner's decision and the leaseholder is responsible for removing all gear and products. If a renewal application is not received by the department within 30 days after the expiration of a lease, the leaseholder is responsible for removing all gear and products within 120 days.

When aquaculture has not been routinely or substantially conducted on a lease that is proposed for renewal, the commissioner may renew the lease, as long as the proposed renewal will continue to meet the criteria for approval in subsection 7-A.

~~A lease renewal is an adjudicatory proceeding under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. Public notice must be given to the entities required to receive notice under subsection 6. A person may provide to the commissioner comments on the proposed lease renewal by the 30 day deadline specified in the applicable notice to the entities required to receive notice under subsection 6 or within 30 days of publication of the proposed renewal. A hearing must be held if it is requested in writing by 10 persons within the 30 days. The commissioner may review multiple leases concurrently during the lease renewal process.~~

A lease renewal is not an adjudicatory proceeding. Upon determining that the renewal application is complete, the commissioner shall provide notice of the application to owners of riparian land within 1,000 feet of the proposed location of the lease and to the municipal officers of the municipality in which the lease is located.

The applicant shall provide the names and addresses of known owners of riparian land within 1,000 feet of the location of the lease. The names and addresses must be taken from the current property tax roster on file at the local municipal office or, for an unorganized territory, with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services. The commissioner shall publish a summary of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the State in which the lease is located. The commissioner may require the applicant to reimburse the department for costs incurred by the department in providing public notice under this subsection. A person may provide comments to the commissioner on the application by the 30-day deadline specified in the applicable notice to owners of riparian land or municipal officers or within 30 days of publication of the newspaper notice.

A lease renewal application must include a nonrefundable application fee of no more than \$1,500, the amount to be set by the commissioner depending on the type of aquaculture permitted by the lease.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§12-D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 564, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**12-D. Conversion of limited-purpose lease for commercial purposes.** A person who holds a limited-purpose lease for commercial purposes pursuant to section 6072-A may apply to convert that lease to a lease under this section as long as the application is for the same lease area and same operations authorized by the limited-purpose lease. The commissioner shall convert the limited-purpose lease as soon as possible following receipt of a complete application that meets the requirements of this subsection.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§18**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 564, §11, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§18-A** is enacted to read:

**18-A. Scientific lease renewal.** A limited-purpose lease for scientific research may be renewed. The commissioner shall renew the lease if:

A. The commissioner receives, prior to the expiration of a lease, an application for renewal that includes information on the type of aquaculture research to be conducted during the new lease term. If the renewal application is received after the expiration of a lease but within 30 days of the date of expiration, the application must include a nonrefundable \$500 late fee in order for the application to be accepted. The late fee may be waived if a substantial illness or medical condition prevented the leaseholder from submitting the application within 30 days of the date of expiration. The leaseholder shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the substantial illness or medical condition. The commissioner may

not process applications received more than 30 days after the expiration of a lease, and the lease expires;

B. The lessee has complied with the lease agreement during the term of the lease. The department shall consider the compliance record of the leaseholder and information received from the public in making this determination. For the purposes of this paragraph, "compliance record" means department aquaculture reports and enforcement actions as they relate to the operation of an aquaculture lease;

C. The commissioner determines that renewal of the lease is in the best interest of the State;

D. Except as provided in section 6072, subsection 13-A, the renewal will not cause the lessee to become a tenant of any kind in leases covering an aggregate of more than 500 acres; and

E. Research has been conducted during the term of the lease.

If a person who holds a lease pursuant to this section applies to renew the lease, the lease remains in effect until the commissioner makes a decision on the renewal application. If the renewal is denied, the lease expires 120 days after the date of the commissioner's decision and the leaseholder is responsible for removing all gear and products. If a renewal application is not received by the department 30 days after the expiration of a lease, the leaseholder is responsible for removing all gear and products within 120 days.

When aquaculture research has not been routinely or substantially conducted on a lease that is proposed for renewal, the commissioner may renew the lease, as long as the proposed renewal continues to meet the criteria for approval described in subsection 13.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§20-A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 564, §12, is amended to read:

**20-A. Extension for conversion of a commercial lease.** If a person who holds a limited-purpose lease for commercial aquaculture research and development submits an application under section 6072, subsection 12-D for that same lease area and the same operations before the expiration of that limited-purpose lease, or within 30 days of the expiration and accompanied by a nonrefundable late fee of \$500, and if the commissioner does not make a decision under section 6072, subsection 12-D before the expiration of that limited-purpose lease, the limited-purpose lease remains in effect until the commissioner makes a decision under section 6072, subsection 12-D. The late fee may be waived if a substantial illness or a medical condition prevented the leaseholder from submitting the application within 30 days of the date of expiration. The applicant shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the substantial illness or medical con-

dition. If the commissioner grants the person a lease under section 6072, subsection 12-D, that person's limited-purpose lease remains in effect until the effective date of the lease issued under section 6072, subsection 12-D. If the commissioner denies that person a lease under section 6072, subsection 12-D, that person's limited-purpose lease remains in effect until ~~30~~ 120 days after the commissioner's decision. The commissioner may not process applications under section 6072, subsection 12-D received more than 30 days after the expiration of a lease, and the leaseholder is responsible for removing all gear and products within 120 days.

**Sec. 6. Department of Marine Resources to amend rules and forms.** The Department of Marine Resources shall amend its rules and modify forms as necessary to reflect the changes made by this Act related to the renewal of aquaculture leases under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 6072 and 6072-A and the conversion of a limited-purpose lease for commercial aquaculture research and development under Title 12, section 6072, subsection 12-D.

**Sec. 7. Application.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072, subsection 12 and section 6072-A, subsection 20-A relating to the renewal of aquaculture leases and that enact Title 12, section 6072-A, subsection 18-A relating to the renewal of aquaculture leases apply to all renewal applications pending with the Department of Marine Resources on the effective date of this Act and to all renewal applications submitted on or after the effective date of this Act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 390  
H.P. 1328 - L.D. 1984**

**An Act to Correct  
Inconsistencies, Conflicts and  
Errors in the Laws of Maine**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** acts of this and previous Legislatures have resulted in certain technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine; and

**Whereas,** these inconsistencies, conflicts and errors create uncertainties and confusion in interpreting legislative intent; and

**Whereas,** it is vitally necessary that these uncertainties and this confusion be resolved in order to prevent any injustice or hardship to the citizens of Maine; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. DD, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Range 89.** The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 89:

- Director, Bureau of General Services;
- Director, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations;
- State Budget Officer;
- State Controller;
- Director, Bureau of Forestry;
- Director, Office of Policy Innovation and the Future;
- Director, Governor's Energy Resources Office;
- State Human Resources Officer;
- Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands;
- Director of the Governor's Office of Communications;
- Director, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
- Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning;
- Director, Office of Cannabis Policy;
- Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care; and
- Director, Maine Office of Community Affairs.

**Sec. A-2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 541, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1), division (c), subdivision (vi) to read:

- (vi) Projections of wind energy developers' plans, as well as technology trends and their state policy implications; and

**Sec. A-3. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 541, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters may report out legislation by February 1st of each odd-numbered year relating to the content of the plan. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may make recommendations regarding that legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.

**Sec. A-4. 5 MRSA §1**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §23, is further amended to read:

**§1. Appointment of temporary officials; removal; salary**

In order to provide for the uninterrupted and orderly functioning of any agency, board, commission or department of the State Government during a vacancy in the office of the appointive or elective head thereof and whenever there is no state official, deputy, assistant or other state employee duly authorized by law to exercise the powers and perform the duties of ~~such the~~ appointive or elective head during ~~such the~~ vacancy, the Governor is empowered to appoint a temporary deputy commissioner to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the appointive or elective head of ~~such the~~ office during ~~such the~~ vacancy. The term of office of ~~such a~~ temporary deputy commissioner so appointed ~~shall be is~~ at the pleasure of the Governor and ~~shall may~~ not extend beyond the date of qualification of a successor to the office of appointive or elective head of ~~such the~~ agency, board, commission or department or 60 days from the date of ~~his the~~ temporary deputy commissioner's appointment, whichever ~~shall first occur~~ occurs first. The term of office of ~~such a~~ temporary deputy commissioner so appointed to an office to which appointments are by law subject to confirmation by the Legislature ~~shall be is~~ at the pleasure of the Governor and ~~shall may~~ not extend beyond the date of qualification of a successor appointed to ~~such the~~ office or 6 months from the date of ~~the temporary deputy commissioner's~~ appointment, whichever ~~shall first occur~~ occurs first. ~~Such A~~ temporary deputy commissioner ~~shall is~~ not be eligible for reappointment. ~~Such A~~ temporary deputy commissioner ~~shall must~~ be appointed from the personnel of the agency, board, commission or department in which ~~such the~~ vacancy occurs.

During the term of ~~such the~~ temporary deputy commissioner's appointment, the temporary deputy commissioner ~~shall must~~ be paid a salary to be determined by the Governor but not to exceed that received by the appointive or elective head at the termination of ~~his the~~ head's services with the State Government.

In the event an employee in the classified service of the State Government is appointed as a temporary deputy commissioner ~~he shall, the employee,~~ during the term of ~~his the~~ employee's appointment as temporary deputy commissioner, ~~retain retains~~ all of the rights and

all of the retirement benefits to which ~~he the~~ employee may be entitled as a classified employee of the State Government.

**Sec. A-5. 5 MRSA §130, first ¶**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §20, is amended to read:

A public officer or a person, firm, association or corporation paying money into the State Treasury may make the payment by delivering to the Treasurer of State a check, draft, certificate of deposit or money order drawn, endorsed and payable to the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's order, or may make the payment by delivering to the Treasurer of State the proper amount of lawful currency. The Treasurer of State shall keep a record of all drafts, checks, certificates of deposit, money orders and cash received by the Treasurer of State and upon receipt thereof shall immediately cause the same to be placed to the credit of the State in some state depository. If any check, draft or certificate of deposit is not paid on presentation, the Treasurer of State shall proceed to collect the amount thereof, with costs, from the person ~~drawing same who~~ drew the check, draft or certificate of deposit. The Treasurer of State shall daily transmit to the State Controller a statement of all receipts into the State Treasury, giving such details thereof as the State Controller may require.

**Sec. A-6. 5 MRSA §201** is amended to read:

**§201. Attendance of witnesses; recognizances**

When a criminal prosecution in which ~~he the~~ Attorney General appears is continued, the Attorney General shall cause the witnesses ~~in on~~ behalf of the State to recognize to appear at the next term, unless otherwise directed by the court, and may procure the attendance of a witness living out of the State ~~deemed determined~~ by ~~him the~~ Attorney General to be material in procuring an indictment or conviction. The court shall allow ~~such the~~ witness a reasonable compensation beyond ~~his the~~ witness's legal fees.

**Sec. A-7. 5 MRSA §244, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 450, §4, is further amended to read:

The State Auditor may not perform the accounting functions for the State, but shall audit the accounts, books, records and other evidences of financial transactions kept in the Department of ~~Financial and Administrative and Financial~~ Financial and Administrative Services or in the other departments and agencies of State Government. The State Auditor shall prepare and publish a report for each fiscal year, setting forth the essential facts of such audits in summary form, within the following fiscal year after the books of the State Controller have been officially closed. If the State Auditor finds in the course of an audit evidences of improper transactions, or of unacceptable practices in keeping accounts or handling funds or of any other improper practice of financial administration, the State Auditor shall report the same to the Governor and the Legislature immediately. After

reporting evidence of material weaknesses or reportable conditions, the State Auditor shall provide for subsequent review to ensure that those conditions are addressed in a timely manner and report to the Governor and the Legislature to confirm the status of the correction of those conditions. If the State Auditor finds evidences of illegal transactions, the State Auditor shall immediately report those transactions both to the Governor and to the Attorney General. All such evidences must be included in the annual reports of the State Auditor, and the State Auditor may, at the State Auditor's discretion, make them public at any time during the fiscal year.

**Sec. A-8. 5 MRSA §1541, sub-§9** is amended to read:

**9. Illegality of expenditures.** To report to the Attorney General for such action, civil or criminal, as ~~he may deem~~ the Attorney General considers necessary, all facts showing illegality in the expenditure of public ~~moneys~~ money or the misappropriation of public properties;

**Sec. A-9. 5 MRSA §1746, 3rd ¶**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §59, is amended to read:

The Treasurer of State shall collect all interest or income when due on the obligations so deposited and shall pay ~~the same that total sum~~, when and as collected, to the contractor who deposited the obligations. If the deposit is in the form of coupon bonds, the Treasurer of State shall deliver each coupon as it matures to the contractor. The Treasurer of State may enter into a contract or agreement with any national bank, trust company or safe deposit company located in New England or New York City for custodial care and servicing of any securities deposited with the Treasurer of State pursuant to this section. Those services must consist of the safekeeping of those securities and of all services required to effectuate the purposes of this section.

**Sec. A-10. 5 MRSA §9054, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §80, is amended to read:

**1. Intervention.** On timely application made pursuant to agency rules, the agency conducting the proceedings shall allow any person showing that the person is ~~not~~ or may be, or is a member of a class that is or may be, substantially and directly affected by the proceeding, or any other agency of federal, state or local government, to intervene as a party to the proceeding.

**Sec. A-11. 5 MRSA §11113, first ¶**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. B, §85, is amended to read:

The executive director shall, upon receipt of an application for review, determine the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature responsible for review of the rule in question and send the application and a copy of the rule in question to each member of the committee. Each member of the committee shall individually review the application to determine whether

the applicant is qualified and whether the public interest would be served by a review of the rule in question by the full committee. If a committee member decides that the review should be made, the committee member shall notify the director within 15 days after notice was sent. If 1/3 or more of the full committee notify the director that a review of the rule should be made, the director shall advise the ~~chair~~ chairs of the committee, who shall schedule a meeting of the committee to review the rule. If the committee votes not to review the rule, a report to that effect must be prepared by the director and sent to the applicant and the Legislative Council.

**Sec. A-12. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§17**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

**Sec. A-13. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§22**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

**Sec. A-14. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§26**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

**26. Parent.** "Parent" means ~~mother or father~~ a natural or adoptive parent or stepparent.

**Sec. A-15. 5 MRSA §17107, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §81, is further amended to read:

E. The actuary shall make whatever investigations the actuary considers necessary of the experience of each of the programs of the retirement system with respect to the factors that affect the cost of the benefits provided by ~~the~~ those programs.

(1) The purpose of the investigations is to determine the actuarial assumptions to be recommended to the board for adoption in connection with actuarial determinations required under this Part.

(2-A) These investigations must be made whenever the board, on recommendation of the actuary, determines an investigation to be necessary to the actuarial soundness or prudent administration of the program or programs to which the investigation is related. The determination must take into account program demographics and changes in program demographics, employment patterns and projections, relevant economic measures and expectations and other factors that the board or actuary considers significant. With respect to the retirement system program for state employees and teachers, if 6 fiscal years have elapsed without an investigation being conducted, the board must either conduct an investigation within the next fiscal year or must record in the official minutes of a meeting of the board, in each fiscal year until the year in which an investigation is conducted, its decision not to do so and the reason or reasons for its decision.

**Sec. A-16. 5 MRSA §19001**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

**§19001. Declaration of policy**

In order to extend to employees of the political subdivisions of the State of Maine, and to the civilian employees of the Maine National Guard who are employed pursuant to ~~section 90~~ of the National Defense Act of ~~June 3, 1916 (32 U.S.C., sec. 42)~~, whether members of existing retirement or pension systems or not, the benefits of social security, provided under the ~~Federal~~ federal Social Security Act enacted by the Congress of the United States, it is declared to be the policy of the Legislature, subject to the limitations of this chapter, that ~~such~~ steps be taken as to provide ~~such protection those benefits~~ to such employees on as broad a basis as is permitted under the federal Social Security Act. This chapter ~~shall apply~~ applies to employees of the Maine Maritime Academy who are members of an existing retirement or pension system. This chapter ~~shall does~~ does not apply to teachers who are under a state or local government pension or retirement plan, except teachers at the Maine Maritime Academy. ~~For the purposes of bringing~~ To bring sheriffs and their deputies under social security, these law enforcement officers ~~shall be deemed~~ are considered "policemen" for the purposes of the federal Social Security Act.

**Sec. A-17. 10 MRSA §1044, sub-§12, ¶B**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

B. Revenue obligation securities of the authority may not be issued until the Director of the Governor's Energy Resources Office has reviewed and commented upon the project proposal. The director shall make comments within 30 days after receipt of a notification and copy of the project proposal from the authority. The authority shall take the comments into consideration in its processing of the project.

**Sec. A-18. 10 MRSA §1211, sub-§8**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. C, §23, is amended to read:

**8. Trade name.** "Trade name" means a ~~work~~ word, name, symbol, device or any combination of the foregoing in any form or arrangement used by a person to identify the person's business, vocation or occupation and distinguish it from the business, vocation or occupation of others.

**Sec. A-19. 10 MRSA §3263**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 585, §7, is further amended to read:

**§3263. Petition for release**

Any owner of a building, wharf, pier or real estate upon which a lien is claimed may petition in writing the judge or justice of the court in which the lien action is filed setting forth the name of the lienor, the court and county or division in which the action is pending, the fact that a lien is claimed ~~thereon~~ under sections 3251

to 3254, the particular building, wharf, pier or real estate, and ~~his the owner's interests therein in the building,~~ wharf, pier or real estate, its value and ~~his the owner's~~ desire to have it released from ~~said the~~ lien. The judge or justice shall issue a written notice, which ~~shall must~~ be served on the lienor or ~~his the lienor's~~ attorney 10 days at least prior to the time fixed ~~therein in the~~ notice for a hearing. At the hearing, the judge or justice may order ~~such the~~ owner to give bond to the lienor in ~~such an~~ amount and with ~~such~~ sureties as ~~he the judge or justice~~ may approve, conditioned to pay the amount for which ~~such the~~ lienor may be entitled to a lien as determined by the court, with ~~his the lienor's~~ costs in the action, within 30 days after final decree or judgment. The clerk shall give the plaintiff an attested copy of the complaint and proceedings, with a certificate under seal of the court attached ~~thereto to the~~ copy of the ~~complaint and proceedings,~~ that ~~such the~~ bond has been duly filed in ~~his the clerk's~~ office. The record of ~~such the~~ copy and certificate in the registry of deeds, in the county or district where ~~such the~~ real estate or interest ~~therein in the real estate~~ lies, vacates the lien.

**Sec. A-20. 10 MRSA §3601** is amended to read:

**§3601. Logs and lumber generally**

~~Whoever~~ A person who labors at cutting, hauling, rafting or driving logs or lumber, or at cooking for persons engaged in such labor, or in shoeing horses or oxen, or repairing property while thus employed, has a lien on the logs and lumber for the amount due for ~~his that person's~~ personal services and the services performed by ~~his that person's~~ team, and for the use of ~~his that person's~~ truck, motor vehicle or other mechanical equipment, which takes precedence of all other claims except liens reserved to the State. ~~Whoever~~ A person who both shores and runs logs by himself, ~~his or whose~~ servants or agents ~~shore and run logs~~ has a lien ~~thereon on the logs~~ for the price of ~~such that~~ shoring and running. ~~Such~~ The liens continue for 60 days after the logs or lumber arrive at the place of destination for sale or manufacture and may be enforced by attachment.

**Sec. A-21. 10 MRSA §3801** is amended to read:

**§3801. Vehicles, aircraft and parachutes**

~~Whoever~~ A person who performs labor by himself or ~~his or whose~~ employees perform labor in manufacturing or repairing the ironwork or woodwork of wagons, carts, sleighs and other vehicles, aircraft or component parts ~~thereof,~~ and parachutes, or so performing labor furnishes materials ~~therefor~~ or provides storage ~~therefor~~ by direction or consent of the owner ~~thereof,~~ ~~shall have~~ has a lien on ~~such the~~ vehicle, aircraft or component parts ~~thereof,~~ and parachutes for ~~his that person's~~ reasonable charges for ~~said that~~ labor; and for materials used in performing ~~said that~~ labor; and for ~~said that~~ stor-

age, which takes precedence of all other claims and incumbrances on ~~said those~~ vehicles, aircraft or component parts ~~thereof~~, and parachutes not made to secure a similar lien, and may be enforced by attachment at any time within 90 days after ~~such the~~ labor is performed or ~~such the~~ materials or storage furnished and not afterwards, provided as long as a claim for ~~such the~~ lien is duly filed as required in section 3802. ~~Said The~~ lien ~~shall must~~ be dissolved if ~~said the~~ property has actually changed ownership prior to ~~such the~~ filing.

**Sec. A-22. 10 MRSA §3855** is amended to read:

**§3855. Attachment of vessels on stocks; sale**

If the vessel at the time is on the stocks, the attachment ~~shall must~~ be made by filing in the office of the clerk of the town in which ~~such the~~ vessel is located, within 48 hours ~~thereafter~~ after the order of attachment, a copy of so much of ~~his the~~ officer's return on the writ of attachment as relates to the attachment, with the name of the plaintiff, the name of the person liable for the debt, the description of the vessel as given in the writ of attachment, the date of the writ of attachment, the amount claimed and the court to which it is returnable, and by leaving a copy of such certificate with one of the owners of the vessel, if known to ~~him the~~ officer and residing within ~~his the~~ officer's precinct, or with the master ~~workman thereon~~ worker on the vessel. If the attachment is ~~so~~ made, the officer ~~need not~~ does not need to take possession of the vessel before it is launched unless specially directed by the plaintiff or ~~his the~~ plaintiff's attorney to do so, but ~~he the~~ officer shall, as soon as ~~may be possible~~, afterwards. ~~He The~~ officer may take possession at any time before ~~the~~ vessel is launched; but if ~~he the~~ officer does, ~~he shall the~~ officer may not hinder the work thereon on the vessel or prevent or delay the launching. If at the time of attachment the vessel is launched, it ~~shall must~~ be attached like other personal property. Whenever a vessel has been attached and the expense of retaining possession of ~~said the~~ vessel is great, or the vessel is liable to depreciate in value by reason ~~thereof~~ of retaining possession, any attaching creditor or an owner of ~~said the~~ vessel may bring an action in the Superior Court by complaint praying that ~~said the~~ vessel attached may be sold, and ~~said the~~ court may order a hearing ~~thereon on the~~ complaint. Due notice ~~shall must~~ be given to all parties in interest of the time and place appointed for ~~said the~~ hearing, and a hearing on ~~said the~~ complaint ~~shall must~~ be had before ~~said the~~ court. If it appears to ~~said the~~ court to be for the benefit of all parties in interest that ~~said the~~ vessel should be sold, ~~the~~ court shall issue to the officer in possession of the ~~same~~ vessel, or to the sheriff of the county in which ~~said the~~ vessel has been attached, an order to sell it at public auction, and shall designate in ~~said the~~ order the notice to be given of the time and place of ~~said that~~ sale. ~~Said The~~ vessel ~~shall must~~ be sold pursuant to ~~said the~~ order, and the proceeds of ~~such the~~ sale, after deducting necessary expenses, ~~shall must~~

be held by the first attaching officer or the sheriff, subject to the successive attachments, as if sold on execution. If ~~said the~~ parties do not consent to a sale as provided, Title 14, sections 4158 and 4352 to 4355, so far as ~~the same those~~ sections are applicable, ~~shall~~ apply to proceedings under this section.

**Sec. A-23. 11 MRSA §5-1106, sub-§(2-A)**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 669, Pt. A, §53 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is reallocated to 11 MRSA §5-1116, sub-§(2-A).

**Sec. A-24. Effective date.** That section of this Part that reallocates the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, section 5-1106, subsection (2-A) takes effect July 1, 2025.

**Sec. A-25. 11 MRSA §9-1102, sub-§(80), ¶(d)**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 669, Pt. A, §83 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

"Control" as provided in section 7-1106 and the following definitions in other Articles apply to this Article:

"Applicant"	Section 5-1102.
"Beneficiary"	Section 5-1102.
"Broker"	Section 8-1102.
"Certificated security"	Section 8-1102.
"Check"	Section 3-1104.
"Clearing corporation"	Section 8-1102.
"Contract for sale"	Section 2-106.
"Controllable electronic record"	Section 12-1102.
"Customer"	Section 4-104.
"Entitlement holder"	Section 8-1102.
"Financial asset"	Section 8-1102.
"Holder in due course"	Section 3-1302.
"Issuer" (with respect to a letter of credit or letter-of-credit right)	Section 5-1102.
"Issuer" (with respect to a security)	Section 8-1201.
"Issuer" (with respect to documents of title)	Section 7-1102.
"Lease"	Section 2-1103.
"Lease agreement"	Section 2-1103.
"Lease contract"	Section 2-1103.
"Leasehold interest"	Section 2-1103.
"Lessee"	Section 2-1103.
"Lessee in ordinary course of business"	Section 2-1103.
"Lessor"	Section 2-1103.
"Lessor's residual interest"	Section 2-1103.
"Letter of credit"	Section 5-1102.
"Merchant"	Section 2-104.
"Negotiable instrument"	Section 3-1104.
"Nominated person"	Section 5-1102.
"Note"	Section 3-1104.
"Proceeds of a letter of credit"	Section <del>5-114</del> 5-1114.
"Protected purchaser"	Section 8-1303.
"Prove"	Section 3-1103.
"Qualifying purchaser"	Section 12-102.
"Sale"	Section 2-106.
"Securities account"	Section 8-1501.

"Securities intermediary"	Section 8-1102.
"Security"	Section 8-1102.
"Security certificate"	Section 8-1102.
"Security entitlement"	Section 8-1102.
"Uncertificated security"	Section 8-1102.

**Sec. A-26. Effective date.** That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, section 9-1102, subsection (80), paragraph (d) takes effect July 1, 2025.

**Sec. A-27. 11 MRSA §9-1306-B, sub-§(1),** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 669, Pt. A, §101 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

(1). Except as provided in subsection (2), the local law of the controllable electronic record's jurisdiction specified in section 12-107, subsection ~~3~~ (3), paragraphs (c) and (d) governs perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection and the priority of a security interest in a controllable electronic record and a security interest in a controllable account or controllable payment intangible evidenced by the controllable electronic record.

**Sec. A-28. Effective date.** That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, section 9-1306-B, subsection (1) takes effect July 1, 2025.

**Sec. A-29. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 583, §1 and c. 646, Pt. A, §18, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph and enacting the following in its place:

As used in this paragraph, "motorboat" does not include an airboat as defined in subsection 10-A.

**Sec. A-30. 15 MRSA §3307, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 365, §10 and affected by §37, is further amended to read:

**3. Record.** A verbatim record must be made of all detention, ~~bind-over~~ bind-over, adjudicatory and dispositional hearings.

**Sec. A-31. 16 MRSA §705, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 560, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Confidential criminal history record information of person whose legal name has been changed.** Regardless of whether the order changing a person's name was made confidential under Title 18-C, section 1-701, subsection 3-A or any other provision of law, a Maine criminal justice agency may disseminate confidential criminal history record information associated with each former and current legal name of a person whose name has been changed to any person or public or private entity that is authorized to receive confidential criminal history record information under subsection ~~4-A~~ 1.

**Sec. A-32. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 330, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Agreed in writing with that person's parent and the school board or its designee to meet annually until that person's 17th birthday to review that person's educational needs. When the request to be excused from school has been denied pursuant to this paragraph, the student's parent may appeal to the commissioner; or

**Sec. A-33. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§2, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 330, §2, is further amended to read:

D. A person who has matriculated and is attending an accredited, post-secondary, degree-granting institution as a full-time student. An exception to attendance in public school under this paragraph must be approved by the commissioner; ~~or.~~

**Sec. A-34. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 448, §9, is repealed.

**Sec. A-35. 20-A MRSA §7209-A, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. W, §17, is amended to read:

**5. Transition of Child Development Services System regional sites to regional support and service hubs.** When a school administrative unit is responsible for child find activities and for ensuring a free, appropriate public education, the Child Development Services System site in that region shall transition to serve as a regional support and service hub to meet the requirements of section ~~7212~~ 7211 and to make necessary services and supports available in accordance with a memorandum of understanding developed between the department and the school administrative unit before the transition of responsibility occurs. The regional support and service hubs must be aligned with the 9 superintendent regions established by the statewide association of superintendents.

**Sec. A-36. 22 MRSA c. 415,** as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. A-37. 22 MRSA §2127, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 597, §2, is further amended to read:

**6. Coordination with Medicaid and the ~~Cub Care program~~ Children's Health Insurance Program.** The department shall coordinate assistance under this chapter with Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program under section 3174-T in a manner most likely to obtain and maximize federal matching funds.

**Sec. A-38. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§10, ¶E,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §25 and c. 679, Pt. A, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

E. A cannabis testing facility shall obtain and must be able to produce, upon demand of the office or a municipal code enforcement officer, documentation of the facility's accreditation pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a 3rd-party accrediting body.

**Sec. A-39. 22 MRSA §2843, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 676, §10, is further amended to read:

Except as authorized by the department, a dead human body may not be buried, cremated, subjected to natural organic reduction or otherwise disposed of or removed from the State until a funeral director or other authorized person in charge of the disposition of the dead human body or its removal from the State has obtained a permit from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality where death occurred or where the establishment of a funeral director having custody of the dead human body is located as specified by department rule. The permit is sufficient authority for final disposition in any place where dead human bodies are disposed of in this State, as long as the requirements of section 2900-A and Title 32, ~~sections section 1405 and 2900-A~~ are met in appropriate cases. The permit may not be issued to anyone other than a funeral director until the state registrar or the clerk of the municipality receives a medical certificate that has been signed by a physician or a medical examiner that indicates that the physician or medical examiner has personally examined the body after death. A permit must also be issued if a nurse practitioner or physician assistant has signed the medical certificate indicating that the nurse practitioner or physician assistant has knowledge of the deceased's recent medical condition or was in charge of the deceased's care and that the nurse practitioner or physician assistant has personally examined the body after death. The authorized person may transport a dead human body only upon receipt of this permit.

**Sec. A-40. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§3-A**, as repealed by PL 2023, c. 67, §4 and amended by c. 676, §13, is repealed.

**Sec. A-41. 22 MRSA §2900-A, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 676, §19, is amended to read:

**8. Certificate from medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator.** The body of a deceased person may not be subjected to natural organic reduction within 48 hours after death unless the person died of a contagious or infectious disease, and in no event may the body of a deceased person be subjected to natural organic reduction until the natural organic reduction facility in charge of the disposition has received a certificate from a duly appointed medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator appointed pursuant to ~~Title 22~~, section 3023-A that the medical examiner or

medicolegal death investigator has made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is satisfied that further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the cause and manner of death is not necessary. This certificate, a certified copy of the death certificate and a burial transit permit, if necessary, when presented by the authorized person as defined in ~~Title 22~~, section 2846 is sufficient authority for the body to be subjected to natural organic reduction, and the natural organic reduction facility in charge of the disposition may not refuse to subject the body to natural organic reduction solely because these documents are presented by such an authorized person. The certificate must be retained for a period of 15 years by the natural organic reduction facility in charge of subjecting the body to natural organic reduction. For the certificate, the medical examiner must receive a fee of \$25 payable by the person requesting the certificate. This fee may be waived at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

**Sec. A-42. 23 MRSA §4210-B, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 649, Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Other fund sources.** The Multimodal Transportation Fund may accept funds from other sources, including, but not limited to, the Federal Rail Railroad Administration, to carry out the provisions of this section.

**Sec. A-43. 24 MRSA §2902**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 329, §2, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2902. Statute of limitations for health care providers and health care practitioners excluding claims based on sexual acts**

**Sec. A-44. 24 MRSA §2902, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 329, §2, is further amended to read:

~~Except as provided in section 2902-B, actions Ac~~ tions for professional negligence must be commenced within 3 years after the cause of action accrues. For the purposes of this section, a cause of action accrues on the date of the act or omission giving rise to the injury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 14, section 853, relating to minority, actions for professional negligence by a minor must be commenced within 6 years after the cause of action accrues or within 3 years after the minor reaches the age of majority, whichever first occurs. This section does not apply when the cause of action is based upon the leaving of a foreign object in the body, in which case the cause of action accrues when the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered the harm. For the purposes of this section, the term "foreign object" does not include a chemical compound, prosthetic aid or object intentionally implanted or permitted to remain in the patient's body as a part of the health care or professional services.

**Sec. A-45. 26 MRSA §351**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 594, §1, is amended to read:

**§351. Rules**

The Commissioner of Labor shall adopt rules in accordance with ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act~~, Title 5, chapter 375, relating to sanitation on railroad property as it affects the safety and health of railroad employees, including, but not limited to, ~~engineers, trainmen, yardmen, engineers, yard workers,~~ maintenance-of-way employees, clerical employees, ~~farmers~~ and enginehouse employees.

**Sec. A-46. 26 MRSA §968, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §56, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The salary of the executive director must be established by the board within salary range 86 and may be adjusted periodically by the board within the limits for salary review procedures established in Title 2, section 6, ~~sub-section 5~~.

**Sec. A-47. 26 MRSA §1227, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §116, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The ~~foregoing~~ remedies in this subsection are in addition to all other remedies.

**Sec. A-48. 26 MRSA §1228**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §117, is amended to read:

**§1228. Liability of successor**

An individual or organization, including the types of organizations described in section 1043, subsection 10, whether or not an employing unit, that acquires the organization, trade or business or a substantial part of the assets thereof from an employer, is liable, in an amount not to exceed the reasonable value of the organization, trade, business or assets acquired, for any contributions or interest due or accrued and unpaid by the employer, and the amount of the liability must, in addition, be a lien against the property or assets acquired, which must be prior to all other liens. The lien may not be valid as against a person who acquires from the successor any interest in the property or assets in good faith, for value and without notice of the lien. Upon written request made after the acquisition is completed, the commissioner shall furnish the successor with a written statement of the amount of contributions and interest due or accrued and unpaid by the employer as of the date of the acquisition, and the amount of the liability of the successor or the amount of the lien may not exceed the liability disclosed by the statement. The ~~foregoing~~ remedies in this section are in addition to all other existing remedies against the employer or the employer's successor.

**Sec. A-49. 26 MRSA §1230, sub-§3**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §119, is amended to read:

**3. Warrant effective as lien.** An abstract or copy of the warrant may be filed for record in the registry of deeds of any county. From the time of the filing, the amount specified in the warrant constitutes a lien upon all real property and other tangible assets in the county or town owned by the liable employer or acquired by the liable employer during the period of the lien. The lien has the force, effect and priority of a judgment lien and continues for 5 years from the date of recording, unless sooner released or otherwise discharged or extended as prescribed ~~herein in this subsection~~. The lien may be extended for an additional 5-year period by filing, for record in the registry of deeds, an abstract or copy of the warrant within the original 5-year period or within 5 years from the date of the last extension of the lien.

**Sec. A-50. 28-B MRSA §201, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 676, §5 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

**4. Cannabis store.** ~~Consistent with the restrictions of section 205, subsection 2, paragraph C, a~~ Δ cannabis store license; or

**Sec. A-51. 28-B MRSA §703, sub-§1, ¶D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 641, §1 and c. 679, Pt. B, §127, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. Unless determined impracticable by the office by rule, must be stamped or embossed with a universal symbol on each serving of the edible cannabis product or each serving must be individually wrapped or blister packaged with a universal symbol clearly included on the wrapping or packaging. In the event the office determines by rule that stamping, embossing, individual wrapping or blister packaging for a particular type of edible cannabis product is impracticable, each serving of the product must be packaged together with the universal symbol affixed to the packaging. For purposes of this chapter, edible cannabis products that are determined to be impracticable to stamp, emboss, individually wrap or blister package include but are not limited to:

- (1) Potato or corn chips;
- (2) Popcorn;
- (3) Pretzels;
- (4) Loose granola; and
- (5) Gummies;

**Sec. A-52. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 587, §1, is amended to read:

**9. Dogs.** Notwithstanding section 4860, an emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may provide emergency medical treatment to a law enforcement dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, or to a search and rescue

dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, subsection 1, paragraph D, in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

**Sec. A-53. 32 MRSA §19312, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 580, §8, is amended to read:

D. The dispensing party may dispense contact lenses only upon receipt of a written prescription, except that an optometrist may fill a prescription of another optometrist or a physician without a copy of the prescription. Mail order contact lens suppliers must be licensed by and register with the Maine Board of Pharmacy pursuant to ~~Title 32~~, section 13751 and are subject to discipline by that board for violations of that board's rules and the laws governing the board. An individual who fills a contact lens prescription shall maintain a copy of that prescription for a period of 5 years.

**Sec. A-54. 34-A MRSA §5806**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §6, is amended to read:

**§5806. Violations of parole**

A probation-parole officer may arrest and charge a parolee with violation of parole and take ~~him the parolee~~ into ~~his the probation-parole officer's~~ custody in any place ~~he the parolee~~ may be found, and detain the parolee in any jail, pending the issuance of a parole violation warrant, ~~which. The detention shall may~~ not extend beyond the next business day of the office of the ~~director commissioner~~. In the event a warrant is not issued in that time, the parolee ~~shall must~~ be released from arrest and detention ~~forthwith immediately~~. A parolee so arrested and detained ~~shall have no does not~~ have a right of action against the probation-parole officer or any other persons because of that arrest and detention.

When a parolee violates a condition of ~~his the parolee's~~ parole or violates the law, the ~~director commissioner~~ may issue a warrant for ~~his the parolee's~~ arrest. A probation-parole officer, or any other law enforcement officer within the State authorized to make arrests, may arrest the parolee on the warrant and return ~~him the parolee~~ to the institution from which ~~he the parolee~~ was paroled. At its next meeting at that institution, the board shall hold a hearing. The parolee is entitled to appear and be heard. If the board, after hearing, finds that the parolee has violated ~~his the parolee's~~ parole or the law, it shall revoke ~~his the parolee's~~ parole, set the length of time ~~he shall the parolee~~ must serve of the unexpired portion of ~~his the parolee's~~ sentence before ~~he can the parolee~~ may again be eligible for hearing by the board, and remand ~~him the parolee~~ to the institution from which ~~he the parolee~~ was released; except that, when a parolee from the Maine Correctional Center violates the law and is sentenced by the court to the Maine State Prison, any length of time set by the board to be served of the unexpired portion of ~~his the parolee's~~ correctional

center sentence may be served at the Maine State Prison.

**1. Forfeits deductions.** Upon revocation of parole by the board, the prisoner forfeits any deductions for good behavior earned while on parole.

**2. May earn deductions.** While serving the unexpired portion of ~~his the prisoner's~~ sentence after parole has been revoked, the prisoner may earn deductions for good conduct.

Whenever a warrant is issued under this section for the arrest of a parolee, the running of the parolee's sentence ~~shall must~~ be interrupted and ~~shall must~~ remain interrupted until the parolee is returned to the institution from which ~~he the parolee~~ was paroled. Interruption of the running of ~~his the parolee's~~ sentence ~~shall must~~ include any time served prior to such return, after conviction for a crime committed while on parole.

In the event of the withdrawal of the warrant by authority of the ~~director commissioner~~, or in the event that the board at the hearing on the alleged violation finds that the parolee did not violate the conditions of ~~his the parolee's~~ parole, or the law, ~~he shall the parolee~~ must be credited with the time lost by the interruption of the running of ~~his the parolee's~~ sentence.

**Sec. A-55. 34-B MRSA §3613**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. KKK, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. A-56. 34-B MRSA §3613**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 675, §9, is reallocated to 34-B MRSA §3614.

**Sec. A-57. 36 MRSA §5202-E, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 627, §1, is amended to read:

D. The percentage of corporations that filed corporate income taxes doing business in the State that reported total corporate income tax due of zero or less for the 4 most recent tax years for which there is complete data; ~~and~~

**Sec. A-58. 38 MRSA §342, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 618, §8, is amended to read:

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection ~~shall have~~ has the following duties:

**Sec. A-59. 38 MRSA §486-A, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 644, §11 and c. 660, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2-A. Developer; route analysis; public participation.** The department shall require an applicant who has submitted an application pursuant to section 485-A related to the development and construction of a transmission line or lines requiring approval under this article to demonstrate to the department that the applicant conducted one or more public meetings regarding the transmission line or lines prior to the submission of its application. The public meetings must include the presentation of information regarding the proposed

transmission line or lines, including but not limited to proposed route information, and provide an opportunity for public participation and comment. Information presented and public comments received at the public meetings must be made publicly available and be part of the record of any department or board proceeding.

**Sec. A-60. PL 2023, c. 669, Pt. A, §22** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. A-22. 11 MRSA §2-1102**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 805, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2-1102. Scope**

(1). This Article applies to any transaction, regardless of form, that creates a lease and, in the case of a hybrid lease, it applies to the extent provided in subsection (2).

(2). In a hybrid lease:

(a). If the aspects of the lease that relate to the lease of goods do not predominate:

(i) Only the provisions of this Article that relate primarily to those aspects of the transaction apply and the provisions that relate primarily to the transaction as a whole do not apply;

(ii) Section 2-1209 applies if the lease is a finance lease; and

(iii) Section 2-1407 applies to the promises of the lessee in a finance lease to the extent the promises are consideration for the right to possession and use of the leased goods; and

(b). If the aspects of the lease that relate to the lease of goods predominate, this Article applies to the transaction but does not preclude application in appropriate circumstances of other law to aspects of the lease that do not relate to the lease of goods.

**Sec. A-61. Effective date.** That section of this Part that repeals and replaces Public Law 2023, chapter 669, Part A, section 22 takes effect July 1, 2025.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 5 MRSA §81**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 674, §1, is further amended to read:

**§81. Office and duties; vacancy; salary; expenses; fees**

The Department of the Secretary of State, as ~~heretofore~~ established, ~~shall consist~~ consists of the Secretary of State, the State Archives and such other state departments and agencies as are by law subject to the direction of the Secretary of State. The secretary shall keep ~~his~~ the Secretary of State's office at the seat of government; have the custody of the state seal and preserve all records in ~~such~~ that office, at the expense of the State. The Secretary of State may appoint deputy secretaries of

state who ~~shall~~ serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of State. The secretary shall designate one of ~~his~~ the deputies as first deputy secretary of state. When a vacancy happens in the office of Secretary of State during the recess of the Legislature, the first deputy secretary of state shall act as Secretary of State until a Secretary of State is elected by the Legislature. ~~Such~~ That deputy shall take the oath required of the elected Secretary of State and must have the same compensation while ~~he~~ performs performing the duties of the office.

The Secretary of State and ~~his deputy~~ shall any deputy secretaries of state must receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of ~~his department~~ the Department of the Secretary of State as ~~shall be~~ are necessary.

The Secretary of State shall collect the legal and usual fees payable to ~~him~~ by virtue of his office the Secretary of State and shall pay them over ~~forthwith~~ immediately to the Treasurer of State.

**Sec. B-2. 8 MRSA §263-A, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 371, §1, is amended to read:

**7. Input on the promotion of harness racing.** The commission shall invite input from a statewide association of harness ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers, a statewide association of Standardbred breeders, a statewide association of agricultural fairs and persons who are members of organizations representing the interests of commercial harness racing tracks and off-track betting facilities on the marketing and promotion of harness racing in this State.

**Sec. B-3. 8 MRSA §271, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 626, §4 to 6, is further amended to read:

**2. Minimum number of race days; criteria for date awards.** The commission shall determine the number of race days that should be awarded to licensed applicants pursuant to this section based on the criteria set forth herein. The commission may award fewer than the minimum race days set forth in section 275-A, subsection 1 to commercial tracks with the express written approval of the track, and with the express written approval of an association of ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers as defined in section 272-B, if credible evidence is presented that demonstrates that fewer race days is in the best interest of Maine's harness racing industry. The award of fewer race days than set forth in section 275-A, subsection 1 may not affect the status of those tracks as commercial tracks pursuant to section 299. In assigning race dates to licensees, the commission shall consider the following factors:

A. The revenues to be generated, consistent with the profitability and financial health of the licensee and the development of revenues from interstate simulcasting of the licensee's race programming, for the operating account pursuant to section 287; the purse supplements pursuant to section 286; the

Sire Stakes Fund pursuant to section 281; and the Stipend Fund pursuant to Title 7, section 86;

B. The quality of race programming and facilities offered and to be offered by the licensee, the suitability of the applicant's racing facilities for operation at the season for which the race dates are requested and the ability of the applicant to offer racing at night;

C. The necessity of having and maintaining proper physical facilities for racing meetings, including the ability to maintain ownership of or a leasehold on the facilities; and consequently, to ensure the continuance of the facilities, the quality of the licensee's maintenance of its track and plant, the adequacy of its provisions for rehabilitation and capital improvements and the necessity of fair treatment of the economic interests and investments of those who, in good faith, have provided and maintained racing facilities;

D. The desirability of reasonable consistency in the pattern of race date assignments from year to year;

E. With respect to agricultural societies seeking licenses to conduct harness racing meets at the time of their annual fairs, the scheduling of agricultural fairs determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Title 7, sections 83 and 84;

F. The preservation of a diversity of harness racing tracks in the State;

G. The quality of the licensee's observance and enforcement of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter during the past year;

H. The extent to which the licensee fully utilized race dates granted to it for the past year;

I. The personnel and resources available to the commission for the enforcement of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;

J. The likely availability of race-worthy horses throughout the year with a goal of promoting full cards and avoiding 5-horse fields; and

K. Such other criteria consistent with the betterment of harness racing and the public health, safety and welfare as the commission may establish by rule.

If the executive director or the commission determines that any of the criteria listed in this subsection have not been met by the licensee, the executive director shall submit a notice of the deficiency in meeting any criteria to the licensee, regardless of whether the deficiency resulted in the denial of the application for or the refusal to award race dates. The director shall also submit a copy of the notice in the same manner and at the same time to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters.

**Sec. B-4. 8 MRSA §272-B, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 490, §1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of this chapter ~~to the contrary~~, up to 3% of funds designated to supplement purses may be paid to a statewide association of ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers in accordance with this section. A statewide association of ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers, referred to in this section as "the association," means an association of ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers a majority of the membership of which is composed of owners, trainers and drivers or any combination of owners, trainers and drivers who are licensed by the commission and whose officers are authorized by the membership to negotiate with a person licensed to conduct racing under section 271 on behalf of the association's membership.

**Sec. B-5. 8 MRSA §272-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 231, §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Establishment; deposits; rules.** A licensee conducting live racing in the State shall establish a trust account for the benefit of the persons who race horses at that licensee's facility. Except as provided by subsection 3, funds distributed to or retained by the licensee pursuant to sections 287, 289, 290, 292 and 298 and Title 7, section 91, less any administrative assessments pursuant to section 267-A, that must be used to pay or supplement harness racing purses must be deposited in that account and used exclusively to pay harness racing purses. The funds in a trust account established in accordance with this subsection are not considered to be property of the licensee, may not be pledged as security for the debts of the licensee and are not subject to attachment or execution by creditors of the licensee. The commission may adopt rules governing the handling of trust accounts, providing for the reallocation of trust account funds to other licensed commercial tracks in the event that a track ceases operation or cancels a significant number of race days, as determined by the commission, and governing the handling of harness racing purses at any commercial track that does not have a contract with a statewide ~~horsemen~~ association of horse owners, trainers and drivers. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. B-6. 8 MRSA §275-A, sub-§1, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 406, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A determination by the commission under section 271, subsection 2, and with the express written approval of the track and of a statewide association of ~~horsemen~~ horse owners, trainers and drivers as defined in section 272-B, that a lesser number of race days is in the best interest of the State's harness horse racing industry; or

**Sec. B-7. 8 MRSA §275-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 406, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A determination by the commission under section 271, subsection 2, and with the express written approval of the track and of a statewide association of horsemen horse owners, trainers and drivers as defined in section 272-B, that a lesser number of race days is in the best interest of the State's harness horse racing industry.

**Sec. B-8. 8 MRSA §275-D, sub-§8, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 528, §22, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Either the association representing the horsemen horse owners, trainers and drivers at those tracks at that time or the commission.

**Sec. B-9. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 3.315%; and

**Sec. B-10. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 0.526%; and

**Sec. B-11. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 7.871%;

**Sec. B-12. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 5.062%;

**Sec. B-13. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 4.305%; and

**Sec. B-14. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 1.512%; and

**Sec. B-15. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 16.558%; and

**Sec. B-16. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 8.399%; and

**Sec. B-17. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 4.305%; and

**Sec. B-18. 8 MRSA §286, sub-§7, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 528, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share is 1.512%; and

**Sec. B-19. 8 MRSA §292**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 300, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

**§292. Horsemen's Horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share**

Amounts calculated as horsemen's horse owners', trainers' and drivers' purse share under section 286 must be retained by the licensee to supplement purse money at the track where the wager was placed, except that, for wagers placed at a racetrack in the State on a simulcast race conducted at another racetrack in the State, 1.512% of the regular wagers and 4.305% of the exotic wagers must be sent to the track in the State where the harness race was conducted.

**Sec. B-20. 8 MRSA §1037, sub-§4, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 358, §6, is amended to read:

F. An accounting of the Sire Stakes Fund, including the total amount of the fund at the beginning and end of the racing season and, reported separately, expenditures used to supplement purses, pay breeder promotional contracts, pay advertising costs, make payments to a statewide horsemen association of horse owners, trainers and drivers, pay administrative costs and make contributions to the operating account described in section 267-A.

**Sec. B-21. 10 MRSA §3251**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 56, §1, is further amended to read:

**§3251. Lien established**

~~Whoever~~ A person who performs labor or furnishes labor or materials, including repair parts of machines used, or performs services as a surveyor, an architect, a forester licensed under Title 32, chapter 76 or an engineer, or as a real estate licensee, or as an owner-renter, owner-lessor, or owner-supplier of equipment used in erecting, altering, moving or repairing a house, building or appurtenances, including any public building erected or owned by any city, town, county, school district or other municipal corporation, or in constructing, altering

or repairing a wharf or pier, or any building thereon, including the surveying, clearing, grading, draining, excavating or landscaping of the ground adjacent to and upon which any such objects are constructed, or in selling any interest in land, improvements or structures, by virtue of a contract with or by consent of the owner, has a lien thereon and on the land on which it stands and on any interest ~~such~~ the owner has in the same, to secure payment thereof, with costs. If the owner of the building has no legal interest in the land on which the building is erected or to which it is moved, the lien attaches to the building, and if the owner of the wharf or pier has no legal interest in the land on which the wharf or pier is erected, the lien attaches to the wharf or pier, and in either case may be enforced as provided. If the owner of ~~such~~ the land, building, wharf or pier, so contracting, is a minor ~~or married woman~~, ~~such~~ the lien exists and ~~such~~ that minority ~~or coverture~~ does not bar a recovery in any proceeding brought to enforce it.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective June 20, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 391  
S.P. 694 - L.D. 1792**

**An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Recovery of Post-restructuring Stranded Costs**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** electricity costs are negatively impacting many Maine electricity consumers; and

**Whereas,** the costs associated with the State's net energy billing programs are having a disproportionate impact on businesses in the State that are vital to economic growth; and

**Whereas,** the rate design adopted by the Public Utilities Commission by order dated April 30, 2025 will not provide sufficient relief for Maine's large and industrial customers; and

**Whereas,** it is the policy of the State that the commission advance through its decisions and orders beneficial electrification in order to achieve the emission reduction and renewable energy goals of the State, reduce energy costs to consumers and provide economic and climate benefits for all ratepayers pursuant to the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act, enacted June 26, 2023; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Beneficial electrification" has the same meaning as in section 10102, subsection 3-A.

B. "Intermediate commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of a transmission and distribution utility that includes a demand charge and that is not classified as a medium commercial customer or a large commercial customer.

C. "Large commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of a transmission and distribution utility in which a customer takes electrical service from the utility at a subtransmission or transmission voltage or in which a customer has a maximum demand of at least 500 kilowatts as defined under the terms and conditions of the transmission and distribution utility.

D. "Lighting customer" means a nonresidential customer whose account for electricity service is limited to street or area lighting.

E. "Medium commercial customer" has the same meaning as in section 3106, subsection 1, paragraph B.

F. "Post-restructuring stranded costs" means costs allocated to a transmission and distribution utility pursuant to section 3209-C, subsection 2, paragraph B and pursuant to section 3210-F, subsection 3.

G. "Residential customer" has the same meaning as in section 3106, subsection 1, paragraph C.

H. "Small commercial customer" has the same meaning as in section 3106, subsection 1, paragraph D.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3209, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Post-restructuring stranded costs.** No later than October 1, 2025, each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall recover post-restructuring stranded costs in accordance with the rate design established by the commission in accordance with this subsection. For investor-owned transmission

and distribution utility rates applicable prior to July 1, 2028, the commission shall establish a rate design for each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility in the State for the recovery of post-restructuring stranded costs that:

A. Aggregates the customers of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State on a statewide basis into groups of large commercial customers, medium commercial customers, intermediate commercial customers, small commercial customers, lighting customers and residential customers;

B. Notwithstanding section 3209-C, subsection 2, paragraph B and section 3210-F, subsection 3, allocates the combined post-restructuring stranded costs, as determined by the commission, for investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State to each customer class group described in paragraph A, based on each group's pro rata share of statewide post-restructuring stranded costs based on total retail kilowatt-hour energy sales to those customers;

C. For any rate design established by the commission to apply after September 30, 2025 and before July 1, 2028, increases the cost allocation to residential customers, small commercial customers and medium commercial customer groups as calculated in accordance with paragraph B by 10% and reduces the cost allocation to the large commercial customer class group by an equal dollar amount; and

D. Requires each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, prior to October 1, 2025, to calculate its post-restructuring stranded cost rates, including any annual reconciliation of costs, by applying a rate design that:

(1) For residential customers and small commercial customers, is recovered 100% through a fixed monthly charge;

(2) For medium commercial customers, is recovered 50% through a fixed monthly charge and 50% through a volumetric per kilowatt-hour charge;

(3) For intermediate commercial customers and large commercial customers, is recovered 85% through a fixed monthly charge and 15% through a volumetric per kilowatt-hour charge; and

(4) For lighting customers, is recovered 100% through a volumetric per kilowatt-hour charge.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3209, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Post-restructuring stranded cost allocation; rate design.** For post-restructuring stranded cost allocations and rate designs applicable on or after July 1, 2028, the commission shall by order establish such cost allocations and rate designs applicable for the following 3-year period, subject to annual and other necessary reconciliations, and ensure the promotion of beneficial electrification in every customer class.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 392**

**S.P. 281 - L.D. 597**

**An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct Procurements for Energy or Renewable Energy Credits**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it is critically important that Maine citizens have continued access to low-cost, locally generated power through the timely procurement of long-term contracts administered by the Public Utilities Commission; and

**Whereas,** delays in the procurement process will jeopardize rural jobs in the forest products industry and place at risk applications to connect in a cost-effective manner to the New England grid unless the Public Utilities Commission acts prior to the expiration of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3149** is enacted to read:

**§3149. Negative pricing**

The commission may not approve a contract for energy resulting from a competitive solicitation conducted by the commission under this Title unless the contract includes a provision that requires the reduction of payments to the bidder by the stranded costs arising from energy produced during negative price intervals. The commission may grant an exception from the inclusion

of such a negative price provision if the bidder demonstrates good cause for the exception and the commission finds that the contract is cost-effective, includes other price protections for ratepayers and will avoid to the maximum extent possible the curtailment of existing renewable resource generators.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 321, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3210-J, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 321, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Competitive procurement.** The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into one or more contracts for energy ~~and~~ or renewable energy credits from eligible Class IA resources or combined projects in accordance with this section. Customers who have made an election pursuant to section 3210, subsection 10 are subject to prohibitions on bidding on or obtaining a contract under this section as provided in section 3210, subsection 10 for contracts under section 3210-G.

A. The commission shall ~~initiate~~ conduct competitive solicitations for contracts under this ~~paragraph~~ subsection for energy ~~and~~ or renewable energy credits equal to 5% of the retail electricity sales in this State for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 plus any amount determined pursuant to paragraph B.

B. The commission shall determine the amount of energy or renewable energy credits from Class IA resources selected for contracts pursuant to section 3210-G that have not been fulfilled and shall add this amount to the amount of energy and renewable energy credits to be contracted under paragraph A.

~~C. The commission shall initiate the first competitive solicitation to select eligible Class IA resources or combined projects for contract under this section by January 1, 2024.~~

C-1. The commission shall initiate a competitive solicitation for energy or renewable energy credits described in paragraph A and shall select eligible Class IA resources or combined projects as expeditiously as possible, taking into account a bidder's ongoing interconnection costs and ability to receive federal tax credits.

D. For any amount of energy or renewable energy credits required to be procured under paragraph A that are not procured in the ~~first~~ competitive solicitation required by paragraph C-1, the commission ~~shall~~ may initiate ~~a 2nd~~ an additional competitive solicitation within 12 months of the conclusion of the ~~first~~ solicitation required by paragraph C-1. The commission ~~shall~~ may initiate additional solicitations in the same manner until contracts have been approved to procure eligible Class IA resources or combined projects in accordance with paragraph A.

E. The commission shall require each bidder to demonstrate in the bid proposal the economic and community benefits the proposal will provide, including but not limited to:

- (1) Jobs that will be created;
- (2) Excise, income, property and sales taxes that will be paid; and
- (3) Goods and services that will be purchased.

F. In conducting a solicitation and selecting eligible Class IA resources or combined projects for contracts under this section, the commission shall:

- (1) Consider the expected effect of eligible Class IA resources on other renewable resources, as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C, due to congestion and curtailment;
- (2) Select only those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects for contracts that will benefit ratepayers, as determined by the commission in accordance with subsection 2-A; and
- (3) Of those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects that benefit ratepayers, give preference to eligible Class IA resources or combined projects as follows:
  - (a) Primary preference to those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects that are located on contaminated land; and
  - (b) Secondary preference to those eligible Class IA resources or combined projects that minimize use of farmland that is not contaminated land and minimize use of forested land.

G. In conducting a solicitation and selecting combined projects for contracts under this section, the commission shall:

- (1) Require 2 separate bid proposals, one with the energy storage system and one without; and
- (2) Require an energy storage system selected for a contract to remain stationary and under the same ownership throughout the contract term.

H. The commission may establish a process by rule to allow an energy storage system to apply to the commission to be paired with and added to a contract awarded to an eligible Class IA resource after that resource has been awarded a contract.

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3210-J, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Ratepayer benefits.** The commission may not make a determination that a contract will benefit

ratepayers as required by subsection 2, paragraph F, subparagraph (2), unless the commission determines that the contract is more likely than not to produce benefits to ratepayers that exceed the costs to ratepayers associated with the contract.

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3210-J, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 321, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3210-J, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 321, §3, is amended to read:

**5. Rules.** The commission shall may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted in accordance with this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3210-K** is enacted to read:

**§3210-K. Renewable energy procurement; repowering and continued maintenance of existing resources**

The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into one or more contracts for energy or renewable energy credits from eligible Class IA resources in accordance with this section.

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, "eligible Class IA resource" means a Class IA resource as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-3 that began commercial operation on or before June 30, 2019.

**2. Competitive procurement.** The commission shall conduct one competitive solicitation in order to select eligible Class IA resources for contracts under this section. The commission shall initiate the competitive solicitation by December 31, 2025.

A. Through a competitive solicitation under this section, the commission shall procure an amount of energy or renewable energy credits or a combination of energy and renewable energy credits from eligible Class IA resources that is equal to 5% of the retail electricity sales in this State for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, as determined by the commission.

B. In conducting the solicitation and selecting eligible Class IA resources for contracts under this section, the commission shall consider the benefits to ratepayers and to the economy as set forth in section 3210-G, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (2) and must determine that the contract award is more likely than not to produce benefits to ratepayers that exceed costs to ratepayers in the State.

C. If the commission concludes that the solicitation is not competitive or, following a review of bids received, that approval of a contract or contracts is

not in the public interest, the commission must make a determination not to award a contract.

**3. Contract requirements.** A contract entered into pursuant to this section must:

A. Be for a term of 10 years unless the commission finds a contract for a longer term to be prudent; and

B. Require that payments to the bidder under the contract be reduced by the stranded costs arising from energy produced during negative price intervals.

**Sec. 8. Commission procurement; timing.** The Public Utilities Commission shall initiate the competitive solicitation required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-J, subsection 2, paragraph C-1 within 30 days of the effective date of this Act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 393**

**H.P. 1169 - L.D. 1751**

**An Act to Improve the Growth Management Program Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §22, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Affordable housing.** "Affordable housing" means a decent, safe and sanitary dwelling as follows:

A. Rental housing that a household whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended, can afford without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs; and

B. With respect to housing that is owned, housing that a household whose income does not exceed 120% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended, can afford without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 244, §1, is amended to read:

**1-A. Cluster development.** "Cluster development" means a form of development that allows a ~~sub-division~~ design in which individual lot sizes and setbacks are reduced in exchange for the creation of common open space and recreation areas, the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas, agriculture and silviculture and the reduction in the size of road and utility systems.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10 and amended by c. 562, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Comprehensive plan.** "Comprehensive plan" means a document or interrelated documents containing the elements established under section 4326, ~~subsections 1 to 4,~~ including the strategies for an implementation program ~~which~~ that are consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established under subchapter H 2.

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§4-B,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 578, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 776, §7, is amended to read:

C. Construction ~~or~~ extension or upgrade of sewer, water and other utility ~~lines~~ infrastructure;

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 613, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Grants and loans for public or quasi-public service infrastructure, public or quasi-public facilities and community buildings; ~~and~~

**Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 613, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Construction or expansion of state office buildings, state courts, hospitals and other quasi-public facilities and other civic buildings that serve public clients and customers; ~~and~~

**Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. Development of mixed-use housing projects; and

**Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

**Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §4, is further amended to read:

**9. Growth management program.** "Growth management program" means a document containing the components described in section 4326, including the implementation program, that is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established by subchapter

~~H 2~~ and that regulates land use beyond that required by Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter ~~I 1,~~ article 2-B.

**Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §5, is further amended to read:

**10. Planning committee.** "Planning committee" means the committee established by the municipal officers of a municipality or ~~combination of municipalities~~ multimunicipal region that has the general responsibility established under sections 4324 and 4326.

**Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**12-A. Place type.** "Place type" means a definable geographic settlement pattern identifiable by the type of activities that occur there and by a set of characteristics related to its location, including the proximity and relationship to natural resources and rural areas, the size of the developed area, the arrangement of buildings and their uses, the pattern and arrangement of streets, the type of infrastructure available and the presence of civic spaces and civic buildings.

**Sec. 13. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§14-B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 590, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

**14-B. Rural area.** "Rural area" means a geographic area that is identified and designated in a municipality's or multimunicipal region's comprehensive plan as an area that is deserving of some level of regulatory protection from unrestricted development for purposes that may include, but are not limited to, supporting farmland and agriculture, forest land and forestry, mineral resources and mining, open space, erosion mitigation, water retention, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, natural resources, open land and scenic lands, and away from which most development projected over 10 years is diverted.

**Sec. 14. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§2, ¶I,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 578, §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 15. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§2, ¶J** is enacted to read:

J. Encourage cooperation and efficiency among municipalities in the development of multimunicipal growth management programs, multimunicipal comprehensive plans, regional inventory and analyses and local and regional policy development.

**Sec. 16. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §9, is further amended to read:

A. To encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community and region while protecting the State's rural character, ~~making efficient use of public services~~ working lands, natural resources and natural resource-based industries and preventing development sprawl and

sprawl-associated impacts on public health, safety and welfare;

**Sec. 17. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

B. To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities, transportation infrastructure and public services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development;

**Sec. 18. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 657, §1, is further amended to read:

D. To promote and work to ensure choice, economic diversity and affordability in housing for low-income and moderate-income households and use housing policy to remove barriers to housing production and to help address disparities in access to educational, occupational and other opportunities;

**Sec. 19. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. To promote land use policies and land use ordinances that encourage housing in proximity to jobs and services;

**Sec. 20. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

E. To protect and improve the quality and to manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers and coastal areas;

**Sec. 21. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

G. To protect the State's marine resources industry, ports and harbors from incompatible development and to promote access to the shore for commercial fishermen ~~persons who fish commercially~~ and the public;

**Sec. 22. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 657, §3, is further amended to read:

L. To encourage municipalities to develop policies that accommodate older adults with aging in place and that encourage, including the creation of age-friendly communities; and

**Sec. 23. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 153, §3 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §39, is amended to read:

N. To plan for the effects of the rise in natural hazards, including but not limited to rising sea level, coastal and riverine flooding and extreme weather,

on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant state, regional, municipal or privately held infrastructure, property or resources.

**Sec. 24. 30-A MRSA §4314, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 641, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 25. 30-A MRSA §4314, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §16 and affected by §41, is repealed.

**Sec. 26. 30-A MRSA §4314, sub-§3, ¶E**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §31, is amended to read:

E. The ordinance or portion of the ordinance conflicts with a newly adopted comprehensive plan or plan amendment adopted in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter, in which case the ordinance or portion of the ordinance remains in effect for a period of up to 24 months immediately following adoption of the comprehensive plan or plan amendment; or

**Sec. 27. 30-A MRSA §4314, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §16 and affected by §41, is repealed.

**Sec. 28. 30-A MRSA §4317** is enacted to read:

**§4317. Adopted comprehensive plan in effect**

A comprehensive plan adopted or amended by a municipality or multimunicipal region under this subchapter remains in effect until amended or repealed in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

**Sec. 29. 30-A MRSA §4324, sub-§8, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 641, §8, is further amended to read:

B. A copy of the proposed comprehensive plan must be made available for public inspection at each municipal office or other convenient location with regular public hours at least 30 days before the hearing and by whatever means the municipality regularly publishes its public information. If modification of the plan is proposed pursuant to comments made at a public hearing, and if a follow-up public hearing is to be held, the proposed changes must be made available for public inspection at each municipal office or other convenient location with regular public hours before any follow-up hearing.

**Sec. 30. 30-A MRSA §4325, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. F, §28, is further amended to read:

**1. Within municipality.** A municipality participating in cooperative growth management activities may exercise its land use planning and management authority over the total land area within its jurisdiction.

**Sec. 31. 30-A MRSA §4325, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §14, is further amended to read:

A. On procedures for ~~joint action in~~ the preparation and adoption of comprehensive plans; and on whether land use regulations and other implementation measures ~~to be conducted on a multimunicipal basis will be administered within a municipality or by 2 or more of the municipalities;~~

**Sec. 32. 30-A MRSA §4325, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §14, is further amended to read:

C. On the amount and source of contribution from each municipality for any costs incurred in the development, implementation and enforcement of the comprehensive plan and its implementation program ~~and on the method of distributing the benefits or impacts of regional land use, economic development, housing, transportation, infrastructure and other shared plans and programs.~~

**Sec. 33. 30-A MRSA §4325, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 578, §14, is further amended to read:

**3. Requirements.** The comprehensive planning and enforcement agreement must be in writing, approved by the municipal legislative ~~bodies~~ body of each municipality and forwarded to the ~~office~~ department.

**Sec. 34. 30-A MRSA §4326**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 646, Pt. A, §§35 to 38, is further amended to read:

**§4326. Growth management program elements**

A growth management program must include at least a comprehensive plan, as described in subsections 1 to 4 ~~A 4~~, and an implementation program as described in subsection 5.

**1. Inventory and analysis and needs assessment.** A comprehensive plan must include an inventory and analysis section addressing state goals under this subchapter and issues of regional or local significance that the municipality or multimunicipal region considers important. The inventory must be based on environmental systems mapping and other information provided by the State, regional councils and other relevant local sources. The analysis must include 10-year projections of local and regional ~~growth in~~ population and residential, ~~commercial and industrial trends; the best available projection of trends in economic activity;~~ the projected need for public facilities and services; and the vulnerability of and potential impacts on natural resources. The department shall adopt rules to establish a tiered framework for inventory requirements based on municipal and regional conditions. The rules must allow flexibility in the timing and quantity of data collected so that communities may pursue a strategy of iterative rounds of public participation, data collection

and data generation and require that the comprehensive plan include a map of existing conditions that identifies areas in the municipality where development would be inconsistent with the plan and areas that may be considered suitable for development. The map of existing conditions must, at a minimum, include data related to the environment, the natural resource-based economy, local or regional water supplies and natural hazards. The map is required only if the department provides data and tools that allow municipalities to produce the map at a minor cost or less.

~~The inventory and analysis section~~ A comprehensive plan must include, but is not limited to: a needs assessment that identifies conditions within the municipality or multimunicipal region that are necessary to support housing, economic growth and development; protect public health, safety and welfare of the community; and protect the environment and critical resources. The plan must describe the public input received to determine those needs.

A. Economic and demographic data describing the municipality or multimunicipal region and the region in which it is located;

B. Significant water resources such as lakes, aquifers, estuaries, rivers and coastal areas and, when applicable, their vulnerability to degradation;

C. Significant or critical natural resources, such as wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitats, significant plant habitats, coastal islands, sand dunes, scenic areas, shorelands, heritage coastal areas as defined under Title 5, section 3316, and unique natural areas;

D. Marine-related resources and facilities such as ports, harbors, commercial moorings, commercial docking facilities and related parking, and shell fishing and worming areas;

E. Commercial forestry and agricultural land;

F. Existing recreation, park and open space areas and significant points of public access to shorelands within a municipality or multimunicipal region;

G. Existing transportation systems, including the capacity of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, secondary routes, pedestrian ways and parking facilities;

H. Residential housing stock, including housing for low income and moderate income households; an assessment of community needs and environmental effects of municipal regulations; an examination of the effect of excessive parking requirements that limit the reuse of upper floors of buildings in downtowns and on main streets and an identification of opportunities for accessory dwelling units;

~~H.1. Housing that meets the needs of older residents, including housing that is rehabilitated, adapted or newly constructed to help older adults age in place;~~

~~I. Historical and archeological resources including, at the discretion of the municipality or multimunicipal region, stone walls, stone impoundments and timber bridges of historical significance;~~

~~J. Land use information describing current and projected development patterns;~~

~~K. An assessment of capital facilities and public services necessary to support growth and development and to protect the environment and health, safety and welfare of the public and the costs of those facilities and services; and~~

~~L. For a municipality or multimunicipal region that has adopted a local climate action plan, a climate vulnerability assessment specific to the municipality or multimunicipal region prepared by the municipality or multimunicipal region.~~

**2. Policy development.** A comprehensive plan must include a local goals and policy development section that relates the findings contained in the inventory and analysis section to the state goals and to the local goals. The policies must:

- A. Promote the state goals under this subchapter;
- B. Address any conflicts between state goals under this subchapter;
- C. Address any conflicts between regional and local issues; and
- D. Address the State's coastal management policies under Title 38, section 1801 if any part of the municipality or multimunicipal region is a coastal area; and
- E. Promote consistency with the State's climate action plan under Title 38, section 577.

**3. Implementation strategy.** A comprehensive plan must include an implementation strategy section that contains a timetable for the implementation program, including land use ordinances, ensuring that the goals established under this subchapter are met. These implementation strategies must be consistent with state law and guidelines for the implementation program as described in subsection 5 and must actively promote policies developed during the planning process. The timetable must identify significant ordinances to be included in the implementation program. The strategies and timetable must guide the subsequent adoption of policies, programs and land use ordinances, including a capital investment plan for the replacement and expansion of public facilities and services required to meet projected growth and development, and periodic review of the comprehensive plan.

The department shall develop and maintain a catalog of implementation strategies appropriate for various place types.

**3 A. Guidelines for policy development and implementation strategies.** ~~In developing its strategies and subsequent policies, programs and land use ordinances, each municipality or multimunicipal region shall employ the following guidelines consistent with the goals of this subchapter:~~

~~A. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, identify and designate geographic areas in the municipality or multimunicipal region as growth areas and rural areas, as defined in this chapter.~~

~~(1) Within growth areas, each municipality or multimunicipal region shall:~~

- ~~(a) Establish development standards;~~
- ~~(b) Establish timely permitting procedures;~~
- ~~(c) Ensure that needed public services are available; and~~
- ~~(d) Prevent inappropriate development in natural hazard areas, including flood plains and areas of high erosion.~~

~~(2) Within rural areas, each municipality or multimunicipal region shall adopt land use policies and ordinances to discourage incompatible development. These policies and ordinances may include, without limitation, density limits, cluster or special zoning, acquisition of land or development rights, transfer of development rights pursuant to section 4328 and performance standards. The municipality or multimunicipal region should also identify which rural areas qualify as critical rural areas as defined in this chapter. Critical rural areas must receive priority consideration for proactive strategies designed to enhance rural industries, manage wildlife and fisheries habitat and preserve sensitive natural areas.~~

~~(3) A municipality or multimunicipal region may also designate as a transitional area any portion of land area that does not meet the definition of either a growth area or a rural area. Such an area may be appropriate for medium-density development that does not require expansion of municipal facilities and does not include significant rural resources.~~

~~(4) A municipality or multimunicipal region is not required to identify growth areas within the municipality or multimunicipal region for residential, commercial or industrial growth if it demonstrates, in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to this article, that:~~

~~(a) It is not possible to accommodate future residential, commercial or industrial growth within the municipality or multimunicipal region because of severe physical limitations, including, without limitation, the lack of adequate water supply and sewage disposal services, very shallow soils or limitations imposed by protected natural resources;~~

~~(b) The municipality or multimunicipal region has experienced minimal or no residential, commercial or industrial development over the past decade and this condition is expected to continue over the 10-year planning period;~~

~~(c) The municipality or multimunicipal region has identified as its growth areas one or more growth areas identified in a comprehensive plan adopted or to be adopted by one or more other municipalities or multimunicipal regions in accordance with an interlocal agreement adopted in accordance with chapter 115 with one or more municipalities or multimunicipal regions; or~~

~~(d) The municipality or multimunicipal region has no village or densely developed area.~~

~~(6) A municipality or multimunicipal region exercising the discretion afforded by subparagraph (4) shall review the basis for its demonstration during the periodic revisions undertaken pursuant to section 4347-A;~~

~~B. Develop a capital investment plan for financing the replacement and expansion of public facilities and services required to meet projected growth and development;~~

~~C. Protect, maintain and, when warranted, improve the water quality of each water body pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter I, article 4-A and ensure that the water quality will be protected from long term and cumulative increases in phosphorus from development in great pond watersheds;~~

~~D. Ensure that its land use policies and ordinances are consistent with applicable state law regarding critical natural resources. A municipality or multimunicipal region, if authorized to enact ordinances, may adopt ordinances more stringent than applicable state law;~~

~~E. Ensure the preservation of access to coastal waters necessary for commercial fishing, commercial mooring, docking and related parking facilities. Each coastal area may identify and designate one or more critical waterfront areas and implement~~

~~policies to ensure protection of those areas or otherwise discourage new development that is incompatible with uses related to the marine resources industry;~~

~~F. Ensure the protection of agricultural and forest resources. Each municipality or multimunicipal region shall discourage new development that is incompatible with uses related to the agricultural and forest industries;~~

~~G. Ensure that the municipality's or multimunicipal region's land use policies and ordinances encourage the siting and construction of affordable housing within the community and comply with the requirements of section 4358 pertaining to individual mobile home and mobile home park siting and design requirements. The municipality or multimunicipal region shall seek to achieve a level of at least 10% of new residential development, based on a 5 year historical average of residential development in the municipality or multimunicipal region, that meets the definition of affordable housing. A municipality or multimunicipal region is encouraged to seek creative approaches to assist in the development of affordable housing, including, but not limited to:~~

~~(1) Cluster housing;~~

~~(2) Reduced minimum lot and frontage sizes;~~

~~(3) Increased residential densities;~~

~~(4) Use of municipally owned land;~~

~~(5) Establishment of policies that:~~

~~(a) Assess community needs and environmental effects of municipal regulations;~~

~~(b) Lessen the effect of excessive parking requirements for buildings in downtowns and on main streets;~~

~~(c) Provide for alternative approaches for compliance relating to the reuse of upper floors of buildings in downtowns and on main streets;~~

~~(d) Promote housing choice and economic diversity in housing; and~~

~~(e) Address disparities in access to educational and occupational opportunities related to housing;~~

~~(6) Provisions for accessory dwelling units and greater density where such density is consistent with other laws governing health and safety;~~

~~(7) Promotion of housing options for older adults that address issues of special concern, including the adaptation, rehabilitation and construction of housing that helps older adults~~

age in place with adequate transportation and accessibility to services necessary for them to do so in a safe and convenient manner; and

(8) Establishment of policies that affirmatively advance and implement the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 United States Code, Chapter 45;

H. Ensure that the value of historical, archeological, tribal and cultural resources is recognized and that protection is afforded to those resources that merit it;

I. Encourage the availability of and access to traditional outdoor recreation opportunities, including, without limitation, hunting, boating, fishing and hiking, and encourage the creation of greenbelts, public parks, trails and conservation easements. Each municipality or multimunicipal region shall identify and encourage the protection of undeveloped shoreland and other areas identified in the local planning process as meriting that protection;

J. Develop management goals for great ponds pertaining to the type of shoreline character, intensity of surface water use, protection of resources of state significance and type of public access appropriate for the intensity of use of great ponds within the municipality's or multimunicipal region's jurisdiction; and

N. Notwithstanding paragraph G, ensure that in a service center community at least 10% of the housing stock is affordable housing.

**3-B. Future land use plan.** A comprehensive plan must include a future land use plan as described in this subsection.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a future land use plan must identify and designate geographic areas in the municipality or multimunicipal region as growth areas and rural areas and may include one or more growth areas identified in a comprehensive plan adopted or to be adopted by one or more other municipalities or multimunicipal regions in accordance with an interlocal agreement adopted in accordance with chapter 115 with one or more municipalities or multimunicipal regions. This information may be presented in a narrative or map form.

B. A future land use plan may designate any portion of land area that is not a growth area or a rural area as a transitional area and as appropriate for medium-density development that does not require expansion of municipal facilities and does not include significant rural resources.

C. A future land use plan may identify and designate more place types to provide further guidance

on the establishment or modification of a municipality's or multimunicipal region's rate of growth ordinance, zoning ordinance or impact fee ordinance.

D. A future land use plan is not required to identify growth areas within the municipality or multimunicipal region for residential, commercial or industrial growth if the municipality or multimunicipal region demonstrates, in its comprehensive plan and in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to this article, that:

(1) It is not possible to accommodate future residential, commercial or industrial growth within the municipality or multimunicipal region because of severe physical limitations, including, without limitation, the lack of adequate water supply and sewage disposal services, very shallow soils or limitations imposed by protected natural resources;

(2) The municipality or multimunicipal region has experienced minimal or no residential, commercial or industrial development over the past decade and this condition is expected to continue over the 10-year planning period; or

(3) The municipality or multimunicipal region has no downtown or densely developed area.

A municipality or multimunicipal region exercising the discretion afforded by this paragraph shall review the basis for its demonstration during the periodic revisions undertaken pursuant to section 4347-A.

**4. Regional coordination program.** A comprehensive plan must include a regional coordination program, which must be developed with other municipalities or multimunicipal regions to manage shared resources and facilities, such as rivers, aquifers, transportation facilities and others. This program must provide for consistency with the comprehensive plans of other municipalities or multimunicipal regions for these resources and facilities.

~~**4-A. Addressing sea level rise.** A municipality or multimunicipal region that is in the coastal area may include in its comprehensive plan projections regarding changes in sea level and potential effects of the rise in sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant municipal, multimunicipal or privately held infrastructure or property and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing the effects of the rise in sea level. For the purposes of this subsection, "coastal area" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 1802, subsection 1.~~

~~**4-B. Addressing climate risks and building resilience to natural hazards.** A municipality or multimunicipal region may include in its comprehensive plan projections regarding risks posed by climate change as~~

~~identified in its climate vulnerability assessment prepared pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph L and the potential effects of those risks on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant municipal, multimunicipal or privately held infrastructure, property or protected natural resources and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing those risks and for building resilience to natural hazards.~~

~~As used in this subsection, "protected natural resource" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 8.~~

**5. Implementation program.** ~~An implementation program must be adopted that is consistent with the strategies in subsection 3-A elements of the comprehensive plan prepared pursuant to subsections 1 to 4 and this subsection. In developing its implementation program, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall employ the following guidelines consistent with the goals of this subchapter.~~

A. Within growth areas, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall:

- (1) Establish development standards;
- (2) Establish timely permitting procedures;
- (3) Ensure that needed public services are available; and
- (4) Prevent inappropriate development in natural hazard areas, including floodplains and areas of high erosion.

B. Within rural areas, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall adopt land use policies and ordinances to discourage incompatible development. These policies and ordinances may include, without limitation, density limits, cluster or special zoning, acquisition of land or development rights, transfer of development rights pursuant to section 4328 and performance standards. The municipality or multimunicipal region shall also identify which rural areas qualify as critical rural areas. Critical rural areas must receive priority consideration for proactive strategies designed to enhance rural industries, manage wildlife and fisheries habitats and preserve sensitive natural areas.

**Sec. 35. 30-A MRSA §4346, 2nd ¶,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 590, Pt. A, §10, is further amended to read:

The department may enter into financial assistance grants only to the extent that funds are available. In making grants, the department shall consider the need for planning in a municipality or multimunicipal region, the proximity of the municipality or multimunicipal region to other areas that are conducting or have completed the planning process and the economic and geographic role of the municipality or multimunicipal region within a regional context. The department shall

give priority in making grants to any municipality or multimunicipal region that has adopted a local climate action plan and, if the municipality or multimunicipal region has adopted a comprehensive plan or growth management program, prepared a climate vulnerability assessment pursuant to section 4326, subsection 1, paragraph L. The department may consider other criteria in making grants, as long as the criteria support the goal of encouraging and facilitating the adoption and implementation of local and multimunicipal growth management programs consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter. In order to maximize the availability of the technical and financial assistance program to all municipalities, multimunicipal regions and regional councils, financial assistance programs administered competitively under this article are exempt from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Title 5, section 1825-C for use in the purchase of services and the awarding of grants and contracts. The department shall publish a program statement describing its grant program and advertising its availability to eligible applicants.

**Sec. 36. 30-A MRSA §4346, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 300, §6, is further amended to read:

**5. Coordination.** State agencies with regulatory or other authority affecting the goals established in this subchapter shall conduct their respective activities in a manner consistent with the goals established under this subchapter, including, but not limited to, coordinating with municipalities, regional councils and other state agencies in meeting the state goals; providing available information to ~~regions and municipalities and multimunicipal regions~~ as described in rules adopted pursuant to section 4326, subsection 1; cooperating with efforts to integrate and provide access to geographic information system data; making state investments and awarding grant money as described in section 4349-A; and conducting reviews of growth management programs as provided in section 4347-A, subsection 3, paragraph A. Without limiting the application of this section to other state agencies, the following agencies shall comply with this subchapter:

- B. Department of Economic and Community Development;
- C. Department of Environmental Protection;
- D. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
- E. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- F. Department of Marine Resources;
- G. Department of Transportation;
- G-1. Department of Health and Human Services;
- H. Finance Authority of Maine; and

## I. Maine State Housing Authority.

**Sec. 37. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

B. Certification by the ~~former State Planning Office or the~~ department of a municipality's or multimunicipal region's growth management program ~~under this article~~ is valid for ~~10~~ 12 years. To maintain certification, a municipality or multimunicipal region shall periodically review its growth management program and submit to the department in a timely manner any revisions necessary to account for changes, including changes caused by growth and development. Certification does not lapse in any year in which the Legislature does not appropriate funds to the department for the purposes of reviewing programs for recertification.

**Sec. 38. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph D, if a municipality or multimunicipal region requests a certificate of consistency for its growth management program, any unmodified component of that program that has previously been reviewed by the ~~former State Planning Office or the~~ department and has received a finding of consistency will retain that finding during program certification review by the department as long as the finding of consistency is current as defined in rules adopted by the department;

**Sec. 39. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

A. Solicit written comments on any proposed comprehensive plan from regional councils, state agencies, all municipalities contiguous to the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan and any interested residents of the municipality or multimunicipal region or of contiguous municipalities. The comment period extends for ~~25~~ 20 business days after the department receives ~~the a~~ comprehensive plan ~~that has been determined complete by the department~~. Each state agency reviewing the proposal shall designate a person or persons responsible for coordinating the agency's review of the comprehensive plan;

**Sec. 40. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

C. Within ~~35~~ 10 business days after receiving the comprehensive plan, notify the municipality or multimunicipal region if the plan is complete for purposes of review. If the department notifies the

municipality or multimunicipal region that the plan is not complete for purposes of review, the department shall indicate in its notice necessary additional data or information;

**Sec. 41. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

D. Within ~~40~~ 35 business days of issuing notification that a comprehensive plan is complete for purposes of review, issue findings specifically describing whether the submitted plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter and identify which inconsistencies in the plan, if any, may directly affect rate of growth, zoning or impact fee ordinances.

(1) In its findings, the department shall clearly indicate its position on any point on which there are significant conflicts among the written comments submitted to the department.

(2) If the department finds that the comprehensive plan was developed in accordance with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter, the department shall issue a finding of consistency for the comprehensive plan.

(3) A finding of inconsistency must identify the goals under this subchapter not adequately addressed, specific sections of the rules relating to comprehensive plan review adopted by the department not adequately addressed and recommendations for resolving the inconsistency;

**Sec. 42. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

F. Provide ample opportunity for the municipality or multimunicipal region submitting a comprehensive plan to respond to and ~~correct any identified deficiencies in the plan~~ revise the plan to be consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines of this subchapter. A finding of inconsistency for a comprehensive plan may be addressed within 24 months of the date of the finding without addressing any new review standards that are created during that time interval. After 24 months, the plan must be resubmitted in its entirety for state review under the department's most current review standards.

**Sec. 43. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

If the department finds that a plan is not consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter, the municipality or multimunicipal ~~district~~

region that submitted the plan may appeal that finding to the department within 20 business days of receipt of the finding in accordance with rules adopted by the department, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 44. 30-A MRSA §4347-A, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §21 and affected by §41, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

A finding by the department pursuant to paragraph D that a comprehensive plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter is valid for 12 years from the date of its issuance. A finding by the ~~former State Planning Office~~ department issued pursuant to this subchapter ~~prior to December 31, 2000~~ after January 1, 2013 that a comprehensive plan is consistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter is valid until December 31, ~~2012~~ 2028 or 12 years after the date of consistency determined by the department, whichever is later. For purposes of section 4314, subsection 3 and section 4352, subsection 2, expiration of a finding of consistency pursuant to this subsection does not itself make a comprehensive plan inconsistent with the procedures, goals and guidelines established in this subchapter.

**Sec. 45. 30-A MRSA §5953-D, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §27 and affected by §41 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (a) to read:

- (a) Has adopted a comprehensive plan that is determined by the ~~Executive Department, former State Planning Office~~ or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to be consistent with section 4326, ~~subsections 1 to 4.~~

**Sec. 46. State agency rules.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4312, subsection 4, rules initially adopted by the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. As part of the rule-making process under this section, the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program shall define the term "downtown."

**Sec. 47. Stakeholder group.** Prior to initiating rulemaking as required by this Act, the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall convene a stakeholder group for the purpose of soliciting input on the development of rules necessary to implement Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2, as amended by this Act. The Joint Standing Committee on Housing and

Economic Development must be notified of and invited to all meetings of the stakeholder group.

**Sec. 48. Develop guidance for public participation.** The state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall develop guidance materials describing strategies for soliciting, encouraging and incorporating public input into the development of a comprehensive plan. At a minimum, the guidance materials must include:

1. Strategies to solicit input from all demographic groups of residents, including historically underrepresented people, through a series of public events and activities, including hands-on workshops, work sessions or focused roundtable meetings;

2. Effective methods to advertise events and activities through a combination of print and digital platforms in advance of the events and activities;

3. Multiple methods to provide opportunities for the public to contribute ideas, discuss key issues facing the community, set priorities and develop policies and strategies to address local challenges, including, but not limited to, seeking input through digital and paper surveys, questionnaires, visual preference surveys and other means;

4. Methods to analyze the public input and use the input to prepare a draft of the comprehensive plan and meet the requirements for a comprehensive plan under Title 30-A, section 4326; and

5. Ways to make a draft comprehensive plan easily accessible to the public to solicit feedback from the public on the draft comprehensive plan.

**Sec. 49. Comprehensive plan guide.** The state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall prepare a guide to assist municipalities in choosing among various approaches to comprehensive planning. A place type approach must be included as one of the options.

**Sec. 50. Technical assistance materials.** The state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall prepare technical assistance materials regarding how to use place types or similar planning tools in comprehensive planning. Persons with experience in using place types and similar planning tools in comprehensive planning must be consulted by the state agency during the process of preparing the technical assistance materials.

**Sec. 51. Planning tools partnering.** The state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall partner

with at least 3 communities that use place types or similar planning tools to acquire information on how these tools can be used in communities of varying sizes, geographies and resources.

**Sec. 52. Progress report.** By January 15, 2026, the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 shall provide an interim report on progress implementing this Act to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The committee is authorized to introduce legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 53. Application.** This Act does not apply to a comprehensive plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187 that is submitted to the state agency responsible for the administration of the growth management program under Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 for a consistency review within 24 months after the final adoption of rules necessary to implement the provisions of this Act unless the relevant municipality or multimunicipal region specifically requests that this Act be applied to that municipality's or multimunicipal region's submission and the state agency authorizes that application.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 394  
S.P. 477 - L.D. 1145**

**An Act to Protect Residents  
Living in Mobile Home Parks**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 378, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Notice required.** The owner of a mobile home park shall give written notice of the intent to sell the mobile home park to each owner of a mobile home in the mobile home park and to the Maine State Housing Authority. The owner of the mobile home park may not make a final unconditional acceptance of an offer for the sale of the mobile home park earlier than the 60th day after the date the notice ~~was mailed as required by this subsection~~ containing the information required by this subsection is mailed as required by this subsection and received by the Maine State Housing Authority. The notice must include:

A. A statement that a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association of the mobile home park has a first option to purchase the mobile home park and may make an offer to purchase the mobile home park within 60 days of the

mailing date of the notice ~~date the notice containing the information required by this subsection is mailed in accordance with this subsection and received by the Maine State Housing Authority;~~ and

B. Either:

(1) The price, terms and conditions for which the owner of the mobile home park intends to sell the mobile home park; or

(2) The price, terms and conditions of any acceptable offer the owner of the mobile home park has received for the mobile home park, including a signed copy of the written offer that contains a description of the property. The owner may redact the name, address, contact information or other identifying information of the party making the offer.

If an owner of a mobile home park intends to accept an offer to purchase the mobile home park and the mobile home park is to be included in an investment portfolio by the purchaser, the price, terms and conditions specific to the mobile home park must be specified in the notice required by this subsection.

The notice must be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each mobile home owner at the mobile home owner's home address and to the Maine State Housing Authority.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§3-A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 378, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3-A. Group of mobile home owners or mobile home owners' association first option to purchase.** A group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association has the first option to purchase a mobile home park, and the owner of a mobile home park shall consider an offer from a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association subject to the following conditions.

A. An owner of a mobile home park shall consider any offer from a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association received by the 60th day after the date the notice containing the information required by subsection 1 is mailed as required by subsection 1 and received by the Maine State Housing Authority as long as the mobile home owners of at least 51% of the mobile homes in the mobile home park that are occupied by the mobile home owner or a family member of the mobile home owner sign a petition or otherwise indicate in writing that they support making the offer.

B. An owner of a mobile home park shall negotiate in good faith with a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association concerning a purchase offer made under this subsection.

C. An offer made by a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association must include a purchase and sale agreement.

D. If the proposed purchase and sale agreement from a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association matches the price and otherwise has substantially equivalent terms and conditions of the offer the mobile home park owner has conditionally accepted or plans to accept, the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association must have the first option to purchase the mobile home park at the price, terms and conditions stated in its purchase and sale agreement.

E. A mobile home park owner may not unreasonably refuse to enter into or unreasonably delay the execution of or closing on a purchase and sale agreement with a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association that has proposed a bona fide purchase and sale agreement to meet the price and substantially equivalent terms and conditions of an offer for which notice is required to be given under subsection 1.

F. Notwithstanding the requirement that the offer from a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association be on substantially equivalent terms and conditions, a mobile home park owner may not reject a proposed purchase and sale agreement solely on the basis of the inclusion of a financing contingency.

G. A group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association may not be required to pay a nonrefundable deposit at the time of execution of a purchase and sale agreement as a condition of acceptance.

H. If an owner of a mobile home park accepts the offer made by a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association, the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association must obtain appropriate financing and a commercially reasonable time to close on the sale before the 90th day after the execution date of the purchase and sale agreement.

I. If a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association fails to secure financing necessary for the purchase and sale agreement during this 90-day period, or such longer period as the parties may agree to, or fails to close on the sale in compliance with the purchase and sale agreement executed by the parties, the mobile home park owner has no further duties under this section with respect to the proposed sale, lease or transfer of the mobile home park.

J. If a purchase and sale agreement between a mobile home park owner and a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association does

not result in a purchase and the mobile home park owner offers to sell the mobile home park at a different price or with different terms and conditions or receives a subsequent offer to purchase at a different price or with different terms and conditions that the mobile home park owner intends to accept, the requirements of this section apply separately to each subsequent offer.

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Assignment of rights.** A group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association that has rights under this section may, upon a majority vote, assign those rights to the following entities as long as the entity agrees to continue operating the property as a mobile home park:

A. The municipality in which the mobile home park is located;

B. The Maine State Housing Authority or a municipal housing authority established under Title 30-A, section 4721 whose area of operation, as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 1, includes the municipality in which the mobile home park is located; or

C. A nonprofit organization.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 395

### H.P. 1020 - L.D. 1562

#### An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3651**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 128, §1, is further amended to read:

#### **§3651. Failure to provide safety and convenience**

Highways, town ways and streets legally established ~~shall~~ must be opened and kept in repair so as to be safe and convenient for travelers with motor vehicles based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year. A municipal officer or county commissioner responsible for maintenance and repair of a town way must be notified by a resident in writing of which way is not safe and convenient. Once notified, the municipal officer or county commissioner may evaluate the risk to travelers based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year and recommend a reasonably achievable repair. ~~In default thereof, those liable may be indicted, convicted and a reasonable fine imposed therefor.~~ If a municipal officer or county commissioner unreasonably neglects to repair the defective town way in a reasonable amount of time after receiving notice, a person who

receives bodily injury or suffers damage to the person's property through any defect or want of repair on any town way may recover for the same in a civil action pursuant to section 3655.

**1. Legal objects not defects.** Trees, structures, utility poles and facilities and other things that exist in accordance with municipal ordinances are not defects in a public way. For the purposes of this subsection, "facilities" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 2502, subsection 3.

**Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §3652** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§3652. Notice of defect; optional local hearing on petition**

**1. Municipal board of appeals; authority to hear petition.** The legislative body of a municipality may appoint the municipal board of appeals established pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2691 to receive a petition of a defective town way to review.

**2. Persons petitioning defective road.** When a town liable to maintain a town way unreasonably neglects to keep it in repair as provided in section 3651 after one of the municipal officers has had 5 days' actual notice or knowledge of the defective condition, any 3 or more responsible persons, setting forth those facts, may petition the municipal board of appeals that has been granted authority by the legislative body pursuant to subsection 1. The municipal board of appeals shall fix a time and place near the defective town way for a hearing on the petition and cause such notice of the hearing to be given to the town and petitioners as the board of appeals may prescribe. At the time appointed, the board of appeals shall inspect the town way that is alleged to be out of repair and hear the parties interested, and if the board of appeals adjudges the town way to be unsafe and inconvenient for travelers, motor vehicles, horses, teams and carriages, the board of appeals shall prescribe what repairs must be made, fix the time in which the town must undertake the repairs and give notice of the repairs to the municipal officers. If the board of appeals adjudges the town way to be safe and convenient based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year, the board of appeals shall dismiss the petition.

**Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §3653** is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §3654** is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 396  
S.P. 764 - L.D. 1956**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Governing the Competitive  
Skills Scholarship Program  
and Establish the Community  
Workforce Connections  
Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1166, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §1, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The money in the fund must be administered by the commissioner exclusively for the purposes of chapter 25, subchapter 5 and section 2066 and for the costs of administering the fund.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶A-2** is enacted to read:

A-2. "Cohort" means a group of students or participants who work through a curriculum or prescribed program together to achieve the same academic degree, certificate or similar credential together.

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. "Marketable postsecondary degree" means an industry-recognized credential, vocational certificate or license, associate degree, bachelor's degree or a graduate certificate or degree. A degree is not considered a marketable postsecondary degree if:

- (1) The applicant can show that the postsecondary degree prepared the applicant for a specific occupation that the applicant is no longer able to perform due to physical or mental health limitations;
- (2) The postsecondary degree is not recognized by or equivalent to that which is required by the appropriate professional licensing body in this State; or
- (3) The applicant can show that the postsecondary degree does not enable the applicant to obtain employment in a labor market that meets the requirements of subsection 4, paragraph A.

**Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§5, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

B. Does not have a marketable postsecondary degree that the individual can use to obtain employment in an industry that meets the requirements established in subsection 4;

**Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§5, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. Has income of less than 275% of the federal poverty level for the family size involved or, at the time of application, the individual or a dependent living in the individual's household is receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the MaineCare program; the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; the Reception and Placement or Refugee Cash Assistance programs under 8 United States Code, Section 1522; the federal supplemental security income program; or the fuel assistance program under Title 30-A, section 4991;

**Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

**5-B. Cohort-based programs, student eligibility.** The commissioner shall adopt rules in accordance with this section to provide for the approval of cohort-based education or training programs and eligibility for individuals participating in those programs. Such programs must be targeted to serve low-income individuals and individuals who may face barriers to education or successful workforce participation, including, but not limited to, first-generation college students, formerly incarcerated individuals, individuals enrolled in needs-based government assistance programs, unemployed and underemployed individuals, persons with disabilities, immigrants and individuals with underrepresented genders and racial identities, for the purposes of increasing these individuals' economic security.

Notwithstanding subsection 5, an individual in a cohort approved by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection is eligible for all program services under this section for which all other eligible individuals would be qualified to receive in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 9.

**Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 184, §5, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

Registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program approved pursuant to subsection 4 are eligible for services under this subsection, including those necessary to participate in any on-the-job learning component of the program, as long as the registered apprentices and individuals meet the requirement of subsection 5, paragraph C or are enrolled in a cohort approved by the commissioner pursuant to subsection 5-B.

**Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 184, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**7. Application and decision.** An individual must be given the opportunity to make a written application for education, training and support available from the program and be given a prompt written decision from the department, within 30 days from the date that the individual's application is received by the department, specifically indicating the type and amount of services approved or denied, except that, at the request of the individual, the department shall extend the deadline by an additional 15 days for the purpose of providing additional information necessary to establish eligibility. If information needed from a 3rd party necessary to determine eligibility is not available at the time of the deadline, this deadline may be extended until that information is available. The department shall provide guidance and assist the individual to the extent possible in promptly securing any 3rd-party information necessary to determine eligibility.

Services, including tuition, books, fees, stipends, child care and transportation, for which the applicant is determined eligible must be provided retroactively to the date of application or the date there is demonstrated need for services covered by the program and required for successful participation, whichever is later. Other services may be provided retroactively as determined by the department when necessary for the successful participation of an eligible individual.

The department may not deny eligibility to any applicant for lack of information necessary to verify eligibility unless it has first sought to access that information from any electronic or other resource reasonably available to the department. If needed information to complete the application is not available, the department shall contact the applicant at least 20 days following the applicant's date of application by the applicant's preferred method of communication to notify the applicant of any additional or missing information needed by the department and to provide additional guidance that the applicant can use to obtain information necessary to establish eligibility to the extent possible.

The costs for an educational transcript, credential evaluation or similar requirement needed to determine eligibility for the program must be paid for by the program for any applicant who is otherwise eligible for participation, as determined by the department, if funds are not reasonably available from another source for this purpose.

**Sec. 9. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

**7-A. Appeal.** A written decision related to eligibility for, or the provision of, services under this section must provide notice that the decision may be appealed by an individual through a request for a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the decision in accordance with rules adopted by the department and consistent with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. The 30-day appeal pe-

riod may be extended up to 15 additional days if the individual can show good cause for failing to appeal within the initial 30-day period. If the individual files a written appeal within 10 days of a decision to terminate the participant from the program or terminate or reduce assistance being provided, the decision may not be implemented pending the outcome of the appeal process. If no appeal is filed, the decision becomes final.

The first step in the appeal process is reconsideration of the decision by a program manager. The program manager shall issue a written decision within 15 days of the filing of the appeal and may consider new evidence presented during the appeal process. The decision may reflect a resolution to the appeal or, if a resolution was not reached, it must reflect the program manager's decision.

If the program manager issues a written decision that is adverse to the individual, the department shall advise in that notice that the individual has a right to appeal the decision within 30 days of receiving the notice to an impartial hearing officer, who will make a new decision in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. The appeal period may be extended up to an additional 15 days for good cause.

A hearing officer shall render a decision within 30 days of the hearing request and may affirm, set aside, modify or remand the program manager's decision. A hearing decision affirming, setting aside or modifying the program manager's decision pursuant to this subsection is final agency action and may be appealed to the Superior Court.

**Sec. 10. 26 MRSA c. 26-A, sub-c. 2, headnote** is amended to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 2**

**PEER WORKFORCE NAVIGATOR PILOT COMMUNITY WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

**Sec. 11. 26 MRSA §2065**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 456, §37, is repealed.

**Sec. 12. 26 MRSA §2066** is enacted to read:

**§2066. Community Workforce Connections Program**

**1. Community Workforce Connections Program established.** The Community Workforce Connections Program, referred to in this subchapter as "the program," is established. No later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Labor, referred to in this subchapter as "the commissioner," shall implement the program statewide to offer meaningful peer support and workforce navigation to unemployed and underemployed workers via peer navigators employed by community-based organizations. The program must prioritize individuals from populations that may face significant barriers to employment as described in subsection 2, paragraph A and support successful access to Department of

Labor resources and maintenance of sustainable employment to increase their economic security. The Department of Labor, referred to in this subchapter as "the department," shall issue a request for proposals in accordance with state procurement law to contract with qualified entities to operate the program under subsection 2. The program shall:

A. Provide culturally appropriate, person-centered and relationship-focused peer workforce navigation services that are based on a strengths-based case management model and performed by individuals with shared lived experience. The program shall advocate for, and provide sustained and reliable support to, individuals in their transitions to improved economic security through employment, including by providing education about program rules and community resources to facilitate informed self-advocacy and life planning;

B. Work with community organizations, known and trusted by individuals described in subsection 2, paragraph A, and through trusted peer navigators to proactively identify and engage with unemployed and underemployed individuals and provide them with the workforce navigation services under paragraph A and opportunities for education, training, employment and reemployment assistance;

C. Introduce and connect individuals to career centers operated by the department, its workforce partners and educational institutions and help the individuals, as needed, navigate employment services and education and training programs operated by these entities. The program shall help facilitate communication and trust building between the individuals and these entities, including providing help completing applications; assistance with complying with eligibility verification processes; and support for participant progress and persistence;

D. Provide timely, responsive, flexible and individualized support when necessary to help individuals meet basic needs so the individuals are more able to successfully engage with work-related support services and find and retain employment, which includes accessing support from both public and private sources, including support for transportation, utilities and child care;

E. Promote trusted and successful relationships between individuals and government agencies by furthering understanding of employment, education and training programs, public assistance programs and associated rules, regulations, responsibilities and rights, and any socioeconomic barriers to accessing these programs;

F. Conduct outreach to communities with disproportionately low enrollment in unemployment insurance and reemployment assistance. The program shall provide individual assistance, education

and referrals for individuals applying for and making ongoing claims for unemployment compensation, including offering assistance connecting with department staff and coaching on self-advocacy for claimants experiencing barriers to services. The program shall inform individuals about provisions of law that may assist low-income and frequently unemployed individuals disproportionately, including the dislocated worker benefits program under section 1043, subsection 5, paragraph B and section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A, partial unemployment benefits and reemployment services; and

G. Identify systemic issues creating barriers to successful employment or reemployment for individuals seeking jobs, including improvements to employment and training programs under chapter 25 and the unemployment compensation system under chapter 13, and work to reduce those barriers.

**2. Qualified entities.** To be eligible to receive a workforce navigation contract under this section, an entity must:

A. Demonstrate that it has existing, trusted relationships with individuals, groups and organizations from populations that may face significant barriers to employment, including immigrants; individuals with limited English proficiency; individuals without postsecondary training or college degrees; low-income and homeless individuals; individuals who have been out of the workforce for an extended period; individuals with low literacy, including digital literacy; individuals with substance use disorder; individuals facing gender-based discrimination; individuals with disabilities; indigenous and tribal populations; single-parent households; and low-income working families;

B. Have the capability to carry out the duties of this section, including knowledge of eligibility requirements and application processes related to education and training services, including apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, reemployment services, the unemployment compensation system under chapter 13 and other resources necessary to help populations that may face significant barriers to employment as described in paragraph A successfully participate in employment and increase their economic security;

C. Comply with existing confidentiality standards to ensure the privacy of all information collected from individuals receiving workforce navigation services; and

D. Provide services under this section without charge to the individuals receiving those services.

**3. Commissioner's duties; award criteria; workforce navigation services.** The commissioner

shall establish standards for the awarding of contracts to qualified entities in accordance with this subsection.

A. The commissioner may award multiple contracts to perform one or more of the services described in this section.

B. To support the maintenance of relationships between qualified entities and populations that may face significant barriers to employment as described in subsection 2, paragraph A and to ensure a high quality of service, the commissioner shall award multi-year contracts to qualified entities as long as the qualified entities satisfy performance requirements set forth in the contracts.

C. The commissioner shall give priority for contracts to qualified entities that are a recognized source of support, expertise and community leadership for populations that may face significant barriers to employment as described in subsection 2, paragraph A, including racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with low literacy, individuals with disabilities and other low-income individuals with socioeconomic barriers to employment and education.

D. Workforce navigation services provided by qualified entities that receive workforce navigation contracts must be coordinated with and supplement, not supplant, services provided by the department.

E. All workforce navigation services provided under this subsection must be performed in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the population served, including individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with low literacy and individuals with disabilities, recognizing the varying levels of digital literacy and access to technology among individuals in need of services.

**4. Funding.** Of the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield described in section 1166, at least 12% of the annual planned yield must be used for the program. Any funds not expended in the contract year by the contracted entity must be returned to the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund, except that any funds for expenses that occurred in that contract year but were not yet paid in that year must remain available to the contracted entity. The department may also seek any available opportunities for funding as needed to support and enhance the workforce navigation services provided under this section.

**Sec. 13. Financial report.** The Commissioner of Labor shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor by November 1, 2026 a complete report on the financial activities of the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1166, including an accounting of the fund's receipts and expenditures, assets and liabilities at

the end of the fund's fiscal year. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters may report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 397**  
**S.P. 773 - L.D. 1977**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Governing Elections**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

**10. Closed period.** "Closed period" means that time period when the registrar may accept only those voter registration applications presented in person or transmitted pursuant to section 232 or 233 by the deadline specified in section 121-A.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 291, §1 and affected by §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1-A. Identification and proof.** A person who registers in person shall show proof of identity and residency. If satisfactory proof of identity and residency cannot be provided to the registrar or deputy, the person's name is entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list and the ballot the person casts is a challenged ballot. If the person shows satisfactory proof of identity and residency prior to voting on election day, the person's ballot is not a challenged ballot.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §121-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 291, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§121-A. Deadline for registration**

**1. Registration deadline.** The deadlines for receipt of voter registration applications are as follows:

A. If submitted by mail or by a 3rd person, the close of business on the 21st day before election day;

B. If submitted online, 5 p.m. on the 21st day before election day;

C. If transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 232 or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 233, midnight on the 7th day before election day; and

D. If submitted in person, the close of the polls on election day.

**2. Closed period.** The 20-day period before an election is the closed period. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the applicable registrar must receive a voter registration application before the start of the closed period in order for the applicant's name to appear on the incoming voter list for that election.

A. Notwithstanding the closed period, a person may qualify to vote in an election by registering to vote in person at any time before the close of the polls on election day.

B. Notwithstanding the closed period, a person may qualify to vote in an election by registering to vote through automatic voter registration under section 232 or section 233 no later than the 7th day before election day.

**3. Notice required.** An applicant who attempts to register to vote within 30 days of an election by any method other than in-person registration, online registration or automatic voter registration under section 232 or section 233 must be advised that the registrar might not receive the application before the closed period, but that the applicant may register in person any time before the close of the polls on election day.

**4. Deadlines for transferring voter registration applications.** The following provisions govern deadlines for transferring voter registration applications.

A. Outside agencies shall transfer voter registration applications to the Secretary of State within 5 days of receipt.

B. The Secretary of State shall transfer voter registration applications received from outside agencies to the appropriate registrar by the following deadlines:

(1) If the application is received 10 days or fewer before the start of the closed period, within 5 days of receipt;

(2) If the application is received more than 10 days before the start of the closed period, within 10 days of receipt; and

(3) If the application is received after the start of the closed period, within 10 business days after the election.

C. The Secretary of State shall transmit voter registration applications submitted online to the appropriate registrar by the next business day following receipt.

D. The Secretary of State shall transmit voter registration applications submitted to the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 232 or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 233 to the appropriate registrar by the next business day following receipt.

**5. Registrar to send notice of disposition.** The registrar shall send the notice of disposition required by section 122 no later than the 18th day before election day to all voters whose voter registration applications were submitted online, submitted by mail or submitted by a 3rd person as long as the registrar received the voter registration application by the 21st day before election day.

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 453, §16, is further amended to read:

**4. Election day registration.** The registrar shall accept registrations of applicants who appear in person on election day. The registrar shall issue to each of these applicants a certificate entitling the applicant to be placed on the incoming voting list at the voting place. Only one certificate may be issued to a person. An applicant whose address has changed since the applicant last voted must vote using the ballot or ballots for the new polling voting place, if applicable, on election day.

**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §122, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 395, §1, is further amended to read:

**9. Regulation of registration monitors.** Anyone who wishes to monitor the names and addresses of persons who are registering at the registrar's office or the clerk's office shall inform the registrar or clerk of that intent. Anyone who wishes to monitor the names and addresses of persons who are registering at the polling voting place shall inform the registrar or clerk of that intent by submitting a written, signed statement containing the proposed monitor's name, address and intent. The registrar or clerk may designate a place where a person monitoring registrations may stand. The registrar or clerk shall then announce the name and address of individuals registering to vote in a loud and clear voice. A person monitoring registrations shall direct any questions the person has to the registrar or clerk. These questions must be limited to information pertinent to the qualifications of an individual to register. A person monitoring registrations may not ask questions of individuals waiting to register concerning their eligibility to vote. A polling voting place registration monitor may not handle or inspect registration cards, files or other materials used by the registrar or clerk except as provided in section 22. A monitor may not inhibit the work of the registrar or clerk. If the work of a registrar or clerk appears to be inhibited, the warden may request a reduction in the number of monitors present in the polling voting place. A registrar or clerk may require a person monitoring registrations who violates the provisions of this subsection to leave the building.

**Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §129, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 534, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Failure to notify.** If a voter fails to notify the registrar of a change of name or change of address before election day, the voter must appear before the registrar on election day and follow the procedure outlined

in section 661 if the voter wishes to vote, unless the registrar has already made the correction in following the procedure prescribed by section 128. If the voter wishes to exercise the right to vote, the voter must vote using the ballot or ballots for the new polling voting place, if applicable, on election day.

**Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §144, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Holidays.** If the 15th day before a primary election is a holiday, the registrar shall deem any change of enrollment submitted on the next business day to be received on the 15th day before the election for purposes of this section.

**Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §145, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Holidays.** If the 15th day before a primary election is a holiday, the registrar shall deem any withdrawal of enrollment submitted on the next business day to be received on the 15th day before the election for purposes of this section.

**Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §181, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. OO, §3, is further amended to read:

B. Outside agencies, or their successors, which include the following:

~~(1) All state agencies that provide public assistance, including the Department of Health and Human Services and the~~ The offices within the department Department of Health and Human Services that provide assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under Title 22, chapter 1053-B, the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program of the United States Child Nutrition Act of 1966, the federal Medicaid program and the statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Title 22, section 3104; administer:

(a) The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under Title 22, chapter 1053-B;

(b) The Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program of the United States Child Nutrition Act of 1966;

(c) The federal Medicaid program;

(d) The Children's Health Insurance Program under Title 22, section 3174-T;

(e) The transitional child care services under a program of transitional support services under Title 22, section 3762;

- (f) The transitional transportation benefits under a program of transitional support services under Title 22, section 3762;
  - (g) The Higher Opportunity for Pathways for Employment Program under Title 22, section 3790-A;
  - (h) The Bridging Rental Assistance Program under Title 34-B, section 3011;
  - (i) A developmental services advocacy program administered by a statewide organization for disability rights;
  - (j) A mental health advocacy program;
  - (k) The children's advocacy centers; and
  - (l) The statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under Title 22, section 3104;
- (2) The uniformed service recruitment offices;
- (3) The public high schools;
- (4) The offices of municipal clerks and registrars; and
- (5) The offices within the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; and that administer:
- (a) Vocational rehabilitation services;
  - (b) Independent living services;
  - (c) Deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened identification cards and vehicle placards; and
  - (d) Deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened telecommunications equipment services.
- ~~(6) All state agencies that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities.~~

**Sec. 10. 21-A MRSA §181, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 695, §20, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§1, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 310, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

K. A person may purchase, for the fee established in subsection 2, a voter file from the Department of the Secretary of State to evaluate, monitor or seek compliance with laws relating to voting rights, election administration and voter registration.

(1) A voter file purchased under this paragraph may contain the same data fields available to political parties and campaigns under para-

graph B and may include data concerning cancelled voters for the period such data is retained in the central voter registration system.

(2) The following information is designated highly sensitive personal information and may not be included in a voter file purchased under this paragraph:

- (a) A voter's full date of birth;
- (b) A voter's social security number, tax identification number, driver's license number or any portion of these numbers;
- (c) Any records or data concerning a voter who is certified by the Secretary of State as a program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program under Title 5, section 90-B;
- (d) If a voter has submitted a signed statement to the registrar under section 22, subsection 3, paragraph B, the voter's residential address and mailing address if the mailing address is the same as or discloses the voter's residence address; and
- (e) Any data relating to a declination to register to vote or to the identity of a voter registration agency through which any particular voter is registered.

**Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 310, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §196-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Civil violations.** The following uses of data from the central voter registration system are civil violations for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for a first violation, and not more than \$5,000 may be adjudged for additional violations:

- A. Any use of data from the central voter registration system for a commercial purpose;
- B. Any use of data from the central voter registration system for solicitation, other than solicitation relating to a political party or a campaign as defined in section 1052, subsection 1;
- C. Any sale or resale of data from the central voter registration system except as authorized in subsection 1, paragraph B and subsection 1, paragraph K;
- D. Any use of data from the central voter registration system in violation of subsection 4; and
- E. Any use of data from the central voter registration system purchased under subsection 1, paragraph B or subsection 1, paragraph K for purposes not authorized by those paragraphs.

**Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §303, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §44, is further amended to read:

B. The names, addresses, telephone numbers, ~~if published,~~ e-mail addresses and signatures of the voters who file the declaration of intent.

**Sec. 16. 21-A MRSA §306**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§306. Enrolled voters**

**1. Voters enrolled in parties that fail to qualify.** If the Secretary of State determines that a qualifying party has failed to meet the requirements of section 302 or 303, the Secretary of State must change the status of voters enrolled in that qualifying party in the central voter registration system to unenrolled.

**2. Voters enrolled in qualified parties that are disqualified.** Within 30 days of the Secretary of State's determination that a qualified party is disqualified under section 304, the disqualified party may file a written notice with the Secretary of State electing to retain its enrolled voters. The written notice must certify that the party intends to seek requalification by December 31st of the year of the next general election following disqualification.

A. If a notice is not timely filed by the disqualified party, the Secretary of State must change the status of voters enrolled in the disqualified party in the central voter registration system to unenrolled.

B. If a notice is timely filed by the disqualified party, the following procedures apply.

(1) The Secretary of State may not automatically change the status of voters enrolled in the disqualified party in the central voter registration system to unenrolled except as permitted by subparagraph (5). Voters enrolled in the disqualified party may continue to change or withdraw their enrollment subject to the requirements of section 144 and section 145.

(2) The Secretary of State may remove the party's name from electronic versions and future printings of the voter registration application, but voters may continue to enroll in the disqualified party by writing the party name into a write-in blank on the voter registration application.

(3) The disqualified party may request requalification by filing with the Secretary of State by December 31st of the year of the next general election following disqualification a certification that it has at least 5,000 voters enrolled in the party. The Secretary of State shall review the certification under the procedures in section 303, subsection 2, and the disqualified

party may appeal an adverse determination under section 303-A. If restored to qualified status, the party must meet the requirements of section 301 to participate in subsequent primary elections and is not considered a newly qualified party for purposes of section 301, subsection 1, paragraph E.

(4) In order to participate in a primary election under section 339, the disqualified party must file a valid certification under subparagraph (3) no later than January 2nd of the year of that primary election. In order to participate in a presidential primary election under section 441, the disqualified party must file a valid certification under subparagraph (3) no later than September 15th of the year before the presidential primary election.

(5) If the disqualified party fails to submit a valid certification under subparagraph (3) by December 31st of the year of the next general election following disqualification, the Secretary of State must change the status of voters enrolled in the disqualified party in the central voter registration system to unenrolled and voters may no longer enroll in the disqualified party. Prior to disenrolling voters under this subparagraph, the Secretary of State shall generate from the central voter registration system and provide to the statewide chair of the disqualified party an electronic file containing the names, mailing addresses and residential addresses of all voters who will be disenrolled from the disqualified party.

**Sec. 17. 21-A MRSA §308** is enacted to read:

**§308. Voluntary dissolution**

A qualified or qualifying party may voluntarily relinquish its qualified or qualifying status by filing a written request with the Secretary of State signed by the statewide chair following an affirmative vote by the party's state committee to relinquish its qualified or qualifying status or, for a party without a state committee, signed by an authorized representative of the party. The Secretary of State shall change the enrollment status of all voters enrolled in the party to unenrolled within 30 days of receipt of the request and, if applicable, remove the party's name from electronic versions and future printings of the voter registration application.

**Sec. 18. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

**2. By whom signed.** A primary petition may be signed only by the voters of the electoral division ~~which~~ that is to make the nomination and who are either enrolled in the party named in the petition or, if the party so elects, unenrolled. Other signatures are void. A party may elect to allow unenrolled voters to sign nominating petitions following an affirmative vote by the

party's state committee to allow unenrolled voters to sign nominating petitions or, for a party without a state committee, through a determination by an authorized representative of the party. A party must file a form with the Secretary of State no later than December 31st in the year before the primary election is to be held, except that, if the party files a certification under section 441 that there is a contest among candidates for nomination as the presidential candidate, a form must be filed no later than simultaneously with that certification. A party must make a single election for all primary elections held in that year.

**Sec. 19. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§7, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 453, §48, is further amended to read:

B. The registrar, or clerk at the request or upon the absence of the registrar, of each municipality concerned shall certify which names on a petition appear in the central voter registration system as registered and enrolled voters in that municipality and may not certify any names that do not satisfy subsection 3. A municipality shall make a municipal official available to certify candidate petitions on the day of the deadline set forth in subsection 8.

**Sec. 20. 21-A MRSA §336, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Registrar certification required.** The Secretary of State may not accept a candidate consent form unless it includes or is accompanied by the registrar certification required by section 334.

**Sec. 21. 21-A MRSA §337, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

**1. Review.** When presented with a primary petition, the Secretary of State shall review it and, if the petition contains the required minimum number of certified names and is properly completed, shall accept and file it. If a petition contains more valid signatures than the maximum set forth in section 335, subsection 5, the Secretary of State may not validate any signatures above the maximum.

**Sec. 22. 21-A MRSA §337, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 342, §9, is further amended to read:

**2. Challenges.** The procedure for challenging the validity of a primary petition or of names upon a petition is as follows.

A. Only a registered voter residing in the electoral division of the candidate concerned may file a challenge. The challenge must be in writing and must set forth the reasons for the challenge. The challenge must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State before 5 p.m. on the 5th business day after the final date for filing petitions under section 335, subsection 8.

B. Within 7 5 business days after the final date for filing challenges and after due notice of the hearing to the candidate and to the challenger, the Secretary of State shall hold a public hearing on any challenge properly filed. The challenger has the burden of providing sufficient evidence to invalidate the petitions or any names upon the petitions.

C. The Secretary of State shall rule on the validity of any challenge within 5 business days after the completion of the hearing described in paragraph B.

~~D. A challenger or a candidate may appeal the decision of the Secretary of State by commencing an action in the Superior Court. This action must be conducted in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80C, except as modified by this section. This action must be commenced within 5 days of the date of the decision of the Secretary of State. Upon timely application, anyone may intervene in this action when the applicant claims an interest relating to the subject matter of the petitions, unless the applicant's interest is adequately represented by existing parties. The court shall issue a written decision containing its findings of fact and conclusions of law and setting forth the reasons for its decision within 20 days of the date of the decision of the Secretary of State.~~

E. Any aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the ~~Superior Court~~ Secretary of State to the Law Court, on questions of law, by filing a notice of appeal within 3 business days of that decision in the same manner as an appeal taken from a judgment of the Superior Court in a civil action. The record on appeal must be transmitted to the Law Court within 3 days after notice of appeal is filed. After filing notice of appeal, the parties have 4 days to file briefs and appendices with the clerk of courts. As soon as the record and briefs have been filed, the court shall immediately consider the case. The court shall issue its decision within 14 days of the date of the decision of the Superior Court. The appeal must be conducted in accordance with the following procedures.

(1) Any person who participated in the hearing held under paragraph B, and who is adversely affected by the final decision of the Secretary of State, is considered a party for purposes of taking an appeal. The court may allow other parties to the hearing before the Secretary of State to participate in the appeal.

(2) When a law or rule regulating the taking of an appeal from the Superior Court in a civil action uses the terms "the court," "the clerk," "the clerk of the courts" or a similar term, for purposes of an appeal from the Secretary of State, those terms mean "the Secretary of State" or other appropriate term.

(3) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by a brief statement of the nature of the proceeding before the Secretary of State, a copy of the decision, order or ruling complained of, a statement of the grounds upon which the decision, order or ruling is claimed to be unlawful and a certificate that the attorney for the appellant is of the opinion that there is probable grounds for the appeal as to make it a fit subject for judicial inquiry and that it is not intended for delay.

(4) The Law Court has exclusive jurisdiction over appeals under this paragraph.

(5) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal under this paragraph, the court shall issue a scheduling order that allows for final disposition of the appeal no later than 35 days after the date of the decision by the Secretary of State.

(6) An appeal under this paragraph does not automatically stay the ruling on appeal. The Chief Justice or, in the Chief Justice's absence, any other justice may enjoin or stay the effect of the ruling upon the terms and conditions as the Chief Justice determines proper.

(7) Upon motion by a party filed within 3 days of the filing of the administrative record, the court may order additional evidence it determines necessary for the determination of issues to be taken before the Secretary of State upon the terms and conditions the court determines proper. A motion to take additional evidence must be accompanied by a detailed statement, in the nature of an offer of proof, of the evidence intended to be taken. The Secretary of State may, after hearing the evidence, modify or add findings as to facts and amend the original decision or order by reason of the additional evidence taken, and the Secretary of State shall file with the court that amended decision or order and those modified or new findings. If the Secretary of State modifies findings or amends the original decision or order, the appealing party or any other party aggrieved by the modified findings or amended decision or order may file with the court, within such time as the court may allow, a specification of errors claimed to have been made by the Secretary of State in the amended decision or order, and the specification of errors must be considered by the court in addition to the errors asserted in the original complaint on appeal. Upon granting a motion to take additional evidence, the court shall establish deadlines that allow for final disposition of the appeal within 35 days of the Secretary of State's original decision.

(8) The clerk of the Law Court shall certify the result of the appeal to the Secretary of State no later than 35 days after the decision of the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 23. 21-A MRSA §355, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Registrar certification required.** The Secretary of State may not accept a candidate consent form unless it includes or is accompanied by the registrar certification required by section 353.

**Sec. 24. 21-A MRSA §356, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

**1. Review.** When presented with a nomination petition, the Secretary of State shall review it and, if the petition contains the required minimum number of certified names and is properly completed, shall accept and file it. If a petition contains more valid signatures than the maximum set forth in section 354, subsection 5, the Secretary of State may not validate any signatures above the maximum.

**Sec. 25. 21-A MRSA §356, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 342, §10, is further amended to read:

**2. Challenges.** The procedure for challenging the validity of a nomination petition or of names upon a petition is as follows.

A. Only a registered voter residing in the electoral division of the candidate concerned may file a challenge. The challenge must be in writing and must set forth the reasons for the challenge. The challenge must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by 5 p.m. on the 5th business day after the final date for filing petitions under section 354, subsection 8-A.

B. Within 7 5 business days after the final date for filing challenges and after due notice of the hearing to the candidate and to the challenger, the Secretary of State shall hold a public hearing on any challenge properly filed. The challenger has the burden of providing evidence to invalidate the petitions or any names upon the petitions.

C. The Secretary of State shall rule on a challenge within 5 business days after the completion of the hearing described in paragraph B.

~~D. A challenger or a candidate may appeal the decision of the Secretary of State by commencing an action in the Superior Court. This action must be conducted in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80C, except as modified by this section. This action must be commenced within 5 days of the date of the decision of the Secretary of State. Upon timely application, anyone may intervene in this action when the applicant claims an interest relating to the subject matter of~~

~~the petition, unless the applicant's interest is adequately represented by existing parties. The court shall issue its written decision containing its findings of fact and conclusions of law and setting forth the reasons for its decision within 20 days of the date of the decision of the Secretary of State.~~

~~E. Any aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the Superior Court Secretary of State to the Law Court, on questions of law, by filing a notice of appeal within 3 business days of that decision in the same manner as an appeal taken from a judgment of the Superior Court in a civil action. The record on appeal must be transmitted to the Law Court within 3 days after notice of appeal is filed. After filing notice of appeal, the parties have 4 days to file briefs and appendices with the clerk of courts. As soon as the record and briefs have been filed, the court shall immediately consider the case. The court shall issue its decision within 14 days of the date of the decision of the Superior Court. The appeal must be conducted in accordance with the following procedures.~~

~~(1) Any person who participated in the hearing held under paragraph B, and who is adversely affected by the final decision of the Secretary of State, is considered a party for purposes of taking an appeal. On motion, the court may allow other parties to the hearing before the Secretary of State to participate in the appeal.~~

~~(2) When a law or rule regulating the taking of an appeal from the Superior Court in a civil action uses the terms "the court," "the clerk," "the clerk of the courts" or a similar term, for purposes of an appeal from the Secretary of State, those terms mean "the Secretary of State" or other appropriate term.~~

~~(3) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by a brief statement of the nature of the proceeding before the Secretary of State, a copy of the decision, order or ruling complained of, a statement of the grounds upon which the decision, order or ruling is claimed to be unlawful and a certificate that the attorney for the appellant is of the opinion that there is probable grounds for the appeal as to make it a fit subject for judicial inquiry and that it is not intended for delay.~~

~~(4) The Law Court has exclusive jurisdiction over appeals under this paragraph.~~

~~(5) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal under this paragraph, the Law Court shall issue a scheduling order that allows for final disposition of the appeal no later than 35 days after the date of the decision by the Secretary of State.~~

(6) An appeal under this paragraph does not automatically stay the ruling on appeal. The Chief Justice or, in the Chief Justice's absence, any other justice may enjoin or stay the effect of the ruling upon the terms and conditions as the Chief Justice determines proper.

(7) Upon motion by a party filed within 3 days of the filing of the administrative record, the court may order additional evidence it determines necessary for the determination of issues to be taken before the Secretary of State upon the terms and conditions the court determines proper. A motion to take additional evidence must be accompanied by a detailed statement, in the nature of an offer of proof, of the evidence intended to be taken. The Secretary of State may, after hearing the evidence, modify or add findings as to facts and amend the original decision or order by reason of the additional evidence taken, and the Secretary of State shall file with the court that amended decision or order and those modified or new findings. If the Secretary of State modifies findings or amends the original decision or order, the appealing party or any other party aggrieved by the modified findings or amended decision or order may file with the court, within such time as the court may allow, a specification of errors claimed to have been made by the Secretary of State in the amended decision or order, and the specification of errors must be considered by the court in addition to the errors asserted in the original complaint on appeal. Upon granting a motion to take additional evidence, the court shall establish deadlines that allow for final disposition of the appeal within 35 days of the Secretary of State's original decision.

(8) The clerk of the Law Court shall certify the result of the appeal to the Secretary of State no later than 35 days after the decision of the Secretary of State.

F. Only a voter of the county establishing a charter commission may challenge the nomination petition for county charter commission member. The challenge must be in writing and must set forth the reasons for the challenge. The challenge must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State before 5 p.m. on the 55th day following the order of the county officers under Title 30-A, section 1321, subsection 1, or the receipt of a certificate of sufficiency under Title 30-A, section 1321, subsection 4.

**Sec. 26. 21-A MRSA §363, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §2, is further amended to read:

The meeting of a political committee as required by sections 371, 374-A, 375-A, 381, 382, 392 and 393 is governed by the following provisions.

**Sec. 27. 21-A MRSA §375-A** is enacted to read:

**§375-A. Presidential and vice-presidential electors nominated by qualified parties**

If a party's candidate for presidential elector certified to the Secretary of State under section 322, subsection 2 dies, withdraws or becomes disqualified, the vacancy may be filled by a new presidential elector if the following conditions are met:

**1. Written resignation.** A written resignation is filed with the Secretary of State by the previous presidential elector, if the mental and physical condition of the elector allows; and

**2. Compliance with requirements.** The state committee and replacement candidate comply with the requirements of section 363 prior to election day.

This section does not apply to a vacancy as described in section 804.

**Sec. 28. 21-A MRSA §392, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Extraordinary circumstances.** If the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives announces under 2 United States Code, Section 8 that vacancies in the representation from the States in the House exceed 100, the Governor's proclamation under this section may not provide for a primary election but must instead provide for the nomination of candidates by political committee under sections 363 and 365, by petition under subchapter 2 and by declared write-in under section 722. The proclamation must establish deadlines as may be necessary to hold the special election within the time required by 2 United States Code, Section 8.

**Sec. 29. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§2, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §40 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

B-1. The candidate's name listed on the ballot must be the one approved by the Probate Court, pursuant to Title 18-C, section 1-701, or, in the absence of an applicable court order, the name consistently used by the candidate during the past 2 years in filings with governmental agencies and in the transaction of public business, including without limitation transactions relating to voter registration; motor vehicle registrations; driver licenses; a passport; professional licenses; local, state or federal permits of any kind; public benefit programs; and veterans' benefits and social security. Any request by a candidate to list that candidate's name on the ballot in a manner that differs from the name that appears on the candidate's consent form must be received by the Secretary of State no later than 70 days prior to the election. If requested by the Secretary of State when there is a question concerning which name should be listed on the ballot, it is the obligation of

the candidate to provide documentation to demonstrate consistent use of a particular name.

**Sec. 30. 21-A MRSA §605-A, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. The Secretary of State may prepare other neutral instructional materials and posters the Secretary of State determines necessary to assist voters.

**Sec. 31. 21-A MRSA §610, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. ZZ, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 32. 21-A MRSA §610, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. ZZ, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Log of public concerns alleged violations.** The Secretary of State shall implement a system for collecting and logging concerns from members of the public regarding the conduct of elections reports from residents of this State of alleged violations of this Title related to the conduct of statewide or federal elections. The log must describe each concern and any action taken to address the concern categorize reported alleged violations and, if applicable, any action taken to address the alleged violation. Instructions for reporting concerns alleged violations under this subsection must be posted at all polling places and included in the guide produced under subsection 1.

**Sec. 33. 21-A MRSA §610, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. ZZ, §1, is amended to read:

A. A summary of the election related concerns alleged violations of this Title related to the conduct of statewide or federal elections received and logged under subsection 2;

**Sec. 34. 21-A MRSA §610, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. ZZ, §1, is amended to read:

D. Recommendations for remedying any problems identified in the election process at the state or local level.

**Sec. 35. 21-A MRSA §621-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 584, §7, is further amended to read:

**1. Notice posted.** The clerk shall post or have posted a notice of election, attested by the clerk, in a conspicuous public place in each voting district in the municipality at least 21 days immediately before election day and at each voting place on election day.

**Sec. 36. 21-A MRSA §627, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**4. Minimum size of voting place; complaint to Secretary of State.** The following provisions govern the minimum size of voting places.

A. A municipality shall provide a voting place large enough to allow at least one worker from each political party to remain outside the guardrail enclosure as a pollwatcher as provided in section 683, subsection 1.

B. If the chair of any party's state committee submits a written complaint to the Secretary of State at least 90 days before an election, the Secretary of State shall authorize an inspection of the voting place considered to be too small to allow access for party workers. If the Secretary of State finds a voting place to be too small to allow access for party workers, the Secretary of State shall instruct the municipal officers to change the location of the voting place to one of a suitable size.

**Sec. 37. 21-A MRSA §629, sub-§1, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §25, is further amended to read:

A-1. In every election, the municipal officers shall provide at least one voting booth in each voting place that is accessible for persons with disabilities. The accessible voting booth may be used to meet the minimum requirements under paragraph A, except that it may not be the only voting booth used at the polling voting place.

**Sec. 38. 21-A MRSA §629, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §26, is further amended to read:

**4. Booth for the visually impaired.** The clerk shall equip at least one of the voting booths at the voting place with an enlarged instruction poster, a magnifying device and an adjustable lamp for improved lighting. The clerk may also equip the voting booth with an enlarged sample ballot at the clerk's own discretion. The voting station provided by the State along with the accessible voting device may be used to meet the requirements of this subsection. The voting station may not be used at the polling voting place for purposes other than voting.

**Sec. 39. 21-A MRSA §662, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §57, is repealed.

**Sec. 40. 21-A MRSA §681**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 304, Pt. A, §9, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§681. Positions at polling voting place**

**Sec. 41. 21-A MRSA §681, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 304, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

**4. Outside the guardrail enclosure.** If sufficient space exists, party workers and others, in addition to the pollwatchers allowed pursuant to section 627, may remain in the voting place outside the guardrail enclosure as long as they do not attempt to influence voters or interfere with their free passage. ~~If a person attempts to~~

~~influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the warden shall have the person removed from the voting place. A person video recording or engaging in still photography in the voting place must remain outside the guardrail and may not conduct video recording or still photography closer than 15 feet from a voter being recorded or photographed, including when a voter is where a person is collecting voters' signatures, except that a person may take a still photograph that depicts only the person taking the photograph. A person who video records or photographs a voter in violation of this subsection may be removed from the voting place by the municipal clerk at the recommendation of the warden as provided in section 662, subsection 2.~~

**Sec. 42. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §22, is further amended to read:

**3. Advertising prohibited.** A person may not display advertising material; operate an advertising medium, including a sound amplification device; or display or distribute campaign literature, posters, palm cards, buttons, badges ~~or~~ stickers ~~or~~ apparel containing a candidate's name or otherwise intending to influence the opinion of any voter regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day on any public property located within 250 feet of the entrance to either the voting place or the building in which the registrar's office is located. The term "sound amplification device" includes, but is not limited to, sound trucks, loudspeakers and blowhorns.

A. This subsection does not apply to advertising material on automobiles traveling to and from the voting place for the purposes of voting. It does not prohibit a person who is at the polls solely for the purpose of voting from wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the button does not exceed 3 inches.

~~B. Nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising may be allowed at the discretion of the clerk if arrangements are made prior to election day. If arrangements are not made in advance of the election day, the warden may, at the warden's discretion, either allow or prohibit nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising as provided in section 683, subsection 3.~~

**Sec. 43. 21-A MRSA §683** is enacted to read:

**§683. Regulated activities at voting place**

Certain activities at the voting place on election day are regulated as follows.

**1. Pollwatching.** The warden shall allow at least one worker from each political party to remain outside the guardrail enclosure as a pollwatcher. If the municipality uses an incoming voting list for a voting place that is divided into separate segments by voting district

or by the alphabetic listing of voters' names, the warden must allow at least one worker from each political party to remain outside the guardrail enclosure as a pollwatcher at each separate segment of the voting list.

**2. Signature gathering.** The warden may select and designate a specific location at the voting place, accessible and observable by the voters, where the collection of signatures may take place. Persons collecting signatures at the polls may make arrangements with the clerk prior to election day and with the warden on election day. The warden may limit the number of persons collecting signatures to one for each specific question, candidate or issue. Persons collecting signatures may not solicit a voter's signature until the voter has completed voting. The warden may limit or disallow signature gathering as may be necessary to prevent violations of section 682. The warden may direct the removal, under section 662, subsection 2, paragraph A, of any person collecting signatures who does not comply with the requirements of this subsection.

**3. Charitable activities.** Nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising may be allowed at the discretion of the clerk if arrangements are made prior to election day. If arrangements are not made in advance of election day, the warden may, at the warden's discretion, either allow or prohibit nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising.

**4. Party workers and observers.** The warden may allow the presence outside the guardrail enclosure of party workers in addition to those authorized by subsection 1 and other observers if there is sufficient space at the voting place. If the space at the voting place is so limited that the presence of the additional party workers and other observers would interfere with the election process, the warden shall prohibit their presence.

**5. Photography and video recording.** A person video recording or engaging in still photography in the voting place or in the location where voter registration is occurring must remain outside the guardrail enclosure and may not conduct video recording or still photography closer than 15 feet from a voter being video recorded or photographed, including when a voter is where a person is collecting voters' signatures, except that a person may take a still photograph that depicts only the person taking the photograph. A person who video records or photographs a voter in violation of this subsection may be removed from the voting place by the municipal clerk at the recommendation of the warden as provided in section 662, subsection 2.

**6. Registration and enrollment drives.** Except for the registrar, clerk or other municipal official authorized to accept and process voter registration applications, a person may not distribute or collect voter registration applications inside the voting place or on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place.

**7. Other prohibited activities.** If a person attempts to influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the warden shall have the person removed from the voting place.

**Sec. 44. 21-A MRSA §722-A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 304, Pt. A, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§722-A. Determination of declared write-in candidate**

**1. Declared write-in candidates.** To be considered a declared write-in candidate, a person must file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State, on a form approved by the Secretary of State, on or before 5 p.m. on the 70th day prior to the election. The candidate must meet all the other qualifications for that office.

**2. Additional requirement for presidential candidates.** To be considered a declared write-in candidate for President, a person must also file with the Secretary of State on or before the deadline specified in subsection 1 a consent form under section 355 signed by the candidate for presidential elector who may receive votes for the declaring presidential candidate under section 801, subsection 1. The designated presidential elector candidates must meet the requirements of section 352.

**Sec. 45. 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 407, §23, is further amended to read:

**1. Applications available.** On request, the clerk shall furnish a reasonable number of absentee ballot applications to any person, ~~except that an~~. An application may not be furnished more than 2 months before a primary election for which the application will be used or more than 3 months before the any other election for which the application will be used. This subsection does not apply to a uniformed service voter or an overseas voter who requests an absentee ballot under this subchapter.

**Sec. 46. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 176, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Alternate method of absentee voting by residents of certain licensed facilities.** Residents of certain nursing homes, residential care facilities ~~and~~ assisted living facilities, mental health residential facilities, residential facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and state mental health institutes may cast absentee ballots under the provisions of this subsection. This subsection applies to a licensed nursing home subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 405; a licensed level IV residential care facility with more than 6 beds subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 1664; ~~and~~ a licensed assisted living facility with more than 6 beds subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter

1664; a mental health residential facility with more than 6 beds licensed under Title 34-B, section 1203-A; a residential facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities with more than 6 beds licensed under Title 34-B, section 1203-A; and a state mental health institute specified in Title 22-A, section 208. As used in this subsection, "level IV residential care facility" means a residential care facility as defined by Title 22, section 7852, subsection 14 that has a licensed capacity of more than 6 residents.

A. The municipal clerk shall designate one time during the 30-day period prior to an election during which the municipal clerk shall be present in each facility to which this subsection applies in the municipality for the purpose of conducting absentee voting by residents of these facilities. The clerk shall designate which areas in these facilities constitute the voting place, the voting booth and the guardrail enclosure. The clerk shall post a notice in the municipal office that absentee voting will be conducted as prescribed in this subsection. The clerk shall provide a notice to each facility of the date and time when absentee voting will be conducted. The notice must state that the facility is required to notify the contact person or persons, if any, for each resident that absentee voting will be conducted. Each facility shall provide notice, which may be in the form of an e-mail or an electronic newsletter, to the contact person or persons, if any, for each resident of the date and time when absentee voting will be conducted at the facility. Sections 681 and 682 apply to voting in these facilities within the areas designated by the clerk.

B. To protect public health, the Secretary of State may designate procedures for conducting absentee voting for the residents of a facility to which this subsection applies that differ from the procedures described in paragraph A if:

- (1) The Department of Health and Human Services declares a health emergency under Title 22, section 802, subsection 2;
- (2) The Governor declares an extreme public health emergency under Title 22, section 802, subsection 2-A;
- (3) The Department of Health and Human Services determines that a public health threat, as defined in Title 22, section 801, subsection 10, threatens the health, welfare or safety of the municipal clerk or the residents of a facility described in this subsection; or
- (4) A facility described in this subsection prohibits the municipal clerk from entering the facility.

Procedures designated under this paragraph remain in effect for the duration of the health emergency, extreme public health emergency or public health

threat or for as long as the municipal clerk remains prohibited from entering the facility, as the case may be.

**Sec. 47. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 304, Pt. A, §29, is further amended by enacting after the first blocked paragraph a new blocked paragraph to read:

If there are multiple requests for inspection under this subsection, the warden may reasonably limit the time and manner of inspection by each member of the public and may give priority to requests for inspection by authorized representatives of candidates and qualified parties.

**Sec. 48. 21-A MRSA §760-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 304, Pt. A, §32, is further amended to read:

**3. Inspection of absentee envelopes before processing.** A member of the public may make a written request of the clerk to inspect absentee ballot applications and envelopes before they are processed if the request is made by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to each day that the clerk will process absentee ballots as specified in the notice of early processing under subsection 2. The clerk shall make the absentee ballot applications and envelopes received by that time available for public inspection for one hour before the starting time specified in the notice of early processing for processing the absentee ballots. If there are multiple requests for inspection, the clerk may reasonably limit the time and manner of inspection by each member of the public and may give priority to requests for inspection by authorized representatives of candidates and qualified parties. The clerk may immediately proceed to process the ballots after the one-hour inspection time has elapsed. The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary for the inspection of absentee ballot applications and envelopes before they are processed. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 49. 21-A MRSA §801, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 516, §17, is further amended to read:

**1. Vote for presidential candidate construed.** A vote for the candidate for President is a vote for the presidential electors nominated by the candidate's political party or by petition or designated by a write-in candidate under section 722-A, subsection 2.

**Sec. 50. 21-A MRSA §803**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 628, §6, is amended to read:

### **§803. Duties of Governor**

**1. Duties.** Except when the National Popular Vote for President Act governs the appointment of presidential electors, as soon as possible after the presidential electors are chosen and not later than the date that is 6

days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors ~~under section 804~~, the Governor shall send a certificate of ~~the determination~~ ascertainment of the appointment of electors to the Archivist of the United States ~~under state seal~~. The certificate must state the names of the electors and the number of votes each candidate for President received statewide and for each congressional district in the final round of tabulation under section 723-A. The Governor shall deliver 6 duplicate-original certificates ~~under state seal~~ to the electors before the day established by federal law for the meeting of electors.

**2. Duties when National Popular Vote for President Act governs.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, when the National Popular Vote for President Act governs the appointment of presidential electors, the Governor has the following duties.

A. As soon as possible after the canvass of the presidential count under section 723-A, subsection 7 is determined and not later than the date that is 6 days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors under section 804, the Governor shall send a certificate of ~~determination~~ ascertainment of appointment of electors containing the names of the electors and the statewide number of votes for each presidential slate that received votes in the final round to the Archivist of the United States ~~under state seal~~. This final round vote is deemed to be the determination of the vote in the State for the purposes of section 1304.

As used in this paragraph, "final round" means the round that ends with the result described in section 723-A, subsection 7, paragraph C, subparagraph (1).

B. No later than the day before the day established by federal law for the meeting of electors, the Governor shall deliver 6 duplicate-original certificates ~~under state seal~~ to the electors appointed as provided in the National Popular Vote for President Act.

**3. Security features.** All certificates of ascertainment of appointment of presidential electors issued under this section must bear the state seal and one additional security feature, as selected by the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 51. 21-A MRSA §804**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 447, §18, is further amended to read:

**§804. Meeting in convention**

The presidential electors shall convene in the House Chamber in Augusta at 2 p.m. on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday after the 2nd Wednesday of December following their election. If any electors are not present, the electors present shall fill the vacancy by majority vote.

**Sec. 52. 21-A MRSA §805, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

**3. Certificate prepared and sent.** The presidential electors shall make and subscribe to 6 certificates containing the number of votes cast separately for President and Vice President. They shall attach ~~one of the lists of electors furnished them by the Governor~~ to each certificate one of the certificates of ascertainment of appointment of electors delivered to them by the Governor under section 803. They shall seal each certificate of votes and attached ~~list~~ certificate of ascertainment of electors in an envelope stating and certify on the envelope that a certificate of the votes of this State for President and Vice President is contained inside.

**Sec. 53. 21-A MRSA §812-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 455, §52, is further amended to read:

**1. Accessible voting system at each polling voting place.** The Secretary of State, in compliance with the voting accessibility requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, shall provide one direct recording electronic voting machine, or other accessible voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities, for use at each ~~polling~~ voting place used in the conduct of state elections. Such machines must produce permanent paper records that provide a manual audit capacity for the machines and must also provide voters with audio functions that enable the voters to verify their ballots aurally before the votes are cast, and all such machines must meet the requirements of section 812, subsection 10 unless the Secretary of State is unable to procure machines that the Secretary of State determines are adequate to meet the requirements of this section and section 812 in time to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Additional accessible voting machines may be used in the conduct of state elections, but those machines must meet the requirements set forth in section 812.

**Sec. 54. 21-A MRSA §852**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 516, §18, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§852. Procedure at the ~~polling~~ voting place**

**Sec. 55. 21-A MRSA §852, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §118, is further amended to read:

**1. Preparation for voting.** Before the polls are opened, the election officials shall arrive at the ~~polling~~ voting place and place the voting devices in position for voting. The officials shall ensure that the devices are in proper working order and that the correct ballots were delivered. They shall open and check the ballots, supplies, records and forms and post the sample ballots and instructions to voters.

**Sec. 56. 21-A MRSA §852, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §104, is further amended to read:

**3. Depositing ballots in electronic voting device.** After the voter has marked the ballot, the voter may ~~place the ballot inside the secrecy envelope provided to maintain the voter's confidentiality and~~ deposit the ballot in the electronic tabulating device. A voter may request the assistance of an election official if the voter has difficulty placing the ballot into the electronic tabulating device.

**Sec. 57. 21-A MRSA §852, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 516, §18, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**5. Closing of polls.** As soon as the polls have closed and the last qualified voter has voted, the warden shall proceed to supervise the counting of the ballots under the observation of the public. The following procedures must be followed.

A. The warden shall run the official tally tape from each electronic tabulating device and shall record the total votes from the tape on the tally sheet provided by the Secretary of State. The official tally tape must be signed by the warden and one election clerk from each of the major parties and must be packed in a tamper-proof ballot box with the other election materials pursuant to section 698, subsection 2-A. The warden shall run an additional copy of the tally tape to provide to the clerk with the tally sheets and the return of votes cast and may run additional copies of the tally tape to post for public review.

B. All unused ballots must be packaged and sealed pursuant to section 698, subsection 2-B for return to the municipal clerk.

C. The ballot box for the electronic voting device must be opened at the voting place and regular counted ballots placed in the tamper-proof ballot boxes.

D. All unread ballots requiring hand counting or ballots containing write-in votes that must be recorded on a tally sheet are counted by the election clerks and the tally sheets must be completed pursuant to section 695. If it appears that any ballot is damaged so that it cannot be properly counted by the electronic tabulating device, the ballot must be counted manually.

E. The election officials shall complete and sign the other election forms as provided in this Title and shall return the ballots and other materials to the clerk packed pursuant to section 698, subsections 2-A and 2-B and the incoming voting list packed pursuant to section 698, subsection 3.

**Sec. 58. 21-A MRSA §854,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 342, §30, is further amended to read:

**§854. Test of electronic tabulating equipment**

The clerk shall have the electronic tabulating equipment tested prior to the polls opening to ascertain that it accurately counts the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. The test must be conducted by processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure. In the presence of one or more witnesses, the clerk shall clearly mark each ballot used for testing with the word "TEST" across the front side of the ballot in ~~black or blue~~ red indelible ink. The test must include one or more ballots that have votes for each office in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the electronic tabulating equipment to reject those votes. In this test, valid votes must be assigned to each candidate for an office and for and against each measure. If any error is detected, the cause for the error must be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count must be made and certified by the clerk before the polls open on election day. The test ballots, the hand tally and the tapes generated as a result of the tests must be packed and sealed in a container labeled "Test Ballots." The container must remain sealed for at least 2 months after the election, unless needed for recount purposes. The tests provided for in this section must be open to the public.

**Sec. 59. Retroactivity.** The Secretary of State may apply that section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 308 to valid requests received by the Secretary of State after January 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 398**

**S.P. 433 - L.D. 1016**

**An Act to Establish the  
Manufactured Housing  
Community and Mobile Home  
Park Preservation and  
Assistance Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9090-A** is enacted to read:

**§9090-A. Transfer assessment**

**1. Fee payment required.** The purchaser of a manufactured housing community shall pay to the registry of deeds of the county where all or a majority of the acreage of the purchased real property associated with the manufactured housing community is located a fee equal to \$10,000 for each manufactured housing community lot in the manufactured housing community. The money must be paid to the registry of deeds when the deed of the manufactured housing community is offered for recordation.

**2. Exceptions.** The following entities are not required to pay the fee under subsection 1:

- A. The Maine State Housing Authority;
- B. A municipal housing authority as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A;
- C. A cooperative or other entity in which membership is limited to manufactured home owners; and
- D. Entities, together with affiliated and related entities, that have a net worth of less than \$50,000,000.

**3. Attestation of net worth.** An entity claiming an exemption under subsection 2, paragraph D shall provide the register of deeds with an attestation of net worth when the deed for the manufactured housing community is offered for recordation and any other information or documentation as required by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation by rule.

**4. Evidence of payment; disposition of fee.** Evidence of the fee payment under subsection 1 or an exception to the fee requirement under subsection 2 must be retained by the registry of deeds of the county where all or a majority of the acreage of the purchased real property associated with the manufactured housing community is located in a manner established by the register of deeds. The register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay to the Treasurer of State 95% of the fee collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 5% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the registry of deeds in collecting the fee.

**5. Distribution of State's share of proceeds.** The State Controller shall credit all fees received pursuant to this section to the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4754-B.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9094-B** is enacted to read:  
**§9094-B. Transfer assessment**

**1. Fee payment required.** The purchaser of a mobile home park shall pay to the registry of deeds of the county where all or a majority of the acreage of the mobile home park is located a fee equal to \$10,000 for each mobile home park lot within the mobile home park. The money must be paid to the registry of deeds when the deed of the mobile home park is offered for recordation.

**2. Exceptions.** The following entities are not required to pay the fee under subsection 1:

- A. The Maine State Housing Authority;
- B. A municipal housing authority as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A;

C. A cooperative or other entity in which membership is limited to mobile home owners; and

D. Entities, together with affiliated and related entities, that have a net worth of less than \$50,000,000.

**3. Attestation of net worth.** An entity claiming an exemption under subsection 2, paragraph D shall provide the register of deeds with an attestation of net worth when the deed for the mobile home park is offered for recordation and any other information or documentation as required by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation by rule.

**4. Evidence of payment; disposition of fee.** Evidence of the fee payment under subsection 1 or an exception to the fee requirement under subsection 2 must be retained by the registry of deeds of the county where all or a majority of the acreage of the mobile home park is located in a manner established by the register of deeds. The register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay to the Treasurer of State 95% of the fees collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 5% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the county in collecting the fee.

**5. Distribution of State's share of proceeds.** The State Controller shall credit all fees received pursuant to this section to the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4754-B.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4754-B** is enacted to read:

**§4754-B. Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund**

The Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority as a nonlapsing, dedicated fund to be administered for the purposes described in subsection 1.

**1. Purpose.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall administer the fund to maintain housing affordability in manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks, regulated by Title 10, chapter 951, subchapter 6 and chapter 953, respectively, to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by homeowners, homeowners' associations, resident-owned housing cooperatives or other nonprofit entities representing the interests of homeowners in manufactured housing communities or mobile home parks.

**2. Source of funds.** The State Controller shall transfer to the fund the money collected under Title 10,

sections 9090-A and 9094-B. The fund may accept revenue from grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private, including any sums that may be appropriated by the Legislature, transferred to the fund from time to time by the State Controller dedicated to the fund pursuant to law.

**Sec. 4. Department of Professional and Financial Regulation; rules.** The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall adopt rules to establish a method for determining the net worth of an entity, together with affiliated and related entities, claiming an exemption from the fees required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9090-A, subsection 1 and 9094-B, subsection 1. The rules must include the evidence and documentation necessary for a purchaser of a manufactured housing community or a mobile home park to provide to the register of deeds when offering a deed for recordation and the record-keeping obligations of the register of deeds. When developing rules, the department shall consider whether information on the incorporation of the entity is useful. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund N523**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by owners of manufactured homes and mobile homes.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 399**

**H.P. 1150 - L.D. 1723**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9093, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 594, §1 and affected by §13, is amended to read:

**2. Increases or changes.** The mobile home park owner or operator shall give at least 30 days' written notice to all tenants before changing any rules, except that any notice of an increase in rent or fees must be consistent with the notice requirements for residential estates in section 9093-B and in Title 14, sections 6015 and section 6016.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9093-B** is enacted to read:  
**§9093-B. Manufactured housing community increase in lot rent and fees**

**1. Lot rent and fees; notice requirement.** An owner of a manufactured housing community shall provide notice of an increase in lot rent or fees no less than 90 days before the effective date of the increase to the owner of a manufactured home in the community.

**2. Notice contents.** The notice under subsection 1 must include:

A. The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the owner of the manufactured housing community;

B. The amount of the increase in rent or fees, in dollars, and the type of fee increased;

C. The average lot rent and fees by the type of fee, as a dollar amount, for a manufactured housing community with equivalent services and amenities in the area at the time of the notice;

D. The average lot rent, calculated pursuant to paragraph C, increased by 1% above the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, in dollar amounts, referred to in this section as "the allowed lot rent increase";

E. The average fee for each type of fee, calculated pursuant to paragraph C, increased by 1% above the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, in dollar amounts, referred to in this section as "the allowed fee increase"; and

F. A statement of the manufactured home owner's right to request mediation and the requirements to make a request.

**3. Request for mediation.** If the dollar amount of the proposed lot rent increase is above the allowed lot rent increase or the dollar amount of the proposed fee increase is above the allowed fee increase for the type of fee increased, owners of manufactured homes in the

housing community may request the proposed lot rent or fee increase be subject to mediation, if:

A. A number of owners representing 51% or more of the households in the community sign a written request for mediation; and

B. The written request is mailed, by certified mail, to the owner of the manufactured housing community within 90 days of the date of the notice required by subsection 1.

4. Mediation. Within 15 days of the date of the notice under subsection 3, paragraph B, the parties shall mutually select an independent 3rd-party mediator to facilitate the discussion of the proposed lot rent or fee increase. Within 30 days of the date the request for mediation was mailed under subsection 3, the parties shall meet with the mediator for the purpose of attempting to resolve the dispute. The owner of the manufactured housing community shall pay all costs for the mediator and the mediation. If the owner of the manufactured housing community acts in bad faith with respect to the request for mediation or the mediation process, the lot rent or fee increase may not take effect for at least 6 months from the date the request for mediation is mailed under subsection 3. Failure of the owner of the manufactured housing community, or the owner's authorized representative, to participate in mediation, is an example of bad faith.

For purposes of this section, "manufactured housing community" has the same meaning as in section 9081, subsection 2, except that in this section "manufactured housing community" includes a mobile home park.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 400**

**H.P. 1303 - L.D. 1944**

**An Act to Protect Individuals from the Threatened Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images, Including Artificially Generated Private Images**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4651, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 455, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Harassment.** "Harassment" means:

A. Three or more acts of intimidation, confrontation, physical force or the threat of physical force directed against any person, family or business that are made with the intention of causing fear, intimidation or damage to personal property and that do

in fact cause fear, intimidation or damage to personal property; ~~or~~

C. A single act or course of conduct constituting a violation of section 4681; Title 17, section 2931; or Title 17-A, section 201, 202, 203, 204, 207, 208, 209, 210, 210-A, 211, 253, 254, 255-A, 256, 258, 259-A, 259-B, 260, 261, 282, 283, 301, 302, 303, 506, 506-A, 511, 511-A, 556, 802, 805, 806, 852 or 853; ~~or~~

D. Communicating to a person a threat to commit, or to cause to be committed, a crime of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images as described in Title 17-A, section 511-A, consciously disregarding a substantial risk that the natural and probable consequence of such a threat is to place the person who is depicted or who appears to be depicted in the image in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed.

This definition does not include any act protected by law.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §511-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 339, §1, is amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images if the person, with the intent to harass, torment or threaten the depicted person or another person, intentionally or knowingly disseminates, displays or publishes a photograph, videotape, film or digital recording an image of another person in a state of nudity or engaged in a sexual act or engaged in sexual contact or an image that has been created or modified so that it appears to show the depicted person in a state of nudity or engaged in a sexual act or engaged in sexual contact in a manner in which there is no public or newsworthy purpose when the person knows or should have known that the depicted person:

B. Is identifiable from the image itself or information displayed in connection with the image; and

C. Has not consented to the dissemination, display or publication of the ~~private~~ image.

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §511-A, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. "Image" means something that is made, captured, generated or saved as a print, negative, slide, motion picture, photograph, computer data file, animation, videotape, livestream or other mechanically, electronically or chemically reproduced visual image or material.

**Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

G. Engaging in the unauthorized dissemination of certain private images as prohibited pursuant to Title 17-A, section 511-A; ~~or~~

Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

H. Engaging in aggravated sex trafficking or sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852 or 853, respectively; or

Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Communicating to a person a threat to commit, or to cause to be committed, a crime of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images as described in Title 17-A, section 511-A, consciously disregarding a substantial risk that the natural and probable consequence of such a threat is to place the person who is depicted or who appears to be depicted in the image in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 401  
S.P. 416 - L.D. 985**

**An Act to Impose a  
Moratorium on the Ownership  
or Operation of Hospitals in  
the State by Private Equity  
Companies or Real Estate  
Investment Trusts**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes a one-year moratorium on the ownership or operation of hospitals in the State by private equity companies or real estate investment trusts; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect as soon as possible so that any transactions involving the State's hospitals and private equity companies or real estate investment trusts may not move forward for one year; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1730-A is enacted to read:

§1730-A. Moratorium on ownership or operation of hospitals by private equity companies and real estate investment trusts

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Hospital" has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 2881, subsection 2.

B. "Indirect ownership interest" means an ownership interest in an entity that has an ownership interest in a hospital.

C. "Operational control" means to:

(1) Influence or direct the actions or policies of any part of a hospital; or

(2) Choose, appoint or terminate a member of a board, manager, managing member, senior employee, consultant or other individual or entity that participates in the operational oversight of a hospital.

D. "Ownership interest" means possession or equity in capital, stock or profits in a hospital or ownership of real estate on which a hospital operates.

E. "Private equity company" means an entity whether or not publicly traded that collects capital investments from individuals or entities.

F. "Real estate investment trust" has the same meaning as in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 856.

**2. Moratorium.** A private equity company or real estate investment trust may not acquire or increase a direct or indirect ownership interest or operational control or financial control in a hospital in the State.

**3. Repeal.** This section is repealed June 15, 2026.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act does not apply to any transaction for which an application for a certificate of need under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 329 has been filed on or before June 1, 2025.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 22, 2025.

**CHAPTER 402  
S.P. 112 - L.D. 246**

**An Act to Establish the Option  
of Sentencing Alternatives for  
Primary Caregivers**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1602, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

B. Second, the court shall determine the maximum term of imprisonment to be imposed by considering all other relevant sentencing factors, both aggravating and mitigating, appropriate to the case. Relevant sentencing factors include, but are not limited to, the character of the individual, the individual's criminal history, the effect of the offense on the victim, the effect of the potential term of imprisonment on those relying on the individual as a primary caregiver and the protection of the public interest.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1602, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Class D or Class E crimes. In imposing a sentencing alternative for a Class D or Class E crime pursuant to section 1502 that is contested by the parties and setting the appropriate length of that term as well as any unsuspended portion of that term accompanied by a period of probation or administrative release, the court shall consider all relevant sentencing factors, both aggravating and mitigating, appropriate to the case. Relevant sentencing factors include, but are not limited to, the character of the individual, the individual's criminal history, the effect of the offense on the victim, the effect of the potential sentencing alternative on those relying on the individual as a primary caregiver and the protection of the public interest.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1602, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Primary caregiver defined. As used in this section, "primary caregiver" means an individual who has the greatest responsibility for the care of a minor, a dependent person or an incapacitated adult as defined by Title 22, section 3472, subsection 10.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 403**

**S.P. 154 - L.D. 385**

**An Act to Protect  
Communications by Alleged  
Victims Regarding Sexual  
Assault, Sexual Harassment,  
Sexual Misconduct,  
Cyberbullying or  
Discrimination from Litigation**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §732, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 626, §2 and affected by §§3, 4 and 7, is amended to read:

**§732. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Governmental unit.** "Governmental unit" means a public corporation or government or governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality.

**1-A. Cyberbullying.** "Cyberbullying" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 6554, subsection 2, paragraph C.

**1-B. Discrimination.** "Discrimination" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 2, and includes:

- A. Subjecting to harassment;
- B. Failing to prevent an act of discrimination;
- C. Aiding, abetting, inciting, compelling or coercing an act of discrimination; or
- D. Retaliating against a person for reporting an act of discrimination.

**2. Person.** "Person" means an individual, estate, trust, partnership, business or nonprofit entity, governmental unit or other legal entity.

**3. Sexual assault.** "Sexual assault" means conduct described under Title 17-A, chapters 11 and 12.

**4. Sexual harassment.** "Sexual harassment" means verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed at a specific person, including:

- A. Unwelcome sexual advances;
- B. Sexually suggestive remarks or actions;
- C. Unwanted hugs, touches or kisses;
- D. Requests for sexual favors; or
- E. Retaliation for communicating about or filing a complaint of sexual harassment.

**5. Sexual misconduct.** "Sexual misconduct" means conduct described in Title 17-A, chapter 35.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §733, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 626, §2 and affected by §§3, 4 and 7, is amended to read:

C. Exercise of the right of freedom of speech or of the press, the right to assemble or petition or the right of association, guaranteed by the United States Constitution or by the Constitution of Maine, on a matter of public concern; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §733, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 626, §2 and affected by §§3, 4 and 7, is amended to read:

D. Written or oral statement made in connection with a discrimination complaint pursuant to the Maine Human Rights Act or any written or oral statement made in connection with a complaint

pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 445 or the so-called Title IX provisions of the federal Education Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-318; or

**Sec. 4. 14 MRSA §733, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. Communication, made without malice, regarding an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, cyberbullying or discrimination experienced by the person, who has or at any time had a reasonable basis to file a complaint concerning the sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, cyberbullying or discrimination, whether the complaint was filed or not. For purposes of this paragraph, discrimination may include any conduct prohibited by Title 5, chapter 337, subchapters 3, 4 and 5-B.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 404  
H.P. 355 - L.D. 536**

**An Act to Establish Net  
Neutrality**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 239**

**NET NEUTRAL BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE**

**§1500-Z. Net neutral service required**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Broadband Internet access service" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 1541-B, subsection 1, paragraph B.

B. "Internet service provider" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 200-B, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.

C. "Net neutral service" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 1541-B, subsection 1, paragraph E.

D. "Paid prioritization" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 1541-B, subsection 1, paragraph F.

E. "Reasonable network management practice" means a practice that has a primarily technical network management justification and is primarily used for and tailored to achieving a legitimate network management purpose, taking into account the particular network architecture and technology of

the broadband Internet access service. "Reasonable network management practice" includes a practice necessary to ensure sufficient capacity for customers of the Internet service provider if the practice is implemented on a nondiscriminatory basis. "Reasonable network management practice" does not include other business practices.

F. "Throttling" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 1541-B, subsection 1, paragraph I.

**2. Net neutral service required.** An Internet service provider shall provide net neutral service in the provision of broadband Internet access service to customers in the State.

**3. Unfair trade practice violation.** A violation of this section constitutes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, except that a person may not bring a private action under Title 5, section 213 based on a violation of this section.

**4. Construction.** This section does not:

A. Prohibit reasonable efforts by an Internet service provider providing broadband Internet access service to address copyright infringement or other unlawful activity;

B. Supersede any obligations, authorizations or restrictions on an Internet service provider providing broadband Internet access service to address the needs of emergency communications or law enforcement, public safety or national security authorities under the laws of the State and the United States of America and the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine; or

C. Prohibit an Internet service provider from offering broadband Internet access service plans that differ in speed or data limits, or offering plans with income-based eligibility, promotional offers or legacy pricing, as long as such plans are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis and are consistent with net neutral service.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 405  
H.P. 543 - L.D. 857**

**An Act to Increase  
Government Transparency in  
the Procurement of Goods and  
Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

15. Records. Beginning January 1, 2026, the Director of the Bureau of General Services shall preserve, consistent with applicable record retention schedules established and published by the Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives, and make available on a publicly accessible website all records and documents regarding the competitive bidding process, including notices of intent to waive competitive bidding under this section and supporting documents and competitive solicitations and supporting documents, including question-and-answer summaries, evaluation team packets and award decision letters. All proposals submitted in response to a solicitation and resulting in an award are public documents, unless otherwise excepted by statute.

**Sec. 2. Record recovery.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall to the extent possible recover and publish on a publicly accessible website all past notices of intent to waive the competitive bidding process and supporting documents.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 406**

**H.P. 547 - L.D. 861**

**An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §124** is enacted to read:

**§124. Post-term employment restrictions; commissioners**

1. Definition. As used in this section, "employment" means any full-time or part-time work performed for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, consulting and membership on a board.

2. Prohibitions. An individual serving as a commissioner on or appointed to serve as a commissioner on or after December 15, 2025 may not, until 12 months after the completion of the commissioner's service in accordance with section 105, subsection 2:

A. Solicit employment with or accept employment from a public utility in the State; or

B. Appear before the commission for compensation in a commission proceeding on behalf of a person.

3. Penalties. An individual who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, payable to the State.

4. Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General may investigate alleged violations of this section and bring an action for a violation of this section.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1715** is enacted to read:

**§1715. Post-term employment restrictions**

1. Definition. As used in this section, "employment" means any full-time or part-time work performed for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, consulting and membership on a board.

2. Certain employment prohibited. An individual serving as the Public Advocate on or appointed to serve as the Public Advocate on or after December 15, 2025 may not, until 12 months after the completion of the Public Advocate's service in accordance with section 1701, subsection 1-A:

A. Solicit employment with or accept employment from a public utility in the State; or

B. Appear before the commission for compensation in a commission proceeding on behalf of a person, other than a state agency or quasi-independent state entity, if that person was a party to an adjudicatory proceeding in which the Public Advocate was a party during the Public Advocate's term of service.

3. Penalties. An individual who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, payable to the State.

4. Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General may investigate alleged violations of this section and bring an action for a violation of this section.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 407**

**H.P. 677 - L.D. 1048**

**An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1316, sub-§10,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §124, is amended to read:

**10. Notice of rights required.** A public utility and a competitive electricity provider shall notify the public utility's and the competitive electricity provider's employees, affiliated interests and utility contractors of their rights under this section. A public utility and a competitive electricity provider shall send an annual notice of the rights under this section, which must be written in plain English, be in at least 12-point type and be sent separately from any other communication, to:

A. Persons at the time of the notice performing a service for wages or other remuneration under a contract of hire, expressed or implied, for the public utility or competitive electricity provider; and

B. The public utility's and the competitive electricity provider's affiliated interests and utility contractors.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 408**

**H.P. 700 - L.D. 1078**

**An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Authorized service models.** A certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program may:

A. Operate mobile sites within the municipality where the program is certified, including rotating locations, variable schedules or temporary setups, as long as the program ensures the safe collection and disposal of hypodermic apparatuses and operates within parameters preapproved by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. For the purposes of this paragraph, "parameters" means a set of general operating conditions, such as geographic zones, time frames or site types, that allows certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to operate flexibly within those defined boundaries, rather than being limited to fixed locations; and

B. Provide delivery services of hypodermic apparatuses within the program's service area, as long as the delivery ensures client confidentiality, safe handling and proper disposal. The program may deliver only to locations where it has been expressly invited by an individual or entity with legal authority to authorize access to that location.

Expansion of sites under this subsection does not entitle a certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program to additional funds under an existing contract with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 409**

**H.P. 713 - L.D. 1091**

**An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2608** is enacted to read:

**§2608. Public comment at public meetings of municipal officers**

A reasonable opportunity for public comment must be provided on matters addressed by the municipal governing body at any regularly scheduled public meeting of the municipal officers. This section does not apply to a subcommittee meeting of a municipal governing body. This section does not preempt or restrict the municipal governing body from adopting and enforcing reasonable standards governing public comment, including time limits and conduct standards.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 410**

**H.P. 867 - L.D. 1332**

**An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9924** is enacted to read:

**§9924. Community Schools Success Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Community Schools Success Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to provide grants to community schools, local education providers and nonprofit organizations. The commissioner shall administer the fund to provide community schools with assistance with the following:

- A. Community needs audits and community schools resources assessment;
- B. Readiness plan assessments;
- C. New and ongoing sustainability efforts;
- D. Professional development and training; and
- E. Peer support and mentoring efforts.

For the purposes of this section, "local education provider" means a school administrative unit, a school located in an unorganized territory pursuant to chapter 119, a public charter school authorized pursuant to chapter 112 and a school or program established under Part 4, Subpart 2.

**2. Grant recipients; supporting documentation.**

To receive a grant under this section, a potential recipient must be designated as a community school pursuant to section 9922, must be a school administrative unit that has begun developing a community school plan pursuant to section 9922, subsection 1 for a school not yet designated as a community school or must be a local education provider located in a school administrative unit with a community school or a nonprofit organization that supports community school programs. A potential recipient shall submit to the department a grant utilization plan that includes the scope of work that will be supported by the grant and a description of programs administered by the potential recipient that support community schools.

**3. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of the fund, including eligibility standards for the awarding of grants from the fund under this section and rules for determining the allowable uses of grants by eligible recipients, which must include, but are not limited to, hiring or contracting, technical assistance, professional development and training and attending statewide training and conferences. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Community Schools Success Fund N554**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received to provide grants to community schools, local education providers and nonprofit organizations.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 411  
H.P. 963 - L.D. 1471**

**An Act to Require Energy Efficiency Disclosure Statements for Certain Rental Housing in the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-C, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Failure to provide energy efficiency disclosure statement.** Beginning January 1, 2030, a tenant under subsection 2 who does not receive a signed energy efficiency disclosure statement as required by this section may terminate the tenant's lease by providing the landlord a 30-day written notice. Except as provided in section 6033, a landlord may not retain any fee, any security deposit or a portion of a security deposit for a lease or tenancy at will terminated as a result of a failure to provide a signed energy efficiency disclosure statement in accordance with this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 412  
S.P. 645 - L.D. 1637**

**An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Intermediate goal.** Recover economic losses and total job losses in the primary impact community resulting from the base closure; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Long-term goal.** Facilitate the maximum redevelopment of base properties; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Environmental stewardship.** Engage in environmental stewardship to protect against harm to the environment and residents of the primary impact community.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13083-I, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 599, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Membership; appointment.** The authority is governed by a board of trustees composed of ~~11~~ 12 voting members appointed pursuant to paragraphs C and D by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters and to confirmation by the Senate and one additional trustee who serves as a voting member appointed pursuant to paragraph F by the Governor.

A. ~~Trustees~~ Except for the trustee appointed pursuant to paragraph F, ~~trustees~~ are appointed for 4-year terms, except that, for initial appointments, 3 trustees are appointed to one-year terms, 3 trustees are appointed to 2-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 3-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 4-year terms and the ~~commissioner~~ commissioners designated pursuant to paragraph D ~~serves~~ serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

B. A trustee continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified, but the term of the successor is not altered from the original expiration date of the holdover trustee's term.

C. The Governor shall ~~make 10 appointments ap-~~ point 10 trustees, who serve as voting members, of which no fewer than 7 must be from candidates who are residents of Androscoggin County, Cumberland County and Sagadahoc County and are nominated by the primary impact communities at least 3 are residents of Brunswick, Brunswick town officials or Brunswick business owners and at least one is a resident of Topsham, a staff member of the Topsham town administration or a Topsham business owner. The Governor shall appoint members who reflect the diversity of interests represented by these communities.

D. The Governor shall designate ~~a commissioner~~ 2 commissioners of a department ~~2 different de-~~ partments of State Government to be a voting, ex officio ~~member~~ members of the board of trustees.

~~E. A member appointed to the board of trustees may not hold an elected office in municipal, county or state government.~~

F. The Governor shall appoint one trustee, who serves as a voting member, from a preapproved list of candidates for the trustee seat provided by the Brunswick town council.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13083-K, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all property held by the authority is subject to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.

**Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§15,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 551, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a proposed development to be located on property owned or controlled by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority established in Title 5, section 13083-G.

**Sec. 7. Establishment of environmental covenants.** No later than January 1, 2027, the board of trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority shall enter into environmental covenants pursuant to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act for all property held by the authority.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 413**

**S.P. 679 - L.D. 1733**

**An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1023-Q** is enacted to read:

**§1023-Q. Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Fishing enterprise" means any enterprise directly or indirectly concerned with the commercial harvest of wild or aquacultured marine organisms whose primary source of income is derived from such harvesting. "Fishing enterprise" includes licensed persons who fish commercially, aquaculturists and cooperatives for persons who fish commercially.

B. "Fund" means the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund.

C. "Logging enterprise" means a person who qualifies as an independent contractor under Title 26, section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E and who is engaged in harvesting or hauling trees from forest land for a forest landowner.

**2. Program authorized.** In accordance with this section, the authority shall establish and oversee the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program to increase the availability of capital by financing loans to a logging enterprise or fishing enterprise.

**3. Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund.** The Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund is established within the

authority. The authority may receive, invest and expend on behalf of the fund money from gifts, grants, bequests, loans and donations in addition to money appropriated or allocated by the State. Deposits to the fund must be made to and maintained by the authority. Any money credited to the fund may be used to finance loans only to an eligible logging enterprise or fishing enterprise for the purposes set forth in subsection 4. Repayment of these loans and interest on these loans must be credited to the fund. Interest earned on money in the fund and interest earned on loans made from the fund may be used to pay the administrative costs of processing loan applications and servicing and administering the fund and loans.

**4. Purposes of loans.** A loan under this section may be made only for the following purposes:

- A. To provide assistance to an existing logging enterprise or fishing enterprise in this State for the purchase of capital equipment used in commercial harvesting;
- B. For the purchase of new or used equipment used in commercial harvesting in connection with an existing logging enterprise or fishing enterprise;
- C. For refinancing existing loans used to finance eligible uses as described in this subsection; or
- D. If the authority approves at the time of loan commitment, to pledge money in the fund as security for, and to apply money in the fund to, payment of principal, interest and other amounts due on any term loans insured by the authority to an eligible logging enterprise or fishing enterprise.

**5. Conditions.** Logging enterprise and fishing enterprise loans are subject to the following conditions.

- A. A loan for any project under this section, the total cost of which exceeds \$200,000, may not exceed 90% of the total cost of the project. A loan from the fund may not be provided for such a project unless the applicant demonstrates a commitment of private funds of at least 5% of the total cost of the project; except that, in order to encourage the undertaking of cooperative projects by 2 or more logging enterprises or fishing enterprises, a loan may not be provided unless the cooperating logging enterprises or fishing enterprises as a group demonstrate a commitment of private funds of at least 5% of the total cost of the project.
- B. A loan for any project under this section, the total cost of which is \$200,000 or less, may not exceed 90% of the total cost of the project.
- C. A loan must be at the interest rate established pursuant to subsection 6.

**6. Interest rate.** The interest rate for loans under this section is the federal prime rate on the date of loan commitment but may not be greater than 2%. A loan

current on the effective date of this subsection may be refinanced at the borrower's request to an interest rate of the federal prime rate but not greater than 2%.

**7. Administrative costs.** The authority may charge the fund for its reasonable administrative costs, not to exceed 3% annually of the fund balance, for administration of the fund.

**8. Report.** The authority shall include in its annual report pursuant to section 974 a summary of loans made under this section during the previous fiscal year, loans outstanding categorized by the types of enterprises receiving the loans and the effectiveness of the program. Effectiveness measures may include, but are not limited to, evaluation of the number of logging enterprises or fishing enterprises retained, expanded or created; the increase in the number of jobs created or retained; any increased business revenues and new capital raised; any improved wages paid to employees; and any new capital investment and increase in profitability.

**9. Rules.** The authority may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE  
Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises  
Loan Fund N543**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of funds in the event that money is received for the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program.

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 414  
S.P. 689 - L.D. 1771  
An Act to Strengthen  
Oversight of Kennels by  
Changing the Licensing  
Authority from Municipalities  
to the Department of  
Agriculture, Conservation and  
Forestry**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 333, §1, is amended to read:

N. One member who holds a kennel license issued under section ~~3923-C~~ 3932-B; and

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 99, §§3 and 4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

In making the appointment of the veterinarian member, the Governor shall consider nominations made by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association. In making the appointment of the person holding a kennel license issued under section ~~3923-C~~ 3932-B, the Governor shall consider nominations made by state-based dog clubs.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§8-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 100, §1, is further amended to read:

**8-A. Breeding kennel.** "Breeding kennel" means a location where 5 or more adult female dogs or cats capable of breeding are kept and some or all of the offspring are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value or a location where more than 16 dogs or cats raised on the premises are sold to the public in a 12-month period. "Breeding kennel" does not include a kennel licensed by a municipality under section ~~3923-C~~ 3932-B when the dogs are kept primarily for hunting, show, training, sledding, competition, field trials or exhibition purposes and not more than 16 dogs are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value within a 12-month period.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3923-A, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 115, §10, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in subsection 3 and section ~~3923-C~~ 3932-B, a dog owner or keeper obtaining a license from a municipal clerk, dog licensing agent or dog recorder shall pay the license and recording fees established in this section. For purposes of this section, "dog licensing agent" means an animal shelter or a veterinarian pursuant to section 3923-F.

**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3923-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 115, §10, is further amended to read:

**4. Late fees.** An owner or keeper required to license a dog under section 3922, subsection 1 or section ~~3923-C~~ 3932-B, subsection 1 and applying for a license for that dog after January 31st shall pay to the municipal clerk, dog licensing agent or dog recorder a late fee of \$25 in addition to the annual license fee paid in accordance with subsection 1 or 2 ~~and section 3923-C, subsection 1~~. The clerk, dog licensing agent or dog recorder shall deposit all late fees collected under this subsection into the municipality's animal welfare account established in accordance with section 3945.

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §3923-C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 403, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §3923-E**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 657, §27, is amended to read:

### **§3923-E. Monthly report**

Municipal clerks or dog recorders shall receive the license fees in accordance with ~~sections~~ section 3923-A ~~and 3923-C~~, pay them to the department and make a monthly report to the department on a department-approved form of all licenses issued and fees received.

**Sec. 8. 7 MRSA §3931-A, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 403, §4, is amended to read:

**2. License fees.** The license fee is \$75 ~~\$125~~ for a Category 1 breeding kennel, \$100 ~~\$150~~ for a Category 2 breeding kennel and \$150 ~~\$200~~ for a Category 3 breeding kennel.

**Sec. 9. 7 MRSA §3932, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §17, is further amended to read:

**2. License fees.** The fee for a boarding kennel license is \$75 ~~\$125~~.

**Sec. 10. 7 MRSA §3932-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §18, is further amended to read:

**2. License fee.** The license fee for an animal shelter is \$100 ~~\$125~~.

**Sec. 11. 7 MRSA §3932-B** is enacted to read:

### **§3932-B. Kennel license**

**1. License necessary.** A person maintaining a kennel, as defined in section 3907, subsection 17, shall annually obtain a kennel license from the department, and that person is subject to rules adopted by the department. Individuals or entities obtaining facility licenses under sections 3931-A, 3932, 3932-A and 3933 are not required to obtain a kennel license. A kennel license expires December 31st annually.

**2. Application.** An individual who is required to obtain a kennel license shall submit an application under the department for such a license by January 31st annually or within 30 days of first being required to obtain a kennel license pursuant to subsection 1. In order for the State to issue a kennel license, the applicant must provide to the department a complete application, a signed inspection from an animal control officer appointed by the municipality where a kennel is located, or a humane agent if there is no animal control officer appointed by the municipality where a kennel is located, that confirms a passed inspection in compliance with subsection 5 and current rabies vaccination certificates for all animals as required by section 3916. The initial inspection must be made not more than 30 days before filing the first application for a license. Inspections to renew a kennel license must be performed annually. A humane agent may conduct an inspection of a kennel in a municipality with an animal control officer under specific and extenuating circumstances as determined by the department by rule. If the municipality does not have an animal control officer, the humane agent may conduct an inspection of a kennel by request as determined by

the department by rule. If a humane agent conducts an inspection pursuant to this subsection, the municipality shall pay for the cost of the inspection.

**3. License fees.** A kennel owner shall pay a fee to the department for each kennel license. The kennel license fee is \$50 for 5 to 10 dogs, \$100 for 11 to 20 dogs and \$150 for 21 or more dogs. The department shall forward 20% of the collected fee to the animal welfare account established pursuant to section 3945 for the municipality in which the kennel is located and deposit the remainder into the Animal Welfare Fund established pursuant to section 3906-B, subsection 2.

**4. Form of license.** If a kennel license is issued in hard copy, it must be issued in triplicate, with the original copy given to the applicant, one copy given to the municipality where the applicant is located and one copy kept on file by the department. The license may be issued electronically to all parties.

**5. Annual inspection.** An animal control officer appointed by the municipality where a kennel is located, or a humane agent if there is no animal control officer appointed by the municipality where a kennel is located, shall annually inspect the premises of the kennel prior to the State's issuing or renewing a kennel license according to rules established by the department. A humane agent may conduct an inspection of a kennel in a municipality with an appointed animal control officer under specific and extenuating circumstances as determined by the department by rule. If a humane agent conducts an inspection pursuant to this subsection, the municipality shall pay for the cost of the inspection.

**6. License tags.** Dogs covered by a kennel license must be furnished suitable individual dog license tags indicating the year that the license is issued. License tags furnished pursuant to this subsection must be attached to the collars of the dogs covered by the kennel license in the manner prescribed under section 3923-B, subsection 1 and subject to the exceptions prescribed under section 3923-B, subsection 3.

**Sec. 12. 7 MRSA §3933, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §19, is further amended to read:

**2. License fees.** The fee for a pet shop license is ~~\$150~~ **\$200.**

**Sec. 13. 7 MRSA §3935,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 343, §17, is further amended to read:

**§3935. License prohibited**

The department may not issue a license to maintain a ~~boarding kennel, breeding kennel, animal shelter or pet shop~~ facility required to be licensed under this chapter to a person an individual who, within the 10 years previous to the application for the license, has been convicted of murder, a Class A or Class B offense, a violation under Title 17-A, chapter 9, 11, 12 or 13 or a criminal violation under Title 17, chapter 42 or under a criminal law involving cruelty to animals that is no longer in

effect or, within 10 years previous to the application for the license, has been adjudicated of a civil violation for cruelty to animals under chapter 739 or has been convicted or adjudicated in any other state, provincial or federal court of a violation similar to those specified in this section. An individual who submits an application to be licensed under this chapter shall submit the results of a background check to the department along with the license application. The individual shall pay for the background check.

**Sec. 14. 7 MRSA §3936,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 343, §18 and c. 403, §7, is further amended to read:

**§3936. Inspection and quarantine**

**1. Inspection and quarantine.** The commissioner, a state humane agent, a veterinarian employed by the State or a licensed veterinarian at the direction of the commissioner may, at any reasonable time, enter ~~an animal shelter, kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop~~ a facility required to be licensed under this chapter and make examinations and conduct any recognized tests for the existence of contagious or infectious diseases or conditions. ~~If the animal shelter, kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop a facility required to be licensed under this chapter~~ is also used for human habitation, the person authorized to make examinations and conduct tests must be escorted by the owner, or the owner's agent, of the animal shelter, kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop facility and the examinations and tests may be made only in those portions of the premises used as an animal shelter, kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop a facility required to be licensed under this chapter. The commissioner may inspect ~~animal shelters, kennels, boarding kennels, breeding kennels and pet shops~~ a facility required to be licensed under this chapter in accordance with the sanitation and health rules established by the department and for compliance with laws and rules, including licensing and permitting requirements, of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pertaining to wildlife importation and possession. In conducting inspections, measures established by the department through rulemaking must be used to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. A veterinarian employed by the State or any licensed veterinarian may quarantine ~~the animal shelter, kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop~~ a facility required to be licensed under this chapter, in person or by registered mail, and the quarantine must be maintained as long as the department determines necessary. The decision and order for this quarantine is not considered a licensing or an adjudicatory proceeding as defined by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The commissioner shall promptly notify the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of violations.

~~2. Suspension of license. The department may, in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5, revoke or suspend a kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel, animal shelter or pet shop license if a person maintaining the kennel, boarding kennel, breeding kennel, animal shelter or pet shop violates any quarantine or maintains animals contrary to the rules adopted by the department, fails to keep records required by the department or violates any provision of the laws or rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pertaining to wildlife importation and possession.~~

**Sec. 15. 7 MRSA §3936-B** is enacted to read:  
**§3936-B. Refuse to issue or renew, suspend or revoke license**

The department may, in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5, refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend or revoke the license of a facility required to be licensed under this chapter if a person maintaining the facility makes a material and deliberate misstatement in the application for a license or a license renewal under this chapter, violates any provision of this chapter or any rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, violates any quarantine, maintains animals in a manner contrary to any provision of the laws enforced by the department or rules adopted by the department, fails to keep records required by the department or violates any provision of the laws enforced by or rules adopted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pertaining to wildlife importation and possession.

**Sec. 16. 7 MRSA §3938**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, §36, is further amended to read:

**§3938. Violation**

~~A person maintaining an animal shelter, boarding kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop a facility required to be licensed under this chapter without having obtained a license, or after a license has been revoked or suspended, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 a day may be adjudged.~~

**Sec. 17. 7 MRSA §3944**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 690, §27, is repealed.

**Sec. 18. 7 MRSA §3950-A, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. B, §21 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 19. 7 MRSA §3950-A, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. B, §21 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

F. Chapter 727-; or

**Sec. 20. 7 MRSA §3950-A, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Chapter 723.

**Sec. 21. 17 MRSA §1011, sub-§8-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 100, §17, is further amended to read:

**8-A. Breeding kennel.** "Breeding kennel" means a location where 5 or more adult female dogs or cats capable of breeding are kept and some or all of the offspring are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value or a location where more than 16 dogs or cats raised on the premises are sold to the public in a 12-month period. "Breeding kennel" does not include a kennel licensed by a municipality under Title 7, section ~~3923-C~~ **3932-B** when the dogs are kept primarily for hunting, show, training, sledding, competition, field trials or exhibition purposes and not more than 16 dogs are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value within a 12-month period.

**Sec. 22. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry report.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall provide annual reports, no later than January 15th in 2026, 2027 and 2028, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over animal welfare matters on the transfer of the issuance of kennel licenses from municipalities to the department pursuant to this Act. The joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 and to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

**Sec. 23. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides allocations to allow expenditures related to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$21,577	\$21,577
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,577	\$21,577

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 415**

**S.P. 700 - L.D. 1801**

**An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1802, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §2, is amended to read:

**3-A. Employed counsel.** "Employed counsel" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide ~~legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive~~ indigent legal services in civil proceedings.

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1802, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §3, is amended to read:

**5. Public defender.** "Public defender" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide ~~legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive~~ indigent legal services in criminal and juvenile proceedings.

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 638, §7, is further amended to read:

A. Develop and maintain a system that employs employed counsel and public defenders, uses appointed private attorneys and contracts with individual attorneys or groups of attorneys to provide high-quality, effective and efficient indigent legal services. The commission shall consider other programs necessary to provide high-quality, effective and efficient indigent legal services;

**Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §1806, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. Materials, handouts, recordings and other documents produced, obtained or otherwise acquired by the commission in connection with providing or preparing to provide training and evaluation programs for attorneys who are or may seek to become assigned counsel, employed counsel, public defenders or contract counsel. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission may disseminate materials governed by this paragraph to the extent necessary to comply with its duties under this chapter without waiving the confidentiality of the materials.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4007, sub-§1-A, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §26, is amended to read:

E. The court shall, on request, disclose records that are ~~confidential under this subsection~~ required to be maintained as confidential under this chapter to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 25-A for the purpose of assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 416  
H.P. 1281 - L.D. 1920**

**An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, there are currently intoxicating hemp products for sale in this State for which there is no legal restriction preventing sale to minor children; and

**Whereas**, some of those products may be designed or packaged in a manner that a person, including a child, could potentially be led to confuse the intoxicating products for nonintoxicating products typically marketed to children, such as gummies or similar products; and

**Whereas**, ingestion of intoxicating hemp products by a child can cause harm to the child; and

**Whereas**, it is in the interest of child safety for the restrictions directed by this legislation to go into effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. "Nonintoxicating cannabinoid" means:

- (1) Cannabidiol, also known as "CBD";
- (2) Tetrahydrocannabivarin, also known as "THCV";
- (3) Cannabichromene, also known as "CBC";
- (4) Cannabicitran, also known as "CBTC";
- (5) Cannabicyclol, also known as "CBL";
- (6) Cannabielsoin, also known as "CBE";
- (7) Cannabigerol, also known as "CBG";
- (8) Cannabidivarin, also known as "CBDV";  
and
- (9) Cannabinol, also known as "CBN."

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. "Potentially intoxicating cannabinoids" include the following:

- (1) Delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (2) Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (3) Delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (4) Delta-7-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (5) Delta-6a,10a-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (6) Exo-tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (7) Metabolites of tetrahydrocannabinol, including 11-hydroxy-tetrahydrocannabinol, 3'-hydroxy-tetrahydrocannabinol and 7-hydroxy-delta-tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (8) Hydrogenated forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including hexahydrocannabinol, hexahydrocannabiphorol and hexahydrocannabihexol;
- (9) Synthetic forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including dronabinol;
- (10) Ester forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol-O-acetate, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-O-acetate and hexahydrocannabinol-O-acetate;
- (11) Varin forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta-8-tetrahydrocannabivarin but excluding delta-9-tetrahydrocannabivarin; and
- (12) Analogs of tetrahydrocannabinols with an alkyl chain of 4 or more carbon atoms, including tetrahydrocannabiphorols, tetrahydrocannabioctyls, tetrahydrocannabihexols and tetrahydrocannabutols.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. "Potentially intoxicating hemp product" means any products derived from hemp and ingestible consumer products, including food, food additives, food products and beverages derived from hemp, that in their final forms do not contain:

- (1) A concentration of less than 0.3% potentially intoxicating cannabinoids; and
- (2) A ratio of more than 10:1 of nonintoxicating cannabinoids to potentially intoxicating cannabinoids.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

**12. Potentially intoxicating hemp products; prohibited sales.** A potentially intoxicating hemp product may not be sold to a person who has not attained 21 years of age.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

**13. Packaging and labeling requirements.** This subsection governs packaging and labeling requirements for hemp products.

A. A potentially intoxicating hemp product that is not a beverage, salve or topical product must be packaged in child-resistant and tamper-evident packaging.

B. A hemp product may not be labeled or packaged in violation of a federal trademark law or regulation or in a manner that would cause a reasonable consumer confusion as to whether the item was a different trademarked product.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 24, 2025.

**CHAPTER 417**

**H.P. 356 - L.D. 537**

**An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4651, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 455, §1, is further amended to read:

C. A single act or course of conduct constituting a violation of section 4681; Title 14, section 9102; Title 17, section 2931; or Title 17-A, section 201, 202, 203, 204, 207, 208, 209, 210, 210-A, 211, 253, 254, 255-A, 256, 258, 259-A, 259-B, 260, 261, 282, 283, 301, 302, 303, 506, 506-A, 511, 511-A, 556, 802, 805, 806, 852 or 853.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA c. 765 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 765**

**DOXING OF MINOR PROHIBITED; CIVIL ACTION AUTHORIZED**

**§9101. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Close relation.** "Close relation" means, with respect to a person, a current or former spouse or domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, stepchild, stepparent or grandparent of that person; a person who regularly resides or within the prior 6 months resided in the same household as that person; a person with a significant personal or professional relationship with that person; or a pet of that person or of that person's household or family.

**2. Compensatory damages.** "Compensatory damages" includes, but is not limited to, past and future medical expenses, lost earnings, pain, suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress and loss of enjoyment of life.

**3. Disclosure.** "Disclosure" means the dissemination, distribution, circulation, sharing, posting, publishing, transmittal or release of information through electronic or other means.

**4. Doxing of a minor.** "Doxing of a minor" means the intentional, knowing or reckless disclosure by a person of personal identifying information of a minor, when the person making the disclosure consciously disregards a substantial risk that the disclosure will cause, and in fact the disclosure either directly or indirectly causes:

A. A course of conduct directed at or concerning the minor or a close relation of the minor that constitutes stalking under Title 17-A, section 210-A;

B. Physical harm to the minor or a close relation of the minor;

C. Serious damage to the property of the minor or a close relation of the minor; or

D. The minor or a close relation of the minor to reasonably fear for the minor's physical safety or to reasonably fear for the physical safety of a close relation of the minor.

**5. Minor.** "Minor" means a person:

A. Who has not attained 18 years of age; or

B. Who is 18 years of age or older, meets the age requirement for enrollment under Title 20-A, section 5201, subsection 1 and is currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school in the State.

**6. Personal identifying information.** "Personal identifying information" means:

A. Any of the following information concerning a minor that the minor has not made and has not authorized another person to make readily apparent to the general public:

(1) Biometric data;

(2) Home address, personal e-mail address or personal telephone number;

(3) Employer's name, address or telephone number; address of employer's website; the minor's work e-mail address; or the minor's work telephone number;

(4) School name, address or telephone number; address of the school's website; or the minor's school e-mail address;

(5) Social security number, passport number, driver's license number or state-issued identification card number;

(6) Credit or debit card number;

(7) Citizenship status;

(8) Medical, financial, educational, consumer or employment information or records; or

(9) A photograph that was not taken in a public place and that has not previously been made available to the general public; or

B. A photograph or likeness of a minor, including a photograph that was taken in a public place or that has previously been made available to the general public, in combination with:

(1) The minor's legal name, prior name, alias or date or place of birth;

(2) Information about the minor's relationship to a close relation; or

(3) Any item of information concerning the minor specified in paragraph A.

#### **§9102. Doxing of minor prohibited**

A person may not engage in conduct that constitutes doxing of a minor. A person that violates this section may be subject to a civil action for damages pursuant to section 9103.

#### **§9103. Civil action for damages**

A minor may bring a civil action against a person who violates section 9102 for injunctive relief, actual damages, compensatory damages, any combination of those remedies or any other appropriate relief.

**1. Attorney's fees and costs.** A plaintiff who prevails in a civil action under this section is entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs.

**2. Punitive damages.** A plaintiff who proves by clear and convincing evidence that the doxing of a minor was committed with malice or motivated by the race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental health condition or disability of the minor or of a close relation of the minor is entitled to an award of punitive damages in addition to any other remedy.

**3. Defenses.** It is a defense to a civil action brought pursuant to this section that a person disclosed personal

identifying information of a minor for the sole purpose of:

A. Reporting conduct that was reasonably believed to be unlawful or to constitute a crime to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;

B. Publishing, disseminating or reporting conduct by a public official, law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency that was reasonably believed to be unlawful, to constitute a crime or to constitute an abuse of authority; or

C. Engaging in lawful activity protected by the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Maine pertaining to speech, assembly, press or petition, including to address a matter of public concern.

4. Minors as parties. A minor may be a party to an action under this chapter only when the minor has a representative through whom the action is brought or defended pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 17(b).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 418
S.P. 282 - L.D. 598

An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §626-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 404, §2, is further amended to read:

Whoever violates any of the provisions of section 600-A, sections 621-A to 623 or section 626, 628, 628-A, 629 or 629-B or 639-A is subject to a forfeiture fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each violation.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §639-A is enacted to read:

§639-A. Minimum pay for reporting to work

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Employee" has the same meaning as in section 663, subsection 3, but does not include an individual employed in a seasonal industry as defined in section 1251, subsection 1 or an employee of a public employer, as defined in section 626, who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

B. "Employer" means an employer, as defined in section 1043, subsection 9, that employs at least 10 employees in the usual and regular course of business for more than 120 days in a calendar year.

2. Pay for reporting to work. On any day an employee reports to work at the request of an employer and the employer cancels or reduces the number of hours in an employee's scheduled shift, the employee must be paid the lesser of:

A. Two hours of pay at the employee's regular hourly rate of pay; and

B. The total pay for the shift for which the employee was initially scheduled.

3. Notice. An employer that makes a documented good faith effort to notify an employee not to report to work is not liable to pay wages under subsection 2. If the employee reports to work after the employer's attempt to notify the employee has been unsuccessful or if the employer is prevented from making notification for any reason, the employee shall perform whatever duties are assigned by the employer at the time the employee reports to work, as long as the employee is physically able to perform those duties. If the employer does not have any duties to assign to the employee, the employer shall pay the employee the wages under subsection 2.

4. Exception. The provisions of this section do not apply if an employee is not required to work or is unable to work due to:

A. Adverse weather conditions;

B. A natural disaster or civil emergency;

C. An illness or medical condition of the employee; or

D. A workplace injury of the employee.

5. Rules. The Department of Labor may adopt rules to implement and enforce the provisions of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 419

S.P. 438 - L.D. 1065

An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2101-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 291, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

§2101-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1-A. Anaerobic digestion.** "Anaerobic digestion" means the breakdown of organic material by microorganisms in the absence of oxygen to produce biogas.

**3. Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as authorized pursuant to Title 5, section 1742.

**3-A. Composting.** "Composting" means the processing of organic material, including, but not limited to, food waste, for soil application using a method of accelerated biological decomposition of the organic material under controlled or uncontrolled conditions.

**3-B. Excess edible food.** "Excess edible food" means edible food that is not sold or otherwise used by a food waste generator and that is safe for human consumption. "Excess edible food" does not include unpackaged raw meat, fish or poultry; food damaged by pests, mold, bacteria or other contamination; food subject to a governmental or producer recall for food safety reasons; or food returned to a supplier by the food waste generator.

**3-C. Food rescue organization.** "Food rescue organization" means an organization that collects excess edible food that would otherwise be managed as waste and distributes the food for free for human consumption. "Food rescue organization" includes, but is not limited to, a food pantry, food bank, soup kitchen or community-based organization providing similar services.

**3-D. Food waste.** "Food waste" means material derived from processing or discarding food that is not sold or consumed. "Food waste" includes excess edible food that cannot be donated to a food rescue organization but does not include:

A. Organic material produced or generated by a producer that is not consumable by humans or animals, such as plant stems, stalks or roots, or that is culled, off-grade or outside of specification. As used in this paragraph, "producer" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 320-A, subsection 1, paragraph C;

B. Cooking oil or yellow grease from residential sources;

C. Biomedical waste, hazardous waste, sludge or septage;

D. Nonorganic material;

E. Any food subject to a governmental or producer recall for food safety reasons; or

F. Any other material identified by the department by routine technical rule pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**3-E. Food waste generator.** "Food waste generator" means a person that generates food waste.

**3-F. Point of generation.** "Point of generation" means the location where waste is initially produced.

**4. Recycling establishment.** "Recycling establishment" means an establishment engaged in the marketing, brokering or purchasing of reportable recyclable materials generated in the State. "Recycling establishment" does not include an establishment that directs all reportable recyclable materials it markets, brokers or purchases to brokers and purchasers that are located in the State.

**5. Reportable recyclable materials.** "Reportable recyclable materials" means any of the following categories of recyclable materials that are separated from household, commercial or institutional waste and that are delivered to a recycling establishment for recycling: glass; cardboard, paper and paper products; plastic and plastic products; cartons, laminated materials and other packaging; nonferrous and ferrous metals, including white goods; textiles; and mixed streams of recyclable materials that include any combination of the materials listed in this subsection.

**6. Soil application.** "Soil application" means the addition of material to soil to improve its nutrient levels or physical properties, such as water retention, permeability, water infiltration, drainage or aeration.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2101-B, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 461, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Priorities.** It is the policy of the State to support the solid waste management hierarchy in section 2101 by preventing and diverting surplus food and food scraps waste from land disposal or incineration and by ensuring the management of food waste in accordance with section 2147 and the following order of priority:

A. Reduction of the volume of surplus food waste generated at the source point of generation;

B. Donation of surplus excess edible food to food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other entities rescue organizations or similar entities that will use surplus the food to feed hungry people for human consumption;

C. Diversion of food scraps waste for agricultural use as animal feed, including consumption by animals;

D. Utilization of waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion, utilization of food scraps for digestion to recover energy, other waste utilization technologies and creation of nutrient rich soil amendments through the composting of food scraps; and

D-1. Composting or anaerobic digestion of food waste, which may include energy recovery, and subsequent soil application as long as the food waste is not mixed with sludge or septage during composting or anaerobic digestion and before soil application;

D-2. Anaerobic digestion of food waste not followed by soil application; and

E. Land disposal or incineration of food scraps waste.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §2132, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 461, §4, is amended to read:

**1-B. State waste disposal reduction goal.** It is the goal of the State to reduce the statewide per capita disposal rate of municipal solid waste tonnage to 0.55 tons disposed per capita by January 1, 2019 and to further reduce the statewide per capita disposal rate by an additional 5% every 5 years thereafter. The baseline for calculating this reduction is the 2014 solid waste generation and disposal capacity data gathered by the department. Methods to achieve the goal under this subsection include efforts to consume or encourage the consumption of fewer resources, to reduce or encourage the reduction of the waste or inefficient use of resources and to increase the reuse or repurposing of solid waste.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §2147** is enacted to read:

**§2147. Food waste management; diversion**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Designated food waste generator" means a person that:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2030 and until June 30, 2032, generates at a single location an annual average of 2 or more tons per week of food waste and is located within 20 miles of an organics recycler with available capacity to accept the food waste generated by the person at the location;

(2) Beginning July 1, 2032, generates at a single location an annual average of one or more tons per week of food waste and is located within 25 miles of an organics recycler with available capacity to accept the food waste generated by the person at the location; and

(3) Not earlier than July 1, 2035 and subject to the adoption of rules by the department pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph B, generates at a single location the annual average per week of food waste specified by the department by rule pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph B and is located within the distance specified by the department by rule pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph B from an organics recycler with available capacity to accept the food waste generated by the person at the location.

B. "Organics recycler" means an agricultural operation, composting facility, anaerobic digestion facility or any other facility that diverts food waste from incineration or land disposal.

C. "Single location" means contiguous property under common ownership, which may include one or more buildings.

**2. Designated food waste generators; prohibition.** Beginning July 1, 2030, a designated food waste generator may not dispose of or facilitate the disposal of its generated food waste at an incineration facility or solid waste landfill and shall:

A. To the maximum extent practicable, reduce the volume of the food waste it generates;

B. To the maximum extent practicable, separate excess edible food from other food waste and arrange for the donation of the excess edible food to a food rescue organization; and

C. Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph, separate food waste from other types of waste at the point of generation and transfer or facilitate the transfer of the food waste to an organics recycler for management in accordance with the following order of priorities:

(1) Agricultural use, including consumption by animals;

(2) Composting or anaerobic digestion, which may include energy recovery, and subsequent soil application; and

(3) Anaerobic digestion not followed by soil application.

A designated food waste generator may manage the food waste it generates at the point of generation or at a different location through agricultural use, composting or anaerobic digestion as long as the management of the food waste is consistent with the priorities in section 2101-B, subsection 1. A designated food waste generator may commingle food waste with other types of waste at the point of generation if the commingled waste is to be managed by an organics recycler that can process such commingled waste.

**3. Temporary hardship waiver.** A designated food waste generator may petition the department for and the department may approve a temporary waiver from some or all of the requirements of this section if the designated food waste generator demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of this section by the designated food waste generator would cause or is causing undue hardship based on specific factors determined by the department by rule. A temporary waiver issued by the department pursuant to this subsection may be effective for a period not to exceed 3 years.

**4. Designated food waste generators; reporting.** Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph B, beginning March 1, 2031, and annually

thereafter, a designated food waste generator shall submit to the department a report, in a format specified by the department, that includes the following information:

A. The amount, in tons, of excess edible food donated by the designated food waste generator to food rescue organizations during the prior calendar year;

B. The amount, in tons, of food waste transferred by the designated food waste generator to organics recyclers during the prior calendar year; and

C. Any other information required by the department.

**5. Administration; rules; publication of information.** The department shall administer the requirements of this section and shall adopt rules as necessary for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this section.

A. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must include, at a minimum:

(1) Provisions setting forth the methodology by which the department will determine the persons that qualify as designated food waste generators under this section; and

(2) Requirements for the temporary hardship waiver process under subsection 3.

B. Not earlier than July 1, 2035, the department may adopt rules providing that a designated food waste generator under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (3) includes a person that generates at a single location an annual average of less than one ton but greater than 100 pounds per week of food waste or that is located farther than 25 miles from an organics recycler with available capacity to accept the food waste generated by the person at the location.

If the department adopts rules pursuant to this paragraph, the department may by rule exempt from otherwise applicable reporting requirements of subsection 4 any designated food waste generator that generates at a single location an annual average of less than one ton but greater than 100 pounds per week of food waste.

C. By July 1, 2029, the department shall publish on its publicly accessible website and maintain and regularly update a list of all organics recyclers in the State known by the department to be authorized to accept food waste and all food rescue organizations in the State known by the department to accept excess edible food.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 420**  
**H.P. 732 - L.D. 1113**

**An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Based on Age**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1602, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

B. Second, the court shall determine the maximum term of imprisonment to be imposed by considering all other relevant sentencing factors, both aggravating and mitigating, appropriate to the case. Relevant sentencing factors include, but are not limited to, the character of the individual, the age of the individual at the time the conduct forming the basis for the conviction occurred, the individual's criminal history, the effect of the offense on the victim and the protection of the public interest.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 421**  
**S.P. 608 - L.D. 1493**

**An Act to Limit Corporate Use of the Visual Media Production Credit**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-L, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 470, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A finished production that solicits funds;  
~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13090-L, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 470, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) A production for which records are required to be maintained by 18 United States Code, Section 2257-;

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13090-L, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 470, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) A commercial or promotional production intended to advance a product or service to the benefit of an individual or organization; or

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13090-L, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 470, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (8) to read:

(8) A production produced primarily for industrial, corporate or institutional purposes or for internal use.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 422**

**S.P. 627 - L.D. 1543**

**An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 335 is enacted to read:**

**CHAPTER 335**

**MAINE GREEN SCHOOLS NETWORK**

**§9931. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Green school.** "Green school" means a public school that shows exemplary progress in the following areas:

A. Supporting the work of school administrative units to increase efficiencies in and reduce carbon emissions from buildings, energy systems, transportation, food use and landscaping;

B. Constructing an engaging support system and framework for environmental literacy through networking and sharing curriculum units, projects and outdoor activities between educators in this State;

C. Establishing a continuous pathway for career exploration and skill development in climate-ready fields; and

D. Building strong and lasting leadership within youth, educators, administrators and community members to support the initiatives described in this subsection.

For the purposes of this subsection, "climate-ready fields" means occupational fields related to climate or clean energy.

**2. Network.** "Network" means the Maine Green Schools Network.

**3. Student.** "Student" means an individual enrolled in prekindergarten to grade 12 in a public school or school administrative unit.

**§9932. Network established; administration; composition**

The Maine Green Schools Network is established within the department to support environmental education and initiatives within public schools and school administrative units as described in section 9933.

**1. Administration.** The department shall administer the network. In administering the network, the department may collaborate with the following entities:

A. A nonprofit organization in this State that supports environmental awareness, accountability and action through fostering youth leadership, supporting educators, prioritizing research and evaluation, shifting culture and advancing transformational policy;

B. Other state agencies;

C. Tribal governments; and

D. Nonprofit organizations that support environmental, outdoor and climate learning programs, traditional ecological knowledge, local procurement and other experiential learning initiatives in public schools and school administrative units.

**2. Network composition.** The department may, subject to availability of funds, invite the following individuals to participate in the network:

A. The director of green schools within the department;

B. The climate education specialist within the department;

C. The Wabanaki studies specialist within the department;

D. One educator with experience teaching in a public elementary or secondary school in the State;

E. One school administrator employed at a school administrative unit in the State;

F. A member of the public;

G. A representative from a climate education nonprofit organization;

H. A representative from a career and technical school;

I. A representative from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future with expertise in youth engagement or climate education; and

J. A representative from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The department may invite additional individuals or organizations to participate in the network.

**§9933. Network duties and other activities**

The following provisions govern the network's duties and authority under this chapter.

**1. Duties.** The network shall:

A. Assist with transportation of students to and from environmentally focused activities;

B. Support school projects that incorporate traditional ecological knowledge and best practices for one or more of the following:

- (1) Waste management and recycling;
- (2) Energy conservation;
- (3) Water conservation;
- (4) Schoolyard habitats;
- (5) Outdoor classrooms;
- (6) Transportation; and
- (7) Health;

C. Support professional development;

D. Increase the number of educators in the State who provide training to support the development of green schools and assist schools with becoming green schools;

E. Develop common resources, trainings and metrics to support educators; and

F. Create a statewide community of practice among educators and administrators for the purpose of sharing curricula, instruction and assessment practices related to community resilience and changing ecosystems.

**2. Department authorized to develop grant program.** The department may develop a program to offer grants through the network to support initiatives consistent with the network's duties as described in subsection 1. The department may receive support for any grant program developed by the department consistent with this subsection from a nonprofit organization in the State that supports environmental awareness, accountability and action through fostering youth leadership, supporting educators, prioritizing research and evaluation, shifting culture and advancing transformational policy. Any revenues received by and due to the department from all sources other than state appropriation must be retained by the department and must be used in such a manner as the department determines consistent with this chapter or as otherwise provided by law or by the terms and conditions of any gift, grant, devise, bequest, trust or security document.

**Sec. 2. Maine Green Schools Network to report to Legislature in 2026.** The Maine Green Schools Network, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 9932 shall issue a report, including any recommendations developed by the network for new legislation necessary to achieve the goals of the network to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by November 4, 2026. The report must contain an update on the status of the following:

1. The schools represented within the network;
2. The schools supported by the network; and
3. The number of counties participating in the network.

The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 423**

**H.P. 1029 - L.D. 1571**

**An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2412, sub-§6, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 414, §5, is amended to read:

B. All full-time teachers in a public charter school must either hold an appropriate teaching certificate or become certified within 3 years of the date they are hired, except for those with an advanced degree, professional certification or unique expertise or experience in the curricular area in which they teach.

This paragraph is repealed August 1, 2026.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2412, sub-§6, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. Beginning August 1, 2026, all full-time teachers in a public charter school must hold an appropriate teaching certificate.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13019-H, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 442, §2 and reallocated by RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

**6. Reissuance; retired educational technician.** The commissioner may issue an educational technician certificate to a person who has been receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program established under Title 5, section 17602 for no more than 5 years until July 31, 2026 and for no more than 3 years beginning August 1, 2026 and who, immediately prior to receiving that benefit, possessed an active educational technician certificate in good standing that has subsequently lapsed. An educational technician certificate issued under this subsection is for the same period and subject to the same renewal standards as specified in subsection 3. State board rules

may further govern qualifications for an educational technician certificate issued under this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 424**

**S.P. 605 - L.D. 1490**

**An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** current interpretation of sealed ticket games does not include games designed by the manufacturer to include a jackpot prize that is carried over to a subsequent series of tickets or cards with the same form number in the event that jackpot prize is not won, also known as progressive pull-tab games, despite historical practice allowing such games; and

**Whereas,** many eligible nonprofit organizations have already registered with the Department of Public Safety's Gambling Control Unit to offer such games and not being able to offer progressive pull-tab games will result in a negative financial impact; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §311, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Sealed ticket game.** "Sealed ticket game" has the same meaning as in section 1831, subsection 14-B.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The Gambling Control Unit may also issue, to a federally recognized Indian tribe, licenses to sell ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets in accordance with section 324-A.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §10, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Sealed ticket game tickets.** The Gambling Control Unit may also accept a registration from a fed-

erally recognized Indian tribe licensed under this section to sell ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets in accordance with section 324-A. The licensee may operate a dispenser to sell ~~the lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets. As used in this subsection, "dispenser" means a mechanical or electrical device or machine that, upon the insertion of money, credit or something of value, dispenses printed ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets. The element of chance must be provided by the ticket itself, not by the dispenser. The Gambling Control Unit may adopt rules to facilitate the use of dispensers. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §315-A, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §17, is further amended to read:

**5. Sealed ticket game tickets.** A limited dual beano registration does not authorize the registered organizations to sell sealed ticket game tickets jointly.

**Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §324-A, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §25, is further amended to read:

C. ~~Lucky seven or similar sealed~~ Sealed ticket game tickets may be sold when that game of chance is registered with the Gambling Control Unit and when a valid license or registration certificate is properly displayed. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and section 312, ~~lucky seven games~~ sealed ticket games may be conducted during the period beginning 2 hours before and ending 2 hours after a "beano" game.

Notwithstanding any other rule, ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets may be sold that have a sale value of \$1 or less, and a person who sells or distributes "beano" cards or materials used to play "beano" prior to the conduct of "beano" as a volunteer, as provided in this section, is permitted to play in the "beano" game.

**Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §326, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §27, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Payment of proceeds.** An organization licensed or registered to operate beano or bingo and ~~Lucky 7~~ sealed ticket games in conjunction with beano or bingo may use the proceeds or part of the proceeds to:

A. Pay salaries, wages or remuneration to any person directly involved in operating beano, bingo or ~~Lucky 7~~ sealed ticket games;

B. Defray the expenses or part of the expenses that further the purpose for which the organization is formed except that proceeds may not be:

- (1) Used to purchase alcohol or to defray the cost of activities where alcohol is served; or
- (2) Paid directly to organization members except as specifically allowed in this subsection; and

C. Defray the expenses or part of the expenses of a member, auxiliary member, officer or employee of the organization for a serious illness, injury or casualty loss if the licensee makes an application and the application is approved by the Gambling Control Unit.

- (1) An application must be made in the form and contain the information the unit requires.
  - (a) In the case of serious illness or injury, the unit may require certification by a licensed physician setting out the facts in support of the application.
  - (b) In the case of a casualty loss, the unit may require statements or reports from a law enforcement agency, rescue or other emergency services personnel or an insurance agency to support the application.
  - (c) The licensing division may deny an application if it appears that the person who would receive the proceeds has adequate means of financial support, including, but not limited to, insurance or workers' compensation benefits.

**Sec. 7. 17 MRSA §326, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §27, is further amended to read:

**4. Posting.** An organization licensed or registered to operate beano or bingo and ~~Lucky 7~~ sealed ticket games in conjunction with beano or bingo shall post in a conspicuous place in the room or hall where the licensed game is conducted a sign that states: the net revenue earned from the operation of those games in dollars and cents; the amount of charitable donations from that net revenue in dollars and cents; what percentage in dollars and cents of the net revenue that amount represents in donations to nonprofit activities; and what percentage of the net revenue was distributed from licensed games for the previous calendar year and the current calendar year.

**Sec. 8. 17 MRSA §329**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 353, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§329. Assistance for player**

**1. Restroom break.** A person conducting or assisting in the conduct of beano may assist a player by playing that player's cards while the player takes a restroom break. This subsection does not apply to the conduct of high-stakes beano.

**2. Partner-assisted beano.** A person playing beano may play with another person playing beano as a partnered pair.

**Sec. 9. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 136, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Distributor.** "Distributor" means a person, firm, corporation, association or organization, other than an Internet raffle operator, that sells, markets or otherwise distributes sealed ~~tickets~~ ticket games, gambling apparatus or any other implements of gambling that may be used in the conduct of a game of chance.

**Sec. 10. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §8, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, "an event the result of which is determined by chance" includes but is not limited to a shuffle of a deck of cards, a roll of a die or dice or a random drawing or generation of an object that may include, but is not limited to, a card, a die, a number or simulations of any of these. A shuffle of a deck of cards, a roll of a die, a random drawing or generation of an object or some other event the result of which is determined by chance that is employed to determine impartially the initial order of play in a game, contest, scheme or device does not alone make a game, contest, scheme or device a game of chance. For the purposes of this chapter, "game of chance" includes a sealed ticket game. For purposes of this chapter, beano, bingo and table games as defined in Title 8, section 1001, subsection 43-A are not games of chance.

**Sec. 11. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§14-B** is enacted to read:

**14-B. Sealed ticket game.** "Sealed ticket game" means a game consisting of tickets or cards with pre-printed symbols, numbers or other figures that are hidden by an opaque, removable material. Each ticket or card represents a chance to win a specific single prize, including a monetary prize, or specific set of prizes. A winning ticket or card contains a predetermined winning configuration of symbols, numbers or other figures. "Sealed ticket game" includes a sealed ticket game that is designed by the manufacturer to include a jackpot prize that is carried over to a subsequent series of tickets or cards with the same form number in the event that jackpot prize is not won. "Sealed ticket game" does not include the lottery under Title 8, chapter 14-A or 16.

**Sec. 12. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 86, §1, is further amended to read:

**4. Tournament.** The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the tournament game and the license issued. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game is held on premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players

allowed is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of tournament game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament game is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all players does not exceed \$125. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament game must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance on the premises are prohibited during a tournament game, except for high-hand competitions under subsection 7, ~~lucky seven or similar sealed tickets ticket games~~ and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize value up to \$2,000. All prizes awarded in accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash or by check.

**Sec. 13. 17 MRSA §1838, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

A. An organization, including a fair, licensed to operate beano, bingo or ~~lucky seven sealed ticket~~ games may use up to 20% of the gross revenue to compensate those who conduct the games.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 25, 2025.

**CHAPTER 425**

**H.P. 861 - L.D. 1326**

**An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2650-A** is enacted to read:

**§2650-A. Drinking water standards, monitoring and treatment for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Community water system" has the same meaning as in section 2660-B, subsection 2.

B. "Nontransient, noncommunity water system" has the same meaning as described in section 2660-B, subsection 5, paragraph A.

C. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in section 2660-AA, subsection 3, including a regulated PFAS contaminant under subsection 2, that is detectable in drinking water using standard analytical methods established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**2. Maximum contaminant levels for regulated PFAS contaminants.** The maximum contaminant levels for regulated PFAS contaminants allowed for a community water system or nontransient, noncommunity water system must be at or below the maximum contaminant levels contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61(c)(2), as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule.

By rule, the commissioner may decrease the maximum level of a contaminant included in this subsection or add a regulated PFAS contaminant other than those specified in this subsection as the commissioner determines necessary to maintain an adequate margin of safety to protect human health at all stages, including prenatal development.

**3. PFAS monitoring.** PFAS monitoring of all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems must be conducted in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.902, as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule. By rule, the commissioner may adopt more stringent monitoring requirements as the commissioner determines necessary to maintain an adequate margin of safety to protect human health at all stages, including prenatal development.

**4. Submission of drinking water samples; reporting.** Submission of PFAS drinking water sample results from all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems must be conducted in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.901 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.904, as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule. By rule, the commissioner may adopt more stringent analysis and reporting requirements as the commissioner determines necessary to maintain an adequate margin of safety to protect human health at all stages, including prenatal development.

**5. Treatment; notice.** Treatment, or implementation of another remedy to reduce PFAS levels, and public notice, in the event of an exceedance of the maximum contaminant level in the drinking water of a community water system or nontransient, noncommunity water system, must take place in accordance with the provisions contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.905, as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section

141.201-211 and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule. Public notice of an exceedance must include information identifying each type of PFAS detected in the drinking water, the levels of each type of PFAS detected and the total level of PFAS detected.

**6. Enforcement; appeal.** The department may enforce this section pursuant to section 2605, subsection 5. A person may appeal an act or decision of the department under this section pursuant to section 2620-A.

**7. Notification of suspected tampering.** A community water system or nontransient, noncommunity water system shall notify the department and law enforcement officials immediately of any act of potential or suspected tampering of the community water system or nontransient, noncommunity water system.

**8. Rules.** The department may adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this section.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2660-AA, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 330, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Regulated PFAS contaminants.** "Regulated PFAS contaminants" means ~~perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, perfluoroheptanoic acid and perfluorodecanoic acid~~ those contaminants regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61(c)(2), as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 426**

**H.P. 1168 - L.D. 1750**

**An Act to Require the Attorney General to Create and Update Biennially a Model Residential Lease**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-K** is enacted to read:

**§6030-K. Model residential lease**

**1. Model residential lease.** By December 1, 2025, the Attorney General shall create and post on the Attorney General's publicly accessible website a model lease for residential property that complies with current law, including any disclosure and any document required to be attached to a residential lease. The Attorney General shall update the model lease biennially and post the revised model lease no later than December 1st of every odd-numbered year.

**2. Implementation.** The Attorney General shall implement this section within existing resources.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 427**

**H.P. 1305 - L.D. 1946**

**An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3012** is enacted to read:

**§3012. Residents of certified recovery residences**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**A. "Certified recovery residence"** means a residence that is certified pursuant to the requirements established in Title 5, section 20005, subsection 22.

**B. "Program"** means the Bridging Rental Assistance Program established in section 3011 and administered by the department.

**2. Eligibility of residents.** An individual residing in a certified recovery residence is eligible to apply for a program housing voucher to be used upon the individual's departure from the certified recovery residence, as long as the individual meets all applicable standards and conditions established by the department for the program. Residency in a certified recovery residence may not be construed as a barrier to application or receipt of such a voucher. This section does not authorize individuals to use program housing vouchers to subsidize the cost of residing at a certified recovery residence.

**3. Guidance.** The department shall provide guidance to certified recovery residences and housing assistance programs to ensure consistent application of this section, including public education efforts to inform residents of certified recovery residences and providers in certified recovery residences of their rights and responsibilities under this section.

**4. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt or amend rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this section. In adopting rules, the department shall ensure that individuals being released from institutions, individuals being released from incarceration and homeless individuals have priority over individuals residing in certified recovery residences in the award of program housing vouchers. Rules adopted pursuant to

this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 428  
H.P. 614 - L.D. 949**

**An Act to Clarify Licensing  
Jurisdiction for Manufactured  
Housing Communities**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9083**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 210, Pt. B, §30, is further amended to read:

**§9083. Fees**

Application and license fees for manufactured housing communities are set under section 9021, subsection 2-A, including applications for manufactured housing community expansion and license renewal. Fees are also set under section 9021, subsection 2-A for manufactured housing community inspections; for the cost of reviewing engineering and site plans; for costs incurred in evaluating an applicant’s eligibility for licensure as a manufactured housing community; and for costs incurred in evaluating a licensee’s ongoing compliance with the requirements of this subchapter and the rules of the board. Failure to pay costs billed to an applicant or licensee within 90 days of the billing date constitutes grounds for license revocation, unless an extension for an additional period not to exceed 90 days is granted in writing by the board. A municipality shall accept a license issued by the board as evidence a manufactured housing community meets all requirements of this subchapter. A municipality may not charge any additional fees for a manufactured housing community to operate.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9088, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. D, §15, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4358, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 552, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Location of manufactured housing.** Municipalities shall ~~permit~~ allow manufactured housing to be placed or erected on individual house lots where single-family dwellings are allowed, subject to the same requirements as single-family dwellings, except as otherwise provided in this section.

A. Municipalities may establish design criteria, including, but not limited to, a pitched, shingled roof; a permanent foundation; and exterior siding that is residential in appearance, as long as:

(1) The requirements do not have the effect of circumventing the purposes of this section; and

(2) The design requirements are not used to prevent the relocation of any manufactured housing, regardless of its date of manufacture, that is legally sited within the municipality as of August 4, 1988.

B. Providing one or more zones or locations where mobile home parks or mobile home subdivisions or developments are allowed does not constitute compliance with this section.

C. This section does not prohibit municipalities from establishing controls on manufactured housing that are less restrictive than are permitted by this section.

D. Municipalities may not prohibit manufactured housing, regardless of its date of manufacture, solely on the basis of a date of manufacture before June 14, 1976, or the failure of a unit to have been manufactured in accordance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Chapter 70. Municipalities may apply the design standards permitted by this section to all manufactured housing, regardless of its date of manufacture, and may apply reasonable safety standards to manufactured housing built before June 15, 1976, or not built in accordance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Chapter 70.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, manufactured housing and any modular home that meets construction standards for state-certified manufactured housing adopted pursuant to Title 10, section 9042 must be allowed in all zones where other single-family homes are allowed.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 429  
H.P. 1145 - L.D. 1710**

**An Act Regarding the  
Authority to Transport  
Prisoners Confined in Jail and  
the Use of Physical Force with  
Respect to Prisoners and  
Persons Who Have Been  
Arrested**

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §5545**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 335, §5, is further amended to read:

**§5545. Habeas corpus for prisoner as witness**

A court may issue a writ of habeas corpus, when necessary, to bring before it a prisoner for trial in a cause pending in such court, or to testify as a witness when ~~his~~ the prisoner's personal attendance is ~~deemed~~ determined necessary for the attainment of justice.

Whenever, under this section or under any other section in this chapter, a court issues a writ of habeas corpus ordering before it a prisoner confined in any penal or correctional institution under the control of the Department of Corrections, or confined in any ~~county~~ jail, its order as to the transportation of the prisoner to and from the court must be directed to the sheriff of the county in which the court is located. It is the responsibility of the sheriff or any one or more of the sheriff's authorized deputies, transport officers or corrections officers pursuant to any such order to safely transport a prisoner to and from the court and to provide safe and secure custody of the prisoner during the proceedings, as directed by the court. At the time of removal of a prisoner from an institution, the transporting officer shall leave with the head of the institution an attested copy of the order of the court, and upon return of the prisoner shall note that return on the copy.

Any prisoner who escapes from custody of the sheriff or any of ~~his~~ the sheriff's deputies, transport officers or corrections officers or any other law enforcement officer following removal for appearance in court, from a penal or correctional institution or from a ~~county~~ jail, and prior to return ~~thereto~~, shall be, is chargeable with escape from the penal or correctional institution or ~~county~~ jail from which ~~he~~ the prisoner was removed, and ~~shall be punished~~ is subject to punishment in accordance with Title 17-A, section 755.

For purposes of this section, "corrections officer" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 2; and "transport officer" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 8.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§25-A** is enacted to read:

**25-A.** "Transport officer" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 8.

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §107, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 215, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §107, sub-§5-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 143, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §107-A** is enacted to read:  
**§107-A. Physical force in corrections**

**1.** A corrections officer, corrections supervisor, transport officer, law enforcement officer or another individual responsible for the custody, care, treatment or

transport of persons in custody pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of arrest is justified in using a reasonable degree of nondeadly force:

A. When and to the extent the individual reasonably believes it necessary to prevent an escape from custody or to enforce a rule of the Department of Corrections or a jail; or

B. In self-defense or to defend a 3rd person from what the individual reasonably believes to be the imminent use of unlawful nondeadly force encountered while seeking to prevent an escape or enforce a rule as described in paragraph A.

**2.** A corrections officer, corrections supervisor, transport officer or law enforcement officer responsible for the custody, care, treatment or transport of persons in custody pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of arrest is justified in using deadly force when the officer or supervisor reasonably believes such force is necessary:

A. For self-defense or to defend a 3rd person from what the officer or supervisor reasonably believes is the imminent use of unlawful deadly force; or

B. To prevent an escape from custody when the officer or supervisor reasonably believes the person has committed a crime involving the use or threatened use of deadly force, is using a dangerous weapon in attempting to escape or otherwise indicates that the person is likely to seriously endanger human life or to inflict serious bodily injury unless apprehended without delay and:

(1) The officer or supervisor has made reasonable efforts to advise the person that the officer or supervisor is attempting to prevent the escape from custody and the officer or supervisor reasonably believes that the person is aware of this advice; or

(2) The officer or supervisor reasonably believes that the person in custody otherwise knows the officer or supervisor is attempting to prevent the escape from custody.

For the purposes of this subsection, "a reasonable belief that another person has committed a crime involving use or threatened use of deadly force" is a reasonable belief in facts, circumstances and the law that, if true, would constitute such an offense by the person. If the facts and circumstances reasonably believed would not constitute such an offense, an erroneous but reasonable belief that the law is otherwise justifies the use of deadly force to prevent an escape.

**3.** A corrections officer, corrections supervisor, transport officer or law enforcement officer is justified in using deadly force against a person in the custody of the Maine State Prison or in the custody of an officer or supervisor of the Maine State Prison when the officer or

supervisor reasonably believes that deadly force is necessary to prevent an escape from custody by that person. The officer or supervisor shall make reasonable efforts to advise the person that, if the attempt to escape does not stop immediately, deadly force will be used. This subsection does not authorize any corrections officer, corrections supervisor, transport officer or law enforcement officer who is not employed by a state agency to use deadly force.

4. A private person who has been directed by a corrections officer, corrections supervisor, transport officer or law enforcement officer who is responsible for the custody, care, treatment or transport of persons in custody pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of arrest to assist the officer or supervisor in preventing an escape from custody is justified in using:

A. A reasonable degree of nondeadly force when and to the extent that the private person reasonably believes such force to be necessary to carry out the officer's or supervisor's direction, unless the private person reasonably believes the order is illegal; or

B. Deadly force only when the private person reasonably believes such force to be necessary for self-defense or to defend a 3rd person from what the private person reasonably believes to be the imminent use of unlawful deadly force or when the officer or supervisor directs the private person to use deadly force and the private person reasonably believes the officer or supervisor is authorized to use deadly force under the circumstances.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a corrections officer or corrections supervisor is not justified in using nondeadly or deadly force, or in directing a private person in the use of such force, in accordance with this section unless the corrections officer or corrections supervisor has received in-service training pursuant to Title 25, section 2804-F, subsection 5 in the use of such force, or in directing a private person to use such force, in the setting in which the force is to be used.

**Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §110**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 289, §1, is amended to read:

**§110. Threat to use deadly force against a law enforcement officer, transport officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor**

A person otherwise justified in threatening to use deadly force against another is not justified in doing so with the use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon if the person knows or should know that the other person is a law enforcement officer, transport officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor, unless the person knows that the ~~law enforcement~~ officer or supervisor is not in fact engaged in the performance of the ~~law enforcement~~ officer's or supervisor's public duty, or unless the person is justified under this chapter in using deadly force against the ~~law enforcement~~ officer or supervisor.

A law enforcement officer, transport officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor may not make a nonconsensual warrantless entry into a dwelling place solely in response to a threat not justified under this section.

**Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §1002-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 383, §112 and affected by §156, is further amended to read:

B. That other person is a law enforcement officer, transport officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor in uniform. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

**Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §1004, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 264, §1, is amended to read:

A. A law enforcement officer, transport officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor engaged in the performance of the law enforcement officer's, transport officer's, corrections officer's or corrections supervisor's public duty if the officer's or corrections supervisor's appointing authority has authorized such use of an electronic weapon; or

**Sec. 9. 25 MRSA §2804-F, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §35, is further amended to read:

**3. Provisions of in-service training.** In-service training programs that meet the requirements established under subsection 2 or 5 or other in-service training may be provided by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or the agency employing the corrections officer.

**Sec. 10. 25 MRSA §2804-F, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Additional certifications.** The board shall establish additional in-service training requirements for corrections officers and corrections supervisors who are responsible as part of their official job duties for transferring or conveying from one place to another individuals who are confined in a jail, prison or state correctional facility pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of an arrest. These in-service training requirements must include training on the use of nondeadly or deadly force, or in directing a private person in the use of such force, that is used or directed outside of a jail, prison or state correctional facility. A corrections officer or corrections supervisor who fails to complete this in-service training is not justified in using or directing the use of force under Title 17-A, section 107-A, subsections 1, 2 and 4.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 430**  
**H.P. 1188 - L.D. 1777**

**An Act to Reduce Costs and  
Increase Customer Protections  
for the State's Net Energy  
Billing Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §3209-A, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Billing term length.** An amendment, revision or reissuance of a net energy billing agreement made after June 1, 2025 may not include a delivery period end date that is later than the end date provided for in the agreement that is subject to the amendment, revision or reissuance.

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRS §3209-A, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Applicability; net energy billing agreement.** After December 31, 2025, the commission may not allow a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a net energy billing agreement with a distributed generation resource that is interconnected or planned to be interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility side of a customer's utility meter.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRS §3209-A, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Distributed energy resource program.** Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, after December 31, 2025, the commission may not allow a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a net energy billing agreement with a distributed generation resource that is interconnected or planned to be interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility side of a customer's utility meter.

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRS §3209-B, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 659, §19, is further amended to read:

**5. Tariff rate; bill credits.** The commission shall establish by rule tariff rates for customers participating in the program. ~~The initial tariff rate must be established no later than December 1, 2019.~~

A. The tariff rate for a customer participating in net energy billing with a distributed generation resource described in this paragraph, until December 31, 2025, must equal the standard-offer service rate established under section 3212 that is applicable to the customer receiving the credit plus 75% of the effective transmission and distribution rate for the rate class that includes the smallest commercial customers of the investor-owned transmission and

distribution utility. The tariff rate under this paragraph applies to net energy billing with a distributed generation resource:

(1) With a nameplate capacity of greater than one megawatt if:

(a) The entity developing the distributed generation resource certifies by affidavit with accompanying documentation to the commission that the entity, before September 1, 2022, commenced on-site physical work of a significant nature on the distributed generation resource and the entity has made and will continue to make continuous on-site construction efforts to advance toward completion of the distributed generation resource. For the purpose of this paragraph, continuous on-site construction efforts include, but are not limited to, in the context of a solar facility, the continuous installation of racks or other structures to affix photovoltaic panels, collectors or solar cells to a site. The commission may share information contained in the affidavit submitted in accordance with this paragraph with a transmission and distribution utility, as necessary, to verify a distributed generation resource's compliance with this section. In administering this subsection, the commission may adopt rules including, but not limited to, requiring the entity that submits a sworn affidavit under this subparagraph to provide updated documentation to the commission after submission of the affidavit; or

(b) The distributed generation resource is collocated with a net energy billing customer that is or net energy billing customers that are subscribed to at least 50% of the facility's output; or

(2) With a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or less.

After December 31, 2025, the tariff rate must be calculated in accordance with paragraph A-2.

A-1. The tariff rate for a customer participating in net energy billing under this section with a distributed generation resource not governed by paragraph A must:

(1) In 2022, equal the standard-offer service rate established pursuant to section 3212 that was applicable to the rate class of the customer receiving the credit on December 31, 2020 plus 75% of the effective transmission and distribution rate that was in effect on December 31, 2020 for the rate class that includes the smallest commercial customers of the

investor-owned transmission and distribution utility; and

(2) Increase by 2.25% on January 1st of each subsequent year, beginning January 1, 2023.

A-2. Beginning January 1, 2026, the commission shall establish the tariff rate for a customer participating in net energy billing under this section with a distributed generation resource described in paragraph A in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) For a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of 3 megawatts or more and less than 5 megawatts, the tariff rate must:

(a) Equal the tariff rate calculated under paragraph A-1 applicable in 2026; and

(b) Increase by 2.25% on January 1st of each year, beginning January 1, 2027.

(2) For a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of less than 3 megawatts, the tariff rate must:

(a) Equal the tariff rate established by the commission pursuant to paragraph A that was applicable in 2025 to the rate class of the customer receiving the credit; and

(b) Increase by 2.25% on January 1st of each year, beginning January 1, 2027.

B. A customer participating in the program must receive for electricity delivered to the electric grid from a distributed generation resource in which the customer has a financial interest a bill credit based on the tariff rate to apply against the costs of electricity delivered to the customer by the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility.

C. A bill credit under the program as described in paragraph B may be applied to any portion of a customer's electricity bill. Credits that remain unused at the end of any billing period may be carried forward for up to one year from the end of that billing period.

D. A customer participating in the program who remains eligible to participate in the program must be allowed to receive a bill credit based on the tariff rate for a period of no less than 20 years from the date of first receiving the credit.

The commission shall publish the tariff rates established in accordance with this subsection on its publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3209-B, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 411, §3, is further amended to read:

**7. Applicability.** The applicability of this section is limited by the requirements of section 3209-A, ~~subsection 7 and subsection 9~~ subsections 7, 9 and 10.

**Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3209-B, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Distributed energy resource program.** Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, after December 31, 2025, the commission may not allow a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a net energy billing agreement with a distributed generation resource that is interconnected or planned to be interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility side of a customer's utility meter.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3209-D,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §6, is repealed.

**Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3209-E, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §7, is amended to read:

A. "Distributed generation resource" ~~has the same meaning as in section 3209-D, subsection 1, paragraph A.~~ means an electric generating facility that uses a renewable fuel or technology under section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-3, is located in the service territory of a transmission and distribution utility in the State and:

(1) Has met or is reasonably likely to meet the requirements of section 3209-A, subsection 7, paragraph E, as determined by the commission; or

(2) Has a nameplate capacity of at least one megawatt and not more than 2 megawatts and:

(a) Is a member of a cluster study conducted by the transmission and distribution utility with which the distributed generation resource is seeking to interconnect; or

(b) Is likely to receive required transmission approval from the New England independent system operator on or before April 30, 2024.

**Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3209-F** is enacted to read:  
**§3209-F. Net energy billing project charge for certain distributed generation projects**

**1. Net energy billing project charge defined.** As used in this section, "net energy billing project charge" means a monthly fee determined by the commission by rule in accordance with this section that a transmission and distribution utility must use to offset distribution costs associated with net energy billing arrangements under sections 3209-A and 3209-B that would otherwise be paid by ratepayers, as determined by the commission.

**2. Net energy billing project charge; applicability.** Except as provided in subsection 5, the commission

shall require a transmission and distribution utility to assess each distributed generation resource participating in net energy billing with a shared financial interest customer in accordance with section 3209-A, subsection 3. The commission shall adopt rules to determine the net energy billing project charges applicable to distributed generation resources described in subsection 3 and establish a process by which a transmission and distribution utility must apply net energy billing project charges against costs associated with net energy billing.

**3. Initial net energy billing project charge.** Beginning January 1, 2026, the initial monthly net energy billing project charge established by the commission must be:

A. For a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of 3 megawatts or more and less than 5 megawatts, \$6.00 multiplied by the nameplate capacity of the distributed generation resource in kilowatts;

B. For a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or more and less than 3 megawatts, \$2.80 multiplied by the nameplate capacity of the distributed generation resource in kilowatts; and

C. For a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of less than one megawatt, zero.

**4. Adjustment of net energy billing project charge; compensation.** The commission shall periodically by rule increase the initial net energy billing project charge to account for increases in transmission and distribution rates. Compensation to a distributed generation resource related to transmission and distribution rate credits may not increase by more than 2.25% per year.

**5. Exceptions.** A distributed generation resource is exempt from the net energy billing project charge established in this section if the distributed generation resource demonstrates in a manner satisfactory to the commission that the distributed generation resource is:

A. Wholly owned by the customer or customers receiving the net energy billing credits associated with the output of the distributed generation resource; or

B. Wholly owned by a cooperative corporation organized under Title 13, chapter 85.

**6. Rules.** The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §3209-G** is enacted to read:

**§3209-G. Net energy billing cost rate year adjustment**

**1. Adjustment of net energy billing cost rate year.** The commission shall require a transmission and distribution utility to reconcile costs associated with net energy billing under sections 3209-A and 3209-B, as determined by the commission, in a rate year to begin on January 1st of each year, starting in 2026.

**2. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 11. 35-A MRSA §3209-H** is enacted to read:

**§3209-H. Net energy billing project procurement**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Distributed generation resource" has the same meaning as in section 3209-A, subsection 1, paragraph B.

B. "Eligible resource" means a distributed generation resource:

(1) That reaches commercial operation before November 1, 2025;

(2) That is participating in net energy billing pursuant to section 3209-A or 3209-B; and

(3) For which 75% or less of the bill credits associated with the distributed generation resource are allocated to a customer of or subscriber to the resource.

**2. Competitive procurement.** The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into one or more contracts for energy or renewable energy credits or both from eligible resources in accordance with this section. The commission may not require a distributed generation resource to contract for the sale of energy or renewable energy credits under this section.

A. By November 1, 2025, the commission shall initiate a competitive solicitation for contracts under this section for energy or renewable energy credits or both in an amount determined by the commission.

B. The commission may initiate additional competitive solicitations in its sole discretion after consultation with the Governor's Energy Office.

C. The commission may not award a contract to an eligible resource participating in net energy billing pursuant to section 3209-A at a rate that exceeds the tariff rate calculated under section 3209-B, subsection 5, paragraph A-1 applicable on November 1, 2025 to medium commercial customers as defined in section 3106, subsection 1, paragraph B or

industrial customers in the transmission and distribution service territory in which the eligible resource is located.

D. The commission may not award a contract to an eligible resource participating in net energy billing pursuant to section 3209-B at a rate that exceeds 70% of the tariff rate calculated under section 3209-B, subsection 5, paragraph A-1 applicable on November 1, 2025 to medium commercial customers as defined in section 3106, subsection 1, paragraph B or industrial customers in the transmission and distribution service territory in which the eligible resource is located.

**3. Contract terms.** A contract entered into pursuant to this section must be for a term of no more than 20 years or the remainder of the eligible resource's net energy billing agreement with a transmission and distribution utility, whichever is shorter, unless the commission finds a contract for a longer term to be prudent.

**4. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted in accordance with this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 12. 35-A MRSA §3209-I** is enacted to read:

**§3209-I. Front of meter distributed energy resource program**

**1. Front of meter distributed energy resource defined.** As used in this section, "front of the meter distributed energy resource" means an electric generating facility that uses a renewable fuel or technology under section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-3, is located in the service territory of a transmission and distribution utility in the State and is interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility side of a customer's utility meter.

**2. Program design; implementation.** The Governor's Energy Office shall design a program or programs to encourage the development of front of the meter distributed energy resources in the State and submit the proposed program or programs to the commission. If the commission finds that a program or programs proposed by the office provide benefits to ratepayers in the State in excess of the costs to ratepayers, the commission shall by rule implement the program or programs.

**3. Rules.** The commission may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 13. 35-A MRSA §3210-G, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 411, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Report.** No later than March 31, 2023 and biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit a re-

port regarding the status of contracts for Class IA resources under this section and the status of contracts for energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources under section ~~3209-D~~ 3209-H to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The report must include, but is not limited to, a description of Class IA resources participating in competitive solicitations, information about the resources selected for contracts and the selection process, the benefits and costs of the contracts and recommendations about how to further stimulate investment in Class IA resources or achieve ratepayer benefits from Class IA resources. The report may include information about benefits and costs of the contracts to the State's economy, environmental quality or electricity consumers over both the short and long terms. Any analysis of the benefits or costs of the contracts must be based on a forecast of all avoided costs resulting from the contracts that is transparent and balanced over the long term.

**Sec. 14. Distributed energy resource program; development.** By September 30, 2026 and in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-I, subsection 2, the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this section as "the office," shall design and submit to the Public Utilities Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission," a proposed front of the meter distributed energy resource program or programs to succeed the net energy billing programs established in Title 35-A, sections 3209-A and 3209-B for front of the meter distributed energy resources. For the purposes of this section, "front of the meter distributed energy resource" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3209-I, subsection 1.

In designing the program or programs, the office shall consider:

1. The marginal benefit to ratepayers in the State of the time value of generation and the location of generation;
2. Reasonable compensation rates specific to a distributed energy resource's size and generation type;
3. The development and use of a compensation model based on the value of distributed energy resources;
4. Opportunities for a load reducer program for commercial customers;
5. Incentivizing energy storage that provides benefits to ratepayers in the State; and
6. Necessary changes to utility rate structure, billing systems, data collection or metering to implement the program.

The office may consider other factors the office determines appropriate and shall solicit public input prior to the submission of a program design to the commission.

To support the office's development of the program, the office may request funds from the commission for the office's administrative costs, which may include, but are not limited to, costs associated with hiring consultants and office personnel and contracting for technical analysis in the design of the program or programs. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 117, if the office requests funding in accordance with this section, the commission may provide funding, to the extent available, from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund under Title 35-A, section 117. If the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund does not have sufficient funding, notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 4, the commission may provide funding in accordance with this section from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund.

In accordance with Title 35-A, section 3209-I, the commission shall approve or reject the proposed program or programs submitted by the office pursuant to this section as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 120 calendar days after the commission receives the design from the office unless otherwise requested by the office. If the commission finds that the program provides benefits to ratepayers in the State in excess of the costs to ratepayers, the commission shall implement the program by rule.

**Sec. 15. Net energy billing; consumer protections.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A, subsection 5, paragraph E, by November 1, 2025, the Public Utilities Commission shall initiate rulemaking to establish consumer protection standards for customers participating in net energy billing pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3209-A. The rules must:

1. Require that a distributed generation resource providing service to a customer participating in a net energy billing arrangement based upon a shared financial interest in the distributed generation resource establish a subscription size for a customer that is based on historical customer usage, while taking into account anticipated increases in usage, and require a project sponsor to adjust the customer's subscription size as needed to match changes in usage;
2. Prohibit project sponsors or operators of distributed generation resources from retaining customer payment for unused kilowatt-hour credits that have expired;
3. For a customer participating in net energy billing, require a transmission and distribution utility to provide the relevant project sponsor or owner of a distributed generation resource with the customer's usage and billing information, including net energy billing data needed to administer a customer's net energy billing arrangement; and
4. Prohibit participation in more than one net energy billing agreement pursuant to Title 35-A, section

3209-A, subsection 3 per residential account simultaneously.

Notwithstanding any provision of Title 35-A, section 3209-A to the contrary, rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 431**

**H.P. 1233 - L.D. 1849**

**An Act to Establish a Minimum Age at Which Conduct Constitutes a Juvenile Crime and to Confer Jurisdiction to the Juvenile Courts Over Any Criminal Offense Under Maine Law Committed by a Juvenile**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6004**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 330, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8004**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 330, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10608**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 330, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10701, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §55, is further amended by amending the 4th blocked paragraph to read:

References in this Title to this subsection are deemed to ~~refer~~ include reference to the juvenile crime stated in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph ~~E~~ A for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be defined as criminal under this section and to the disposition, including a suspension, for that juvenile crime as provided in Title 15, section 3314, ~~subsection 3~~, except as otherwise provided or when the context clearly requires otherwise.

**Sec. 5. 15 MRSA §1004**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §31, is further amended to read:

**§1004. Applicability and exclusions**

This chapter applies to the setting of bail for a defendant in a criminal proceeding, including the setting of bail for an alleged contemnor in a plenary contempt proceeding involving a punitive sanction under the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 66. It does not apply to the setting of bail in extradition proceedings under sections 201 to 229, post-conviction review proceedings under sections 2121 to 2132, probation revocation proceedings under Title 17-A, sections 1809 to 1814, supervised release revocation proceedings under

Title 17-A, section 1883 or administrative release revocation proceedings under Title 17-A, sections 1851 to 1857, except to the extent and under the conditions stated in those sections. This chapter applies to the setting of bail for an alleged contemnor in a summary contempt proceeding involving a punitive sanction under the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 66 and to the setting of bail relative to a material witness only as specified in sections 1103 and 1104, respectively. This chapter does not apply to a person arrested for a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103 or a person under 18 years of age who is arrested for a crime defined under Title 12 or Title 29-A that is not a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103.

**Sec. 6. 15 MRSA §3003, sub-§14**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 136, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**14. Juvenile.** "Juvenile" means:

A. A person who had attained 11 years of age but had not attained 18 years of age at the time the person allegedly committed any juvenile crime other than a crime described in paragraph B; or

B. A person who had not attained 18 years of age at the time the person allegedly committed the juvenile crime of murder as provided in Title 17-A, section 201; felony murder as provided in Title 17-A, section 202; or manslaughter as provided in Title 17-A, section 203 or such a person had allegedly made a criminal attempt of any of those juvenile crimes as provided in Title 17-A, section 152.

**Sec. 7. 15 MRSA §3103, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 1, §19 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Definition.** The term "juvenile crime," as used in this Part, means the following offenses:

A. Conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be defined as criminal by Title 17-A, the Maine Criminal Code, or by any other criminal statute outside that code, including any rule or regulation under a statute, ~~except for those provisions of Titles 12 and 29-A not specifically included in paragraphs E and F;~~

B. Offenses involving illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia as follows:

(1) The possession of a useable amount of cannabis, as provided in Title 22, section 2383, subsection 1-A, unless the juvenile is authorized to possess cannabis for medical use pursuant to Title 22, chapter 558-C;

(2) The use or possession of drug paraphernalia as provided in Title 17-A, section 1111-A, subsection 4-B; and

(3) Illegal transportation of drugs by a minor as provided in Title 22, section 2389, subsection 2;

C. Offenses involving intoxicating liquor, as provided in Title 28-A, sections 2051 and 2052 and offenses involving refusal to provide proper identification as provided in Title 28-A, section 2087;

~~E. Offenses involving hunting or the operation or attempted operation of a watercraft, ATV or snowmobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, as defined in Title 12, section 10701, subsection 1-A, and offenses involving failing to aid an injured person or to report a hunting accident as defined in Title 12, section 11223;~~

~~F. The criminal violation of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive alcohol level, as defined in Title 29-A, section 2411, and offenses defined in Title 29-A as Class B or C crimes;~~

G. A violation of section 393, subsection 1, paragraph C or section 393, subsection 1-A; and

~~H. If a juvenile has been convicted of a crime for a violation of a provision of Title 12 or 29-A not specifically included in paragraph E or F, willful refusal to pay a resulting fine or willful violation of the terms of a resulting administrative release or willful failure to comply with the terms of any other resulting court order. A willful refusal to pay a fine imposed by court order or willful failure to comply with the terms of any other court order.~~

**Sec. 8. 15 MRSA §3105-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 93, §3, is further amended to read:

C. A prosecution for conduct specified in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B; ~~or C; E, F or H~~ must be commenced within one year after it is committed.

**Sec. 9. 15 MRSA §3201, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 93, §4, is further amended to read:

**1. Warrantless arrests.** Arrests without warrants of juveniles for juvenile crimes defined by section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs A, ~~E, F,~~ G and H by law enforcement officers or private persons must be made pursuant to the provisions of Title 17-A, sections 15 and 16. For purposes of this section, a juvenile crime defined under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph H is deemed a Class D or Class E crime. A law enforcement officer or private person may not arrest a juvenile for a juvenile crime defined by section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C.

**Sec. 10. 15 MRSA §3206**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. B, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 15 MRSA §3301, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 326, §4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

If the juvenile community corrections officer makes a determination pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph A or B and decides not to request the attorney for the State to file a petition for a violation of Title 22, section 2389, subsection 2 or Title 28-A, section 2052, the juvenile community corrections officer shall inform the Secretary of State of ~~the violation that determination~~. The Secretary of State shall suspend for a period of 30 days that juvenile's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle and right to apply for and obtain a license. After the suspension is terminated, any record of the suspension is confidential and may be released only to a law enforcement officer or the courts for prosecution of violations of Title 29-A, section 2412-A.

**Sec. 12. 15 MRSA §3301, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 326, §4, is further amended by enacting after the first blocked paragraph a new 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

For a juvenile who has been issued a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit, if the juvenile community corrections officer makes a determination pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph A or B and decides to not request the attorney for the State to file a petition for a violation that would require a disqualification under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51, the juvenile community corrections officer shall inform the Secretary of State of that determination. The Secretary of State shall suspend the juvenile's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle and right to apply for or obtain a license in accordance with Title 29-A and 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51. Record of the violation is a public record pursuant to Title 29-A, section 251, subsection 2.

**Sec. 13. 15 MRSA §3301, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 525, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**7. Nonapplication of section.** The provisions of this section do not apply to a juvenile charged with the following crimes:

A. Offenses involving hunting or the operation or attempted operation of a watercraft, ATV or snowmobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, as described under Title 12, section 10701, subsection 1-A; and

B. The criminal violation of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs with an excessive alcohol level, as described under Title 29-A, section 2411, and offenses defined in Title 29-A as Class B or C crimes.

The provisions of section 3203-A apply in the case of a juvenile charged with a juvenile crime listed in paragraph A or B. A petition may be filed without recommendation by a juvenile community corrections officer with respect to a juvenile charged with any such offense.

**Sec. 14. 15 MRSA §3308-C, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 365, §19 and affected by §37, is amended to read:

**8. Records to Secretary of State.** Whenever a juvenile has been adjudicated as having committed a juvenile crime involving the operation of a motor vehicle, or when the Juvenile Court has ordered a disposition pursuant to section 3314, subsection ~~3~~, 3-A, ~~or~~ 3-B or 3-C that includes suspension of the juvenile's right to operate a motor vehicle, the court shall transmit to the Secretary of State an abstract, duly certified, setting forth the name of the juvenile, the offense, the date of the offense, the date of the adjudicatory hearing and any other pertinent facts. These juvenile case records are admissible in evidence in hearings conducted by the Secretary of State or any of the Secretary of State's deputies and are open to public inspection.

~~Nothing in this~~ This Part may not be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary of State, pursuant to Title 29-A, to suspend a person's driver's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a driver's license.

**Sec. 15. 15 MRSA §3310, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 93, §10, is further amended to read:

**4. Standard of proof.** If the court finds that the elements of the juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph A, ~~E, F~~, G or H are not supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt or that the elements of a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall order the petition dismissed and the juvenile discharged from any detention or restriction previously ordered. The juvenile's parents, guardian or other legal custodian must also be discharged from any restriction or other temporary order.

**Sec. 16. 15 MRSA §3310, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 93, §11, is further amended to read:

A. If the court finds that the allegations of the petition alleging a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph A, ~~E, F~~, G or H are supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt or that the allegations of a petition alleging a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C are supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall adjudge that the juvenile committed a juvenile crime and shall, in all such adjudications, issue an order of adjudication.

**Sec. 17. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §47, is further amended to read:

G. Except for a violation of the juvenile crimes defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph H, the court may impose a fine, subject to Title 17-A, sections 1701 to 1711, except that there is no mandatory minimum fine amount. For the purpose of this section, juvenile offenses crimes defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C and juvenile crimes under Title 12 or Title 29-A are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

**Sec. 18. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 173, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 19. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3-C** is enacted to read:

**3-C. Juvenile's license suspension for motor vehicle offenses.** For any adjudication under Title 29-A, the juvenile's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license must be suspended by the court as provided by Title 29-A, chapter 23. The court shall immediately transmit a certified abstract of the suspension to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 20. 15 MRSA §3314-A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §51, is further amended to read:

**§3314-A. Period of probation; modification and discharge**

The period of probation of a juvenile, its modification and discharge, is as provided by Title 17-A, section 1804, except that the period of probation of a juvenile ~~convicted~~ adjudicated of a juvenile crime as defined by section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B; or C ~~or E~~ may not exceed one year. The period of probation may extend beyond the juvenile's 21st birthday.

**Sec. 21. 17 MRSA §2872,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §54 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

**§2872. Employees transporting minors**

~~No~~ A person may not be employed in any preschool facility in any capacity that involves the transporting of minors by means of motor vehicle ~~if the person, within the preceding 6-year period prior to commencement of that employment, the person has been convicted of a violation of former Title 29, section 1312, subsection 10; section 1312 B or 1312 C; Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F ; or Title 29-A, section 2411 within the preceding 6 year period or the person has been adjudicated for a juvenile crime under Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph A for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be considered criminal under Title 29-A, section 2411.~~

**Sec. 22. 17-A MRSA §10-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 173, §6, is further amended to read:

1. A criminal proceeding may not be commenced against any person who had not attained 18 years of age at the time of the alleged crime, except as the result of ~~a finding of probable cause authorized by an order of bind-over pursuant to~~ Title 15, section 3101, subsection 4, ~~or in regard to the offenses over which juvenile courts have no jurisdiction, as provided in Title 15, section 3101, subsection 2.~~

**Sec. 23. 28-A MRSA §2052, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. P, §5 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

4. ~~Minor can~~ may not be charged with both illegal transportation and illegal possession. A minor charged with illegal transportation under this section may not be charged with illegal possession under section 2051. A minor who possesses or consumes liquor in a motor vehicle under the terms of this section must be charged under this section, rather than under section 2051. This subsection does not preclude charges, when appropriate, for a juvenile crime under Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F, when appropriate ~~for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be considered criminal under Title 29-A.~~

**Sec. 24. 29-A MRSA §115,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 330, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §2401, sub-§9, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. A violation of a juvenile crime defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph ~~F~~ A for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be considered criminal under section 2411 or defined as Class B or C crimes under this Title;

**Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §2401, sub-§9, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §114 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is amended to read:

F. An adjudication or other determination made under the juvenile laws of this State or of another jurisdiction for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would have been a conviction included in this subsection, including the conduct ~~under Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F~~ described in paragraph B.

**Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §2411, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

8. **Juvenile crime.** References in this Title to this section include the juvenile crime in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph ~~F~~ A for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be considered criminal

under this section, and the disposition, including a suspension, for that juvenile crime in Title 15, section 3314, subsection 3 3-C, except as otherwise provided or except where the context clearly requires otherwise.

**Sec. 28. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §6, is further amended to read:

**11. Juvenile client.** "Juvenile client" means a juvenile committed to a juvenile correctional facility who is either residing at the facility or is on community re-integration status, or ordered confined in a juvenile correctional facility pursuant to ~~Title 12, section 6004, 8004 or 10608; Title 15, section 3314, subsection 1, paragraph H; Title 15, section 3314, subsection 7; or Title 29-A, section 115.~~

**Sec. 29. 34-A MRSA §3802, sub-§1, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 686, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 30. Application.** The changes made by this Act have no effect on any charges, adjudications or dispositions for conduct committed prior to the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 432  
H.P. 12 - L.D. 48**

**An Act to Update References to  
the United States Internal  
Revenue Code of 1986  
Contained in the Maine  
Revised Statutes**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** state tax law needs to be updated to conform to federal law before the 90-day period expires to avoid delay in the processing of income tax returns for 2024; and

**Whereas,** legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of the state income tax and certain other state taxes; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 619, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Code.** "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and to any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, 2024.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 433  
H.P. 46 - L.D. 82**

**An Act to Amend the Workers'  
Compensation Laws by  
Extending Indefinitely the  
Presumption Applying to Law  
Enforcement Officers,  
Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1  
Dispatchers, Firefighters and  
Emergency Medical Services  
Persons Diagnosed with Post-  
traumatic Stress Disorder**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the presumption applying to law enforcement officers, corrections officers, E-9-1-1 dispatchers, firefighters and emergency medical services persons diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder in the workers' compensation laws is necessary for the recruitment and retention of professionals employed in these career fields; and

**Whereas,** the presumption is set to expire on October 1, 2025, which may be before the 90-day period has ended; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§3-A, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §143, is further amended by repealing the last blocked paragraph.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**CHAPTER 434**

**S.P. 794 - L.D. 1986**

**An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Judicial Branch Employees**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Judicial Department is in the process of renegotiating collective bargaining agreements with the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees; and

**Whereas,** this legislation authorizes funding of any agreements ratified by December 31, 2025; and

**Whereas,** it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the judicial branch that require legislative action; and

**Whereas,** the judicial branch and the Legislature share a desire to address in a timely manner the needs of certain state employees excluded from collective bargaining units; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.** The salaries and stipends for the Judicial Department employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit, the law enforcement bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit and employees referred to in section 2 must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any agreements ratified by December 31, 2025.

**Sec. 2. Other employees; similar and equitable treatment.** The State Court Administrator is

authorized to grant similar and equitable treatment consistent with this Act for employees of the Judicial Department who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5, paragraphs C, D, E and F.

**Sec. 3. Costs to General Fund.** Costs to the General Fund must be provided in the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services up to a \$10,000,000.00 combined total for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to implement the economic terms of the collective bargaining agreements made between the Judicial Department and the Maine Service Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit; made between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Law Enforcement Association for the law enforcement bargaining unit; and for the costs of those Judicial Department employees referred to in section 2 who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5, paragraphs C, D, E and F.

**Sec. 4. Contingent effective date.** This Act takes effect only upon the ratification by December 31, 2025 of collective bargaining agreements made between the Judicial Department and the Maine Service Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit and between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Law Enforcement Association for the law enforcement bargaining unit.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 435**

**H.P. 1336 - L.D. 1988**

**An Act to Address Funding Needs for State Employees Affected by Federal Funding Disruptions**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** uncertainty and lack of clarity surrounds the distribution of federal funding to state agencies; and

**Whereas**, without federal funding, certain state agencies may have to lay off valuable state employees; and

**Whereas**, if there are unavoidable layoffs, the State is bound, by contractual obligations, to give 10 days' notice of an impending layoff to any bargaining unit employee; and

**Whereas**, any state employee subject to a layoff due to lack of federal funding may qualify for unemployment benefits; and

**Whereas**, state agencies will have to fund these unemployment benefits, which were likely not accounted for in prior budgeting; and

**Whereas**, it is critically important that this legislation take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer from Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller may transfer up to \$2,500,000 from the balance available in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to address funding needs related to layoff obligations for state employees affected by federal funding disruptions that are not otherwise directly chargeable to those federal funding sources.

**Sec. 2. Transfer to Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account; special account funding.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller may authorize the transfer of Personal Services expenditures to address funding needs related to layoff obligations for state employees affected by federal funding disruptions that are not otherwise directly chargeable to those federal funding sources from any federal fund account to the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Expenditures may be transferred in circumstances in which federal funding has been appropriated or awarded and has been unexpectedly removed, to help cover the 10-day notice period that is contractually required when a state employee is laid off and to cover

shortfalls in an agency's unemployment fund due to these unexpected layoffs.

**Sec. 3. Transfer to Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller on or before June 30, 2026 shall transfer the unobligated balance from the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 436**

**S.P. 33 - L.D. 20**

**An Act Regarding the First  
Judicial District and the  
District Court Locations in the  
Judicial Divisions of  
Androscoggin and Western  
Aroostook**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. JJJ, §3, is further amended to read:

**2. Androscoggin.** Androscoggin consists of all municipalities in Androscoggin County. The District Court for Androscoggin must be held at Lewiston or Auburn, exact site to be determined by the Chief Judge.

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 330, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Western Aroostook.** Western Aroostook consists of the municipalities and unorganized territory known as Hamlin ~~Pt.~~ Plantation, Cyr ~~Pt.~~ Plantation, T17 R3, T17 R4, T16 R5, T15 R6, Winterville ~~Pt.~~ Plantation, T15 R8, T15 R9, T14 R10, T14 R11, T14 R12, T14 R13, T14 R14, T14 R15, T14 R16; and all municipalities and unorganized territory in Aroostook County lying to the west and north of these. The District Court for Western Aroostook must be held at Madawaska and Fort Kent. ~~The Chief Judge shall determine the level of service at each location.~~

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 228, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. First District.** The first district consists of the divisions of Eastern Aroostook (Caribou) and Western Aroostook (~~Madawaska, Fort Kent and Van Buren~~).

**Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §154, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. JJJ, §4, is further amended to read:

**8. Eighth District.** The 8th district consists of the ~~divisions~~ division of Androscoggin (Lewiston).

**Sec. 5. Reallocation of Western Aroostook and Eastern Aroostook judicial divisions.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 153, subsections 3 and 4, for the convenience of the public, the Chief Judge of the District Court may, by order, which may from time to time be amended or repealed, reallocate any municipality or unorganized territory between the Western Aroostook and Eastern Aroostook judicial divisions. Copies of the order must be posted on the judicial branch's publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 6. Report.** By January 15, 2026, the Chief Judge of the District Court shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary with any recommendations for redrawing the geographic boundaries between any of the judicial divisions set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 153. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides ongoing deappropriations due to the closure of the district court in Madawaska.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$5,416)	(\$6,500)
All Other	(\$38,640)	(\$46,368)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$44,056)</b>	<b>(\$52,868)</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 437  
S.P. 35 - L.D. 22**

**An Act to Update the Laws  
Governing Education in the  
Unorganized Territory**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3251**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 454, §11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§3251. Education in the unorganized territory; eligibility to enroll**

Education in elementary schools and secondary schools in the unorganized territory must be provided in alignment with the system of learning results as established in section 6209 under the direction of the com-

missioner and must meet the general standards for elementary and secondary education and special education established pursuant to this Title. The following provisions apply to enrollment in elementary schools and secondary schools in the unorganized territory.

**1. Eligibility to enroll; school year.** A person meeting the minimum age requirements of subsection 2 or section 7001, subsection 1-B, paragraph B and who has not reached 20 years of age before the start of the school year may enroll as a full-time student or, with the permission of the commissioner, as a part-time student in the elementary school or secondary school where the student is assigned in the unorganized territory. The school year, for the purpose of this subsection, is defined as starting on July 1st and ending on the following June 30th.

**2. Minimum ages.** The following are minimum ages necessary for student enrollment in elementary schools in the unorganized territory.

A. A person who will be at least 5 years of age on October 15th of the school year may enroll in school.

B. A person who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year may enroll in a public preschool program prior to kindergarten if it is offered.

**3. Exceptions.** The following are exceptions to this section.

A. A war veteran who has not completed high school before the veteran's 18th birthday may enroll in the elementary schools and secondary schools in the unorganized territory until the veteran graduates or until the end of the school year in which the veteran reaches 25 years of age.

B. A person who has enrolled in a public kindergarten or grade one in another state may enroll in kindergarten or grade one, as the case may be, in an elementary school in the unorganized territory.

C. A person who was enrolled in a public kindergarten in this State under paragraph B may enroll in grade one upon satisfactory completion of kindergarten.

D. A person who was enrolled in a public kindergarten in another state and was promoted to grade one may enroll in grade one in an elementary school in the unorganized territory.

E. The eligibility for a child with a disability is governed by chapter 303.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3252, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 541, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Transportation and board.** The costs of transportation or board for students under this section may

be paid in full or in part by the commissioner except that the commissioner may not provide or reimburse parents for providing transportation of students over roads that have not been accepted by the county as public roads or do not meet Department of Transportation standards. ~~Beginning with fiscal year 2009-10, the commissioner may not reimburse parents for the transportation of a student.~~

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §3271, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 614, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Exceptions.** Attendance at school or an alternative education program is not required of:

A. A person who has graduated from high school before the person's 17th birthday;

B. A person who ~~is~~ has attained at least 15 years ~~old of age,~~ has completed the 9th grade and has permission to leave school to participate in a suitable program of training or combined work and study from a parent and the commissioner; ~~and~~

C. A person who has been adjudged a truant and has been excused from attendance pursuant to procedures established by the commissioner; ~~or~~

D. A person who has matriculated and is attending an accredited postsecondary degree-granting institution as a full-time student. An exception to attendance in public school under this paragraph must be approved by the commissioner.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 304, §2, is further amended to read:

B. An appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day ~~and the absence has prior approval;~~

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**CHAPTER 438  
H.P. 19 - L.D. 55**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Governing the Accrual of  
Earned Paid Leave**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §637, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 156, §3 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

**3. Accrual.** An employee is entitled to earn one hour of paid leave from a single employer for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours in one year of employment. Accrual of leave begins at the start of employment, but the employer is not required to permit use of

the leave before the employee has been employed by that employer for 120 days during a one-year period. Accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave from the previous year of employment must be available for use by an employee in the year of employment immediately following the previous year. Accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave carried forward from the previous year of employment may not reduce the total amount of hours of paid leave an employee is entitled to earn in the year of employment immediately following the previous year, up to 40 hours or the accrual limit specified in the employer's policy governing paid leave, whichever is higher. The Department of Labor shall enforce this subsection within existing resources using strategic enforcement.

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**CHAPTER 439  
H.P. 34 - L.D. 70**

**An Act to Fund Free Health  
Clinics**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the State's free health clinics. The funding is to be distributed based on a formula adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services using the number of clients served and a base amount for each clinic.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 440  
H.P. 58 - L.D. 93**

**An Act to Reduce Cost and  
Increase Access to Disease  
Prevention by Expanding the  
Universal Childhood  
Immunization Program to  
Include Adults**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1066**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 7, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1066. Universal Childhood Immunization Program**

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Program established.** The Universal Childhood Immunization Program is established to provide all ~~children from birth until 19 years of age~~ individuals in the State with access to a uniform set of vaccines as determined and periodically updated by the Maine Vaccine Board. The program is administered by the department for the purposes of expanding access to immunizations against all diseases as recommended by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, optimizing public and private resources and lowering the cost of providing immunizations to ~~children~~ individuals in the State. The program is overseen by the Maine Vaccine Board.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. "AAF" means an assessment adjustment factor to adjust for variations between health insurance carriers to maintain equity in assessment allocations among assessed entities.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

F. "Fund" means the Childhood Immunization Fund established in subsection 7.

**Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶G-1** is enacted to read:

G-1. "Individual" means a person who resides in the State.

**Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

I. "Program" means the Universal Childhood Immunization Program established in subsection 1.

**Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§2, ¶M**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

M. "Total costs of the fund" means the costs of vaccines provided under the program to ~~children~~ individuals projected to be covered by assessed entities during the succeeding program year and the annual operating expenses of the board, including costs the board may incur for staff, a service agent, legal representation, administrative support services and other expenses approved by the board.

**Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

~~B. With the exception of the representative of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, who serves a one-year term, the~~ The term of an appointed member to the board is 3 years. All members, with the exception of the representative of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, may serve successive terms. A member whose term has expired may serve until the appointment of the member's successor.

**Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

D. The board shall meet 4 not fewer than 2 times per year and when a meeting is called by the chair and shall oversee the fund and program and adopt policies and procedures to administer the program and the fund.

**Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§3, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

E. By January 1, 2011 and annually thereafter, the board shall determine the list of vaccines to be made available by the program during the succeeding program year beginning July 1st. In making its determination, the board shall consider:

- (1) Vaccines ~~recommended by the advisory committee~~ that are available under contract with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by direct manufacturer purchase, through the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy or a successor organization or by any other low-cost bulk purchase option;
- (2) Recommendations of the department; ~~based on the department's review of the advisory committee recommendations;~~ and
- (3) Clinical and cost-benefit analyses.

The board shall review new vaccines and update the list of vaccines to be made available through the program on a timely basis in accordance with the considerations described in this paragraph.

**Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

**5. Assessments.** By January 1, 2011 and annually thereafter, the board shall determine ~~an assessment~~ one or more assessments for each assessed entity in accordance with this subsection. The board shall provide a mechanism to protect against duplicate counting of ~~children~~ individuals. The board may conduct an audit of the number of covered life months for ~~children~~ individuals as reported by an assessed entity. An assessment

determination made pursuant to this subsection is an adjudicatory proceeding within the meaning of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4.

A. In determining the amount of the assessment, the board shall, as it determines appropriate following a public hearing, establish one or more subfunds by age and coverage type and, for each subfund:

(1) Determine the total costs of the ~~fund~~ subfund for the succeeding program year;

(2) Add a reserve of up to 10% of the total costs of the ~~fund~~ subfund under subparagraph (1) for unanticipated costs associated with providing vaccines to ~~children~~ individuals covered by the assessed entity;

(2-A) Add an administrative allowance for the department of up to 10% of the total costs of the subfund;

(3) Subtract the amount of any unexpended assessments collected in the preceding year and any unexpended interest accrued to the ~~fund~~ subfund during the preceding year; and

(4) Calculate the assessment on a monthly basis per ~~child~~ individual to be paid by an assessed entity by dividing the amount determined in accordance with subparagraphs (1), (2), (2-A) and (3) by the number of ~~children~~ individuals projected to be covered by the assessed entity during the succeeding program year divided by 12.

B. The board shall provide the assessed entity with notice of the assessment amount for each subfund established pursuant to paragraph A for the succeeding program year no later than January 1, 2011 and annually thereafter.

C. Beginning July 1, ~~2011~~ 2025, the assessment must be paid on a quarterly basis as follows:

(1) An assessed entity shall pay a quarterly assessment for each subfund established pursuant to paragraph A equal to the monthly assessment rate per ~~child~~ individual as described under paragraph A, subparagraph (4) multiplied by the number of ~~child~~ individual member months covered by the assessed entity in the preceding calendar quarter; and

(2) The assessment must be paid within 45 days following the close of the calendar quarter.

D. After the close of a program year, the board shall reconcile the total assessments paid by assessed entities, including interim assessments determined under paragraph E, with the actual costs of vaccines provided under the program to ~~children~~ individuals covered by assessed entities during that

program year and the annual operating expenses of the program during that program year. Any unexpended assessments must be used to reduce the assessment for the respective subfund established pursuant to paragraph A in the succeeding program year as required under paragraph A, subparagraph (3).

E. The board may determine an interim assessment for new vaccines that the board has made available through the program pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph E. The board shall calculate the interim assessment in accordance with paragraph A, and the interim assessment is payable the calendar quarter that begins no less than 30 days following the establishment of the federal contract price. The board may not impose more than one interim assessment per year, except in the case of a public health emergency declared in accordance with state or federal law.

F. If the combination of funding available from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for Children Program and the immunization grant program under the federal Public Health Service Act, Section 1928 of the Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Section 1396s is insufficient to provide coverage for vaccines for the children who qualify for vaccines under the Vaccines for Children Program, money from the fund may not be used to cover the cost of vaccines for children who would otherwise be provided vaccines under the Vaccines for Children Program.

G. If the assessments under this subsection are insufficient to cover the cost of vaccines to be provided to ~~children~~ individuals covered by assessed entities, the State is not required to cover the cost of vaccines for those ~~children~~ individuals.

H. For any subfund established pursuant to paragraph A after June 2025, after one year of operation and until discontinued by a 2/3 vote of the board determining that the adjustments described in this paragraph are not needed to maintain equity in assessment allocations among assessed entities, the following apply:

(1) Annually, assessed entities shall supply such data as may be determined by the board to be necessary for the purposes of this subsection and reasonably convenient for the assessed entities to supply in order to enable the calculations of the AAF for each entity, to multiply by the otherwise applicable assessment amount to adjust for variations between entities in the split between participating and nonparticipating providers in vaccine costs of that entity's covered individuals. The service agent shall compute the AAF annually for each entity based on supplied data;

(2) Annually, AAF calculations must be completed during the first quarter of each calendar year; and

(3) Each assessment amount otherwise calculated in accordance with this subsection must be multiplied by the AAF for the respective entity to compute the final assessment due.

**Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

**7. Fund.** The ~~Childhood~~ Immunization Fund is established for the sole purpose of funding the program, including any costs of vaccines provided under the program to ~~children individuals~~ and any costs the board may incur for staff, a service agent, administrative support services, legal representation and contracted services. The fund is administered by the board or the service agent, which shall act as a fiduciary and manage and invest the fund in conformance with prudent investor standards and maintain complete records of all assets, investments, deposits, disbursements and other transactions of the fund. All money and securities in the fund must be held in trust by the Treasurer of State for the purpose of making payments under this section and are not money or property for the general use of the State. The Treasurer of State is the custodian of the fund and may make disbursements only upon written direction from the board or the service agent. All assessments collected pursuant to this section, all interest on the balance in the fund and all income from any other source must be deposited into the fund. The fund does not lapse. No portion of the fund may be used to subsidize other programs or budgets.

**Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

**8. Reporting.** By January 15th of each year, the board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the operation of the program, the progress of the program in expanding access to immunizations for ~~children individuals~~ and the assets, investments and expenditures of the fund.

**Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §1963, sub-§3, ¶1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 312, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

I. Support for activities of programs within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, including, but not limited to, the Universal ~~Childhood~~ Immunization Program under section 1066 and environmental health and tuberculosis programs;

**Sec. 16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Establishes 2 Public Health Educator III positions in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, effective July 1, 2026, to expand the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to provide immunizations to and cover the costs of recommended vaccines for adults in the State and provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$202,025
All Other	\$0	\$19,536
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$0	\$221,561
FUND TOTAL		

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect cost savings in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program resulting from the procurement of vaccines for adults in the MaineCare program at the discounted United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention price beginning July 1, 2026.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$302,107)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$302,107)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	(\$482,180)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$0	(\$482,180)
FUND TOTAL		

<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$302,107)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	(\$260,619)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$562,726)

**Sec. 17. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 441  
S.P. 16 - L.D. 117**

**An Act to Provide Funding for  
Sexual Assault Services**

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

**Sec. 1. Community-based services; domestic violence and sexual assault.** Notwithstanding any provision of Public Law 2025, chapter 388 to the contrary, any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and one-time funding of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Purchased Social Services program under Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part A to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 not needed for that purpose must be disbursed in equal amounts to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and to a statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services. The Department of Health and Human Services shall identify any unused balance as of March 30th of each year to be disbursed pursuant to this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 442  
S.P. 52 - L.D. 125**

**An Act to Increase the Total  
Amount of Credits Authorized  
Under the Maine Seed Capital  
Tax Credit Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1100-T, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 412, §4, is further amended to read:

**4. Total of credits authorized.** The authority may issue tax credit certificates to investors eligible pursuant to subsections 2, 2-A and 2-C in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 up to and including calendar year 1996, \$3,000,000 up to and including calendar year 1997, \$5,500,000 up to and including calendar year 1998, \$8,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2001, \$11,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2002, \$14,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2003, \$17,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2004, \$20,000,000 up to and including calendar year

2005, \$23,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2006, \$26,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2007 and \$30,000,000 up to and including calendar year 2013, in addition to which, the authority may issue tax credit certificates to investors eligible pursuant to subsections 2, 2-A and 2-C in an annual amount not to exceed \$675,000 for investments made between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014, \$4,000,000 for investments made in calendar year 2015, \$5,000,000 for investments made in calendar years 2016 to 2019, \$15,000,000 for investments made in calendar year 2020, \$13,500,000 for investments made in calendar years 2021 and 2022, \$15,000,000 for investments made in calendar years 2023 to 2026 and ~~\$5,000,000~~ **\$10,000,000** each year for investments made in calendar years beginning with 2027. The authority may provide that investors eligible for a tax credit under this section in a year when there is insufficient credit available are entitled to take the credit when it becomes available subject to limitations established by the authority by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 443  
S.P. 79 - L.D. 143**

**An Act to Improve Women's  
Health and Economic Security  
by Funding Family Planning  
Services**

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

**Sec. 1. Fiscal year 2024-25 year-end unappropriated surplus; 6th priority transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 1507 and 1511, the transfer of \$2,500,000 for the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital pursuant to Title 5, section 1536 and the transfers to the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund pursuant to Title 5, section 1519 and after all required deductions of appropriations, budgeted financial commitments and adjustments considered necessary by the State Controller have been made, the State Controller shall transfer up to \$3,000,000 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for statewide family planning services to provide funds to be distributed to a single

grantee that will provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 444  
S.P. 82 - L.D. 146**

**An Act to Increase the  
Maximum Amount of the  
Historic Property  
Rehabilitation Tax Credit That  
May be Taken in a Year**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 550, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

**4. Maximum credit.** ~~The~~ For tax years beginning before January 1, 2025, the credit allowed pursuant to this section and section 2534 may not exceed the greater of:

- A. Five million dollars for the portion of a certified rehabilitation as defined by the Code, Section 47(c)(2)(C) placed in service in the State in the taxable year; and
- B. Five million dollars for each building that is a component of a certified historic structure for which a credit is claimed under this section.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Maximum credit; beginning 2025.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the credit allowed pursuant to this section and section 2534:

- A. In the first year in which the credit may be claimed, may not exceed the greater of:
  - (1) Ten million dollars for the portion of a certified rehabilitation as defined by the Code, Section 47(c)(2)(C) placed in service in the State in the taxable year; and
  - (2) Ten million dollars for each building that is a component of a certified historic structure for which a credit is claimed under this section;
- B. In the 2nd year in which the credit may be claimed, may not exceed the greater of:
  - (1) Ten million dollars minus the credit allowed under paragraph A, subparagraph (1) for the portion of a certified rehabilitation as defined by the Code, Section 47(c)(2)(C) placed in service in the State in the taxable year; and

(2) Ten million dollars minus the credit allowed under paragraph A, subparagraph (2) for each building that is a component of a certified historic structure for which a credit is claimed under this section; and

C. In the 3rd and subsequent years in which the credit may be claimed, may not exceed the greater of:

- (1) Five million dollars for the portion of a certified rehabilitation as defined by the Code, Section 47(c)(2)(C) placed in service in the State in the taxable year; and
- (2) Five million dollars for each building that is a component of a certified historic structure for which a credit is claimed under this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 445  
H.P. 96 - L.D. 163**

**An Act to Require Health  
Insurance Coverage for  
Federally Approved  
Nonprescription Oral  
Hormonal Contraceptives and  
Nonprescription Emergency  
Contraceptives**

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-J, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 341, §1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**1. Coverage requirements.** All individual and group nonprofit hospital and medical services plan policies and contracts and all nonprofit health care plan policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient medical services must provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives, nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or for outpatient contraceptive services, respectively, to the same extent that coverage is provided for other prescription drugs or outpatient medical services in accordance with the requirements of this section. For purposes of this section, ~~the term~~ "outpatient contraceptive services" means consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services provided on an outpatient basis and related to the use of contraceptive methods to prevent an unintended pregnancy. This section may not be construed to apply to prescription drugs or devices that are designed to terminate a pregnancy.

**Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2332-J, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 609, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Coverage of contraceptive supplies.** Coverage required under this section must include coverage for contraceptive supplies in accordance with the following requirements. For purposes of this section, "contraceptive supplies" means all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, including nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives.

A. Coverage must be provided without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement.

B. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, an insurer is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions in accordance with this subsection, as long as at least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement in accordance with this subsection.

C. Coverage must be provided for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive supplies and nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive supplies intended to last for a 12-month period, which may be furnished or dispensed all at once or over the course of the 12 months at the discretion of the health care provider for prescribed contraceptive supplies.

D. A prescription is not required to obtain a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive.

E. A nonprofit hospital or medical service organization or nonprofit health care service organization shall establish mechanisms to ensure that an enrollee who seeks coverage for a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at a pharmacy has the option to obtain the nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at the point of sale without payment of any cost-sharing amount or to make the purchase at the pharmacy counter through an out-of-pocket payment at the point of sale and submit a claim for reimbursement.

F. The superintendent shall monitor compliance with the requirements for coverage of nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and any rules adopted in accordance with subsection 5, including any complaints or barriers to implementation.

**Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2332-J, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Rules.** The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of this section, including rules related to mechanisms to ensure coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and rules regarding notice to enrollees about how to access coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2756, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 341, §2 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**1. Coverage requirements.** All individual health policies and contracts, except accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, disability income, long-term care and other limited benefit health insurance policies and contracts, that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient medical services must provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives, nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or for outpatient contraceptive services, ~~respectively, to the same extent that coverage is provided for other prescription drugs or outpatient medical services in accordance with the requirements of this section.~~ For purposes of this section, ~~the term~~ "outpatient contraceptive services" means consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services provided on an outpatient basis and related to the use of contraceptive methods to prevent an unintended pregnancy. This section may not be construed to apply to prescription drugs or devices that are designed to terminate a pregnancy.

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2756, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 609, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Coverage of contraceptive supplies.** Coverage required under this section must include coverage for contraceptive supplies in accordance with the following requirements. For purposes of this section, "contraceptive supplies" means all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, including nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives.

A. Coverage must be provided without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement.

B. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, an insurer is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions in accordance with this subsection, as long as at

least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement in accordance with this subsection.

D. Coverage must be provided for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive supplies and nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive supplies intended to last for a 12-month period, which may be furnished or dispensed all at once or over the course of the 12 months at the discretion of the health care provider for prescribed contraceptive supplies.

E. A prescription is not required to obtain a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive.

F. An insurer shall establish mechanisms to ensure that an enrollee who seeks coverage for a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at a pharmacy has the option to obtain the nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at the point of sale without payment of any cost-sharing amount or to make the purchase at the pharmacy counter through an out-of-pocket payment at the point of sale and submit a claim for reimbursement to the insurer.

G. The superintendent shall monitor compliance with the requirements for coverage of nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and any rules adopted in accordance with subsection 4, including any complaints or barriers to implementation.

**Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2756, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Rules.** The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of this section, including rules related to mechanisms to ensure coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and rules regarding notice to enrollees about how to access coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §2847-G, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 341, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**1. Coverage requirements.** All group insurance policies and contracts, except accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, disability income, long-term care and other limited benefit health insurance policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient medical services must provide coverage for all prescription con-

trapeptives, nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or for outpatient contraceptive services, ~~respectively, to the same extent that coverage is provided for other prescription drugs or outpatient medical services in accordance with the requirements of this section.~~ For purposes of this section, ~~the term~~ "outpatient contraceptive services" means consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services provided on an outpatient basis and related to the use of contraceptive methods to prevent an unintended pregnancy. This section may not be construed to apply to prescription drugs or devices that are designed to terminate a pregnancy.

**Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §2847-G, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 609, §3, is further amended to read:

**4. Coverage of contraceptive supplies.** Coverage required under this section must include coverage for contraceptive supplies in accordance with the following requirements. For purposes of this section, "contraceptive supplies" means all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, including nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives.

A. Coverage must be provided without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement.

B. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, an insurer is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions in accordance with this subsection, as long as at least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement in accordance with this subsection.

D. Coverage must be provided for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive supplies and nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive supplies intended to last for a 12-month period, which may be furnished or dispensed all at once or over the course of the 12 months at the discretion of the health care provider for prescribed contraceptive supplies.

E. A prescription is not required to obtain a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive.

F. An insurer shall establish mechanisms to ensure that an enrollee who seeks coverage for a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at a pharmacy has the option to obtain the nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at the point of sale without payment of any cost-sharing amount or to make the

purchase at the pharmacy counter through an out-of-pocket payment at the point of sale and submit a claim for reimbursement to the insurer.

G. The superintendent shall monitor compliance with the requirements for coverage of nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and any rules adopted in accordance with subsection 5, including any complaints or barriers to implementation.

**Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §2847-G, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Rules.** The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of this section, including rules related to mechanisms to ensure coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and rules regarding notice to enrollees about how to access coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 10. 24-A MRSA §4247, sub-§1**, as relocated by RR 1999, c. 1, §37, is amended to read:

**1. Coverage requirements.** All health maintenance organization individual and group health contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs or outpatient medical services must provide coverage for all prescription contraceptives, nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or for outpatient contraceptive services, ~~respectively, to the same extent that coverage is provided for other prescription drugs or outpatient medical services~~ in accordance with the requirements of this section. For purposes of this section, ~~the term~~ "outpatient contraceptive services" means consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services provided on an outpatient basis and related to the use of contraceptive methods to prevent an unintended pregnancy. This section may not be construed to apply to prescription drugs or devices that are designed to terminate a pregnancy.

**Sec. 11. 24-A MRSA §4247, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 609, §4, is further amended to read:

**4. Coverage of contraceptive supplies.** Coverage required under this section must include coverage for contraceptive supplies in accordance with the following requirements. For purposes of this section, "contraceptive supplies" means all contraceptive drugs, devices and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, including nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives.

A. Coverage must be provided without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement.

B. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalents of a contraceptive supply, a health maintenance organization is not required to cover all those therapeutically equivalent versions in accordance with this subsection, as long as at least one is covered without any deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other cost-sharing requirement in accordance with this subsection.

D. Coverage must be provided for the furnishing or dispensing of prescribed contraceptive supplies and nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive supplies intended to last for a 12-month period, which may be furnished or dispensed all at once or over the course of the 12 months at the discretion of the health care provider for prescribed contraceptive supplies.

E. A prescription is not required to obtain a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive.

F. A health maintenance organization shall establish mechanisms to ensure that an enrollee who seeks coverage for a nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at a pharmacy has the option to obtain the nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptive or nonprescription emergency contraceptive at the point of sale without payment of any cost-sharing amount or to make the purchase at the pharmacy counter through an out-of-pocket payment at the point of sale and submit a claim for reimbursement to the health maintenance organization.

G. The superintendent shall monitor compliance with the requirements for coverage of nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and any rules adopted in accordance with subsection 5, including any complaints or barriers to implementation.

**Sec. 12. 24-A MRSA §4247, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Rules.** The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of this section, including rules related to mechanisms to ensure coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives and rules regarding notice to enrollees about how to access coverage for nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 13. 24-A MRSA §4302, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 439, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

A. Coverage provisions, benefits and any exclusions by category of service, type of provider and, if applicable, by specific service, including but not limited to the following types of services, exclusions and limitations:

- (1) Health care services excluded from coverage;
- (2) Health care services requiring copayments or deductibles paid by enrollees;
- (3) Restrictions on access to a particular provider type;
- (4) Health care services that are or may be provided only by referral; ~~and~~
- (5) Childhood immunizations as recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics; ~~and~~

(6) Coverage requirements for contraceptive supplies, as defined in section 4247, subsection 4, and the procedures an enrollee must follow to access coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive supplies and nonprescription contraceptives at a pharmacy without an out-of-pocket cost at the point of sale or by submitting a claim for reimbursement;

**Sec. 14. Application.** This Act applies to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2026. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

**Sec. 15. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: Provides funding for the expansion of the requirements in current law for coverage of contraceptives to include nonprescription oral hormonal contraceptives and nonprescription emergency contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The expanded requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$62,016
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,016</b>

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$21,571
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,571</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 446**

**H.P. 100 - L.D. 167**

**An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-ZZ, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 237, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Required reimbursement.** The department shall provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for ~~one~~ each hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program in accordance with the following requirements:

- A. The hearing loss must be documented by a primary care provider or an audiologist licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137;
- B. The hearing aid must be provided by an audiologist or a hearing aid dealer licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137; and
- C. The hearing loss must meet the requirements established by the department in rule regarding the individual's severity of hearing loss.

~~The department shall provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for the 2nd hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program if the individual meets requirements established by the department by rule regarding the individual's severity of hearing loss, enrollment in school, enrollment in vocational training, employment needs or the needs identified by a primary care provider.~~

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement for bilateral hearing aids for MaineCare members with diagnosed hearing loss.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$102,946
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,946</b>

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$218,379
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$218,379</b>

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 447  
H.P. 105 - L.D. 172**

**An Act to Require the Maine State Police to Create a Statewide List of Missing Persons and Study Improvements for Investigating Missing Persons Cases**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1512** is enacted to read:

**§1512. Missing persons list**

In cooperation with appropriate law enforcement agencies, the Bureau of State Police shall establish by December 31, 2026 and maintain a publicly accessible website that lists all open missing persons cases in the State. The website must contain details regarding each missing person in the State that include, but are not limited to, the missing person's demographics, photograph, circumstances of disappearance and last known location and any additional information that may help in locating or identifying the missing person. The website must be updated, at a minimum, once every month to include any new missing person's information as required by this section.

**Sec. 2. Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene working group.** The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall convene a working group to review best practices for investigating missing persons cases in the State, determining the feasibility of implementing those best practices in a training module in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's curriculum, reviewing the effectiveness of the Silver Alert Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2202 and identifying ways to improve the Silver Alert Program. The working group must include the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Chief of the State Police, or the chief's designee;

3. The Chief Medical Examiner, or the chief's designee;
4. A representative from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service;
5. The Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, or the director's designee;
6. A representative from a statewide association representing sheriffs;
7. A representative from a statewide association representing chiefs of police;
8. A representative from a statewide volunteer association specializing in search and rescue;
9. A representative from an organization that specializes in maintaining a missing persons list;
10. A family member of a missing person; and
11. A representative from each of the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations or bands in the State, appointed by the representative's respective tribe, nation or band.

By December 3, 2025, the bureau shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology costs to establish the publicly accessible website.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,139	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,139</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$2,229	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,229</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 448  
H.P. 111 - L.D. 178**

**An Act Regarding Coverage for Step Therapy for Metastatic Cancer**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. "Associated conditions" means the symptoms or side effects associated with metastatic cancer or its treatment and that, in the judgment of the health care practitioner, further jeopardize the health of a patient if left untreated.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§1, ¶C-1** is enacted to read:

C-1. "Metastatic cancer" means cancer that has spread from the primary or original site of the cancer to nearby tissues, lymph nodes or other areas or parts of the body.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

**8. Step therapy for metastatic cancer and associated conditions prohibited.** Notwithstanding subsection 6, paragraph B, with respect to coverage of a prescription drug on a carrier's formulary for the treatment of metastatic cancer and associated conditions, a carrier or utilization review organization may not require that the enrollee use a step therapy protocol before the carrier provides coverage of a prescription drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

Initiative: Provides funding to allow enrollees to use step therapy protocols before the carrier provides coverage of prescription drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. The expanded requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$7,176
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,176</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,496
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,496</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 449**  
**H.P. 138 - L.D. 215**

**An Act Regarding Large Recovery Residences**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4305, sub-§3-E** is enacted to read:

**3-E. Maximum levels of assistance for large recovery residences.** Municipalities shall establish maximum levels of assistance for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a recovery residence, as described in section 4309, subsection 6, with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 70% of the maximum levels of assistance for recovery residences with occupancy of 25 or fewer beds.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-D** is enacted to read:

**1-D. Reimbursement for large recovery residences.** The department shall reimburse each municipality for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a recovery residence, as described in section 4309, subsection 6, with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 100% of housing assistance granted to that individual.

**Sec. 3. Department to convene stakeholder group; report.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of interested parties, including, but not limited to, individuals in recovery, operators of recovery residences, municipal officials and individuals representing the entity responsible for the certification of recovery residences in the State to review options for managing the costs of general assistance provided for residents of recovery residences, including possible expansion or creation of state-funded subsidy programs. The department shall report its findings by February 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature or to any special session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 450  
H.P. 184 - L.D. 284**

**An Act to Update Major  
Policy-influencing Positions  
Within the Maine Human  
Rights Commission**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §941, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 729, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §941, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. Commission Counsel.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

Initiative: Reclassifies one Public Service Coordinator III position to a major policy-influencing position.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,976	\$10,447
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,976</b>	<b>\$10,447</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 451  
H.P. 196 - L.D. 296**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds  
to the Department of  
Environmental Protection,  
Lake Water Quality  
Restoration and Protection  
Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection  
Fund Z385**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 452  
S.P. 158 - L.D. 366**

**An Act to Ensure Consistency  
of Income Tax Deductions for  
Retired Members of the  
Uniformed Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (c) to read:

(c) "Military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Space Force. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, "military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 37 United States Code, Section 101(3).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 453  
S.P. 150 - L.D. 384**

**An Act to Prevent Student  
Homelessness**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 12** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 12**

**STUDENT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

**§6691. Student Homelessness Prevention Program**

The Student Homelessness Prevention Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department in the office of the department responsible for school and student supports.

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of the program is to help elementary students and secondary students avoid homelessness by identifying students and families of students who are at risk of homelessness and providing

direct financial assistance to help them maintain stable permanent housing.

**2. Fund established.** The Student Homelessness Prevention Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund within the department for the purposes of supporting the program. The fund may receive money from any available state, federal or private source.

**3. Program requirements.** The department shall provide a local educational agency liaison for students experiencing homelessness designated pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 United States Code, Section 11431 et seq. The liaison shall:

A. Identify students who are at risk of homelessness but not yet homeless; and

B. In addition to any federal assistance available, provide up to \$750 per academic year to the family or guardian of a student at risk of homelessness for services authorized under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, in addition to other housing-related needs such as rental assistance, utilities, critical home repairs and other assistance that will help the student avoid homelessness.

**4. Assistance not income or asset.** Financial assistance received under the program is not income for purposes of the State's income tax laws and is not income or an asset for the purposes of determining eligibility for or the benefit amount to be paid from any public assistance program administered by the State or by a municipality pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1161.

**5. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to implement the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**School and Student Supports Z270**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to help students avoid homelessness by providing liaisons designated pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001 access to emergency financial assistance for the family of a student in an amount of up to \$750 per student.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 454**

**H.P. 288 - L.D. 434**

**An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-R** is enacted to read:

**§1610-R. Additional securities; legislative branch**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 outstanding at any one time for paying the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing and implementing an integrated electronic legislative management system to replace the existing system for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 455**

**S.P. 211 - L.D. 554**

**An Act to Encourage Resident-owned Communities and Preserve Affordable Housing Through Tax Deductions**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶AAA** is enacted to read:

AAA. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and to the extent otherwise subject to state income tax, an amount equal to any gain recognized on the sale by the taxpayer of an ownership interest greater than 50% in a qualified business if the business provides housing and was transferred to a cooperative affordable housing corporation organized under Title 13, chapter 85, subchapter 1-A or a municipal housing authority, as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A, or an affiliate of a municipal housing authority.

(1) The deduction allowed pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed \$750,000.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified business" means a business whose securities are not publicly traded on any stock exchange, including a corporation, an S corporation, a limited liability company, a limited liability partnership, a sole proprietorship and all entities that are not publicly traded and are related by common majority ownership or control, and:

(a) That is registered with the Secretary of State; or

(b) Whose principal place of business is within the State.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5200-A, sub-§2, ¶JJ** is enacted to read:

JJ. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to the extent included in federal taxable income and to the extent otherwise subject to state income tax, an amount equal to any gain recognized on the sale by the taxpayer of an ownership interest greater than 50% in a qualified business if the business provides housing and was transferred to a cooperative affordable housing corporation organized under Title 13, chapter 85, subchapter 1-A or a municipal housing authority, as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A, or an affiliate of a municipal housing authority.

(1) The deduction allowed pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed \$750,000.

(2) For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified business" means a business whose securities are not publicly traded on any stock exchange, including a corporation, an S corporation, a limited liability company, a limited liability partnership, a sole proprietorship and all entities that are not publicly traded and are related by common majority ownership or control, and:

(a) That is registered with the Secretary of State; or

(b) Whose principal place of business is within the State.

**Sec. 3. Evaluation; specific public policy objective; performance measures.** The tax deductions provided under this Act are subject to ongoing legislative review in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 37. The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall include review of tax deductions provided under this Act in its regular schedule of tax expenditure reviews. In developing evaluation parameters to perform the evaluation, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, the Government Oversight Committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters shall consider:

**1. Policy objective.** That the specific public policy objective of the tax deductions provided under this Act is to preserve and increase the number of units of affordable housing in manufactured housing parks and apartment buildings; and

**2. Performance measures.** Performance measures, including, but not limited to:

A. The number of full-time equivalent jobs retained and units of affordable housing created or retained;

B. The number of housing units converted to cooperative housing; and

C. Measures of fiscal impact and overall economic impact to the State.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 456**

**S.P. 218 - L.D. 556**

**An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3015** is enacted to read:

**§3015. Heating or energy system**

Unless otherwise authorized by statute, a municipality may not adopt any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the use of a safe and commercially available heating or energy system of an individual's or entity's choice to serve the individual's or entity's heating or energy needs, including the heating or energy needs of a motor vehicle, or that prohibits the individual or entity from engaging the services of a person or energy distributor to install, connect, service or resupply such a system. As used in this section, "energy distributor" means an individual or entity allowed to distribute or supply oil, propane, natural gas or wood or renewable resources or other related energy services to consumers in the State and "renewable resources" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C.

This section does not limit the authority of a municipality to encourage the use of a particular type of heating or energy system or to spend funds in support of a particular type of heating or energy system. This section does not exempt any person or energy distributor that installs, connects, services or resupplies a

heating or energy system from applicable licensing or other requirements governing such activities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 457  
S.P. 266 - L.D. 583**

**An Act to Support Informed  
Community Self-determination  
in Emergency Medical Services  
Planning**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 458  
S.P. 306 - L.D. 689**

**An Act to Support the  
Northern New England Poison  
Center**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Appropriates funds to the Northern New England Poison Center to ensure continued access to 24-hour expert medical treatment advice and information on potentially harmful substances.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 459  
S.P. 309 - L.D. 692**

**An Act to Increase Support for  
Statewide Emergency  
Broadcast Messaging**

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2027 of the funds received pursuant to the Maine v. Google settlement and deposited to the account established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A to be used solely for activities identified in the court decree and approved by the Attorney General. Funds transferred pursuant to this section must be provided to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION,  
MAINE**

**Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033**

Initiative: Provides additional one-time funds to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 460  
S.P. 315 - L.D. 698**

**An Act to Sustain Emergency  
Homeless Shelters in Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer of real estate transfer tax revenue.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraphs E-1 and E-3, for fiscal year 2025-26 only, prior to the transfer pursuant to Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-3, the State Controller shall first credit \$2,982,000 of the revenues available to the

Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4853 and \$1,491,000 of the revenue available to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Housing First Fund established in Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 2 to the General Fund.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Housing First Program Z374**

Initiative: Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing First Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$2,982,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,982,000)	\$0

**Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the operation of emergency homeless shelters in the State to be allocated as part of the operations share of the shelter operating subsidy through the Maine State Housing Authority's emergency shelter and housing assistance program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,473,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,473,000	\$0

**HOUSING AUTHORITY,  
MAINE STATE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,473,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$2,982,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,491,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,473,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$4,473,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 461  
H.P. 489 - L.D. 747**

**An Act to Provide Funds to  
Reduce Student Homelessness**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 201, sub-c. 14,** as amended, is further amended to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 14**

**SUBSIDY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**

**§4994-A. Subsidy Rental assistance program for homeless students**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Elementary school" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 10.
- B. "Homeless student" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 13-A.
- C. "Secondary school" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 32.

**2. Program established.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall establish a ~~housing subsidy~~ rental assistance program for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school. The authority shall adopt rules to implement this program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Rental Assistance Program for Homeless Students N501**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for rental assistance for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

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**CHAPTER 462  
S.P. 251 - L.D. 753**

**An Act to Authorize the Use of Funds Resulting from the Issuance of Securities by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for the Purpose of Developing or Improving New or Existing Court Facilities in Penobscot County**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

**§1610-I. Additional securities; judicial branch**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo, Penobscot and York, acquiring and improving property relating to the judicial branch in Hancock County and 55 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, replacing and upgrading ventilation systems in facilities relating to the judicial branch in Presque Isle, Lewiston, Rockland, Skowhegan and West Bath, acquiring and improving property adjacent to the Capital Judicial Center in Augusta for parking and acquiring and improving property in Skowhegan for future expansion and planning for other court facilities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 463  
S.P. 336 - L.D. 779**

**An Act to Fund the Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court**

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer to Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$561,283 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

**Sec. 2. Transfer to unappropriated surplus of General Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$179,500 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**District Attorneys Salaries 0409**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to establish one limited-period Assistant District Attorney position to facilitate the creation of a drug treatment court in Aroostook County.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$140,500
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$140,500</u>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$140,500</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$140,500</b></u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation for the Office of Behavioral Health to contract with an entity to provide the required pretrial services for the new drug treatment court in Aroostook County.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$561,283
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$561,283
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$561,283
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$561,283
<b>PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON</b>		
<b>Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112</b>		
Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to provide legal representation to participants in the new drug treatment court in Aroostook County.		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$39,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$39,000
<b>PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$0	\$39,000
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$39,000
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$0	\$179,500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$561,283
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$740,783

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 464  
S.P. 347 - L.D. 787**

**An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must ~~have resided~~ reside in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian ~~for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school~~ at the start of the academic year for which state funding is appropriated. The student's residency must be reaffirmed to the school at the beginning of each school year that the student is enrolled.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 465  
H.P. 507 - L.D. 800**

**An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER  
Disability Rights Maine 0523**

Initiative: Appropriates ongoing funding to provide advocacy services to persons with intellectual disabilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 466  
H.P. 522 - L.D. 815**

**An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central  
Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to the Office of Aging and Disability Services to provide respite care and supplemental services for family caregivers and older relative caregivers.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 467  
H.P. 526 - L.D. 819**

**An Act to Clarify the Status of  
Energy Storage Systems with  
Regard to the Business  
Equipment Tax Exemption and  
the Business Equipment Tax  
Reimbursement Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §691, sub-§1, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. B, §2, is further amended by enacting after the first blocked paragraph a new paragraph to read:

"Qualified property" also includes a battery storage system, as long as more than 50% of the electrical output from the battery storage system serves load behind the utility meter where the battery storage system is located or there was a fully executed interconnection agreement between the battery storage system owner and a transmission and distribution utility by January 1, 2025. As used in this paragraph, "battery storage system" means commercially available technology that uses mechanical, chemical or thermal processes for absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time, including, but not limited to, lithium-ion batteries.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6652, sub-§1-F** is enacted to read:

**1-F. Energy storage systems.** Reimbursement pursuant to this chapter may be made for battery storage systems, as long as more than 50% of the electrical output from the battery storage system serves load behind the utility meter where the battery storage system is located or there was a fully executed interconnection

agreement between the battery storage system owner and a transmission and distribution utility by January 1, 2025. As used in this subsection, "battery storage system" has the same meaning as in section 691, subsection 1, paragraph F.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This Act applies to property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 468  
H.P. 551 - L.D. 865**

**An Act to Require MaineCare  
to Reimburse for Lactation  
Services in the Homes of  
Eligible Persons**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-PPP** is enacted to read:

**§3174-PPP. Reimbursement for lactation services**

**1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "lactation services" means educational or consultation services related to breastfeeding.

**2. Reimbursement.** The department shall provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for lactation services provided in a hospital, clinic, office, community or in the home for a child eligible for coverage under the MaineCare program or the Children's Health Insurance Program established in section 3174-T. Lactation services may be provided by a health care professional licensed under Title 32 acting within the health care professional's authorized scope of practice or by a consultant or counselor who is certified by a national organization that provides a national certification program in lactation consulting or lactation counseling and is approved by the department.

**3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. State plan amendment.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a state plan amendment to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-PPP. The state plan amendment application must allow for Medicaid reimbursement for lactation services provided at the hospital or at the home of eligible persons that are performed by lactation consultants certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners or its

successor organization acting within the scope of practice.

**Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** Upon approval of a state plan amendment under section 2, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt or amend rules to allow for reimbursement required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-PPP.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for MaineCare reimbursement for lactation services provided in the home.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$12,257
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,257</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$19,942
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,942</b>
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$546
<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for MaineCare technology costs and development of rate methodology and payment model to implement MaineCare coverage of lactation services provided in the home.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$91,993
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$91,993</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$178,901
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$178,901</b>
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$104,250</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$198,843</b>

<b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$303,639</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 469**

**H.P. 601 - L.D. 936**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mining Excise Tax**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 31**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §453-A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 668, §3, is further amended to read:

**§453-A. Board of trustees**

The Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund Board of Trustees, as established in section 12004-G, subsection 33-B and referred to in the chapter as the "board," consists of 5 members, ~~at least one of whom must be a resident of the unorganized territory.~~

**1. Appointment; qualifications.** The members of the board are appointed by the Governor and are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, except that the Governor may not appoint any members to the board until such time as funds accrue to the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund. The Governor shall ensure that members of the board have at least the following qualifications:

A. At least one member must be experienced in the application of hydrology and groundwater science;

B. At least one member must be experienced in the application of soil and air pollution science;

C. At least one member must be experienced in public health science;

D. At least one member must be a representative of a municipal or county government in which metallic mining occurs; and

E. At least one member must be a resident of the unorganized territory.

**2. Terms.** ~~Of the initial members one serves a term of one year, one serves a term of 2 years, one serves a term of 3 years, one serves a term of 4 years and one serves a term of 5 years. Upon the expiration of the initial terms, members~~ Members are appointed to serve staggered 5-year terms. Members may be reappointed. Members serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

**3. Vacancies.** A vacancy is filled for the expiration of the term to which the member has been appointed.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §454-A, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 668, §4, is further amended to read:

**5. Biennial report and annual plan.** Upon appointment of the board members pursuant to section 453-A, subsection 1, the board shall prepare:

A. A biennial report to be submitted to the Governor ~~and the Legislature, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over mining and mineral extraction matters.~~ The report must include an audited financial statement of the fund and a listing of activities undertaken by the board in the preceding biennium. The report must be submitted 30 days prior to the convening of each first regular session of the Legislature; ~~and~~

B. An annual general plan of expenditures and activities of the coming year. The general plan must be submitted to the Legislature for approval 30 days prior to the convening of each regular session; ~~and~~

C. If an incident or event requires the response of the board and the expenditure of funds by the board, a report must be made to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over mining and mineral extraction matters within 90 days of the expenditure.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §455, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Uses.** Funds may be used as follows:

A. To purchase and develop land or other real property interests for park and recreational uses;

B. To purchase wildlife habitats, marine habitats and unique natural areas; ~~or~~

C. To restore the quality of marine waters, lakes, rivers and streams; ~~or~~

D. To restore the quality of lands, geographic and topological features and soils.

**Sec. 5. 14 MRSA §6662, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 189, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Payment of ~~any~~ the excise tax under Title 36, ~~sections 2851 to 2865~~ section 2856;

**Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §271, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. A, §4, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (6).

**Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §271, sub-§10, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 571, Pt. WWW, §7, is amended to read:

A. The filing fee for a petition for an appeal of current use valuation under the tree growth tax law, chapter 105, subchapter 2-A, the farm and open space tax law, chapter 105, subchapter 10, or the working waterfront land law, chapter 105, subchapter 10-A or a petition for an appeal relating to section 2865 is \$75.

**Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §603, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 113, Pt. D, §14, is further amended to read:

**10. Tax situs.** The tax situs of tangible personal property is at the ~~mine~~ mining site if that property is:

A. Owned, leased or otherwise subject to possessory control of a mining company; and

B. On route to or from, being transported to or from or destined to or from a ~~mine~~ mining site.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the tax situs of tangible personal property leased to a mining company is in the place where the property is situated.

For the purposes of this subsection, the definitions of section 2855 apply.

**Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶S,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 440, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶S-1** is enacted to read:

S-1. Unextracted minerals. For purposes of this paragraph, "minerals" has the same meaning as in section 2855, subsection 9;

**Sec. 11. 36 MRSA §656, sub-§1, ¶I,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 555, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 12. 36 MRSA §656, sub-§1, ¶I-1** is enacted to read:

I-1. Unextracted minerals. For purposes of this paragraph, "minerals" has the same meaning as in section 2855, subsection 9.

**Sec. 13. 36 MRSA §2013, sub-§1, ¶B-2** is enacted to read:

B-2. "Commercial mining" means the commercial extraction or removal of metallic minerals or overburden or the preparation, washing, cleaning or other treatment of metallic minerals and includes the bulk sampling, advanced exploration, extraction or beneficiation of metallic minerals within a mining area.

"Commercial mining" does not include:

(1) Exploration;

(2) The physical extraction, crushing, grinding, storage or heating of calcium carbonate or limestone to produce cement;

(3) The exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of borrow, topsoil, clay or silt; or

(4) The exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of gemstones, aggregate, dimension stone or other construction materials from a quarry.

As used in this paragraph, "advanced exploration," "beneficiation," "cement," "exploration" and "metallic mineral" have the same meanings as in Title 38, section 490-MM.

**Sec. 14. 36 MRSA §2013, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 7, §2, is further amended to read:

C. "Depreciable machinery and equipment" means, except as otherwise provided by this paragraph, that part of the following machinery and equipment for which depreciation is allowable under the Code and repair parts for that machinery and equipment:

(1) New or used machinery and equipment for use directly and primarily in commercial agricultural production, including self-propelled vehicles; attachments and equipment for the production of field and orchard crops; new or used machinery and equipment for use directly and primarily in production of milk, maple syrup or honey, animal husbandry and production of livestock, including poultry; new or used machinery and equipment used in the removal and storage of manure; and new or used machinery and equipment not used directly and primarily in commercial agricultural production, but used to transport potatoes from a truck into a storage location;

(2) New or used watercraft, nets, traps, cables, tackle and related equipment necessary to and used directly and primarily in commercial fishing;

(3) New or used watercraft, machinery or equipment used directly and primarily for commercial aquacultural production, including, but not limited to: nets; ropes; cables; anchors and anchor weights; shackles and other hardware; buoys; fish tanks; fish totes; oxygen tanks; pumping systems; generators; water-heating systems; boilers and related pumping systems; diving equipment; feeders and related equipment; power-generating equipment; tank water-level sensors; aboveground piping; water-oxygenating systems; fish-grading equipment; safety equipment; and sea cage

systems, including walkways and frames, lights, netting, buoys, shackles, ropes, cables, anchors and anchor weights; ~~and~~

(4) New or used machinery and equipment for use directly and primarily in commercial wood harvesting, including, but not limited to, chain saws, skidders, delimiters, forwarders, slashers, feller bunchers and wood chippers; ~~and~~

(5) New or used machinery and equipment for use directly and primarily in commercial mining.

"Depreciable machinery and equipment" does not include a motor vehicle as defined in section 1752, subsection 7 or a trailer as defined in section 1752, subsection 19-A.

**Sec. 15. 36 MRSA §2013, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 481, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Refund authorized.** Any person, association of persons, firm or corporation that purchases electricity or fuel, or that purchases or leases depreciable machinery or equipment, for use in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing, commercial aquacultural production ~~or~~, commercial wood harvesting or commercial mining must be refunded the amount of sales tax paid upon presenting to the ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor evidence that the purchase is eligible for refund under this section.

Evidence required by the assessor may include a copy or copies of that portion of the purchaser's or lessee's most recent filing under the ~~United States Internal Revenue~~ Code that indicates that the purchaser or lessee is engaged in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing, commercial aquacultural production ~~or~~, commercial wood harvesting or commercial mining and that the purchased machinery or equipment is depreciable for those purposes or would be depreciable for those purposes if owned by the lessee.

In the event that any piece of machinery or equipment is only partially depreciable under the ~~United States Internal Revenue~~ Code, any reimbursement of the sales tax must be prorated accordingly. In the event that electricity or fuel is used in qualifying and nonqualifying activities, any reimbursement of the sales tax must be prorated accordingly.

Application for refunds must be filed with the assessor within 36 months of the date of purchase or execution of the lease.

**Sec. 16. 36 MRSA §2013, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 481, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Purchases made free of tax with certificate.** Sales tax need not be paid on the purchase of electricity, fuel or a single item of machinery or equipment if the

purchaser has obtained a certificate from the assessor stating that the purchaser is engaged in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing, commercial aquacultural production ~~or~~, commercial wood harvesting or commercial mining and authorizing the purchaser to purchase electricity, fuel or depreciable machinery and equipment without paying Maine sales tax. The seller is required to obtain a copy of the certificate together with an affidavit as prescribed by the assessor, to be maintained in the seller's records, attesting to the qualification of the purchase for exemption pursuant to this section. In order to qualify for this exemption, the electricity, fuel or depreciable machinery or equipment must be used directly in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing, commercial aquacultural production ~~or~~, commercial wood harvesting or commercial mining. In order to qualify for this exemption, the electricity or fuel must be used in qualifying activities, including support operations.

**Sec. 17. 36 MRSA §2854**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2854. Excise tax**

An annual excise tax is imposed on a mining company for the privilege of conducting mining in the State and is in addition to any other tax imposed by this Title.

**Sec. 18. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 19. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 20. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 21. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is amended to read:

**5. Gross proceeds.** "Gross proceeds" means a mining company's federal gross income from mining ~~with respect to a mine site~~, as defined in Section 613 of the ~~code~~ Code, in the State.

**Sec. 22. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 23. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 24. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 776, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 25. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is amended to read:

**9. Minerals.** "Minerals" means all ~~naturally occurring~~ naturally occurring metallic minerals as defined in Title 38, section 490-MM, subsection 8.

**Sec. 26. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**10. Mining.** "Mining" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 490-MM, subsection 11, except that activity described in Title 38, section 490-MM, subsection 11, paragraph D is mining regardless of any exclusion by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, section 490-NN, subsection 4.

**Sec. 27. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 776, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 28. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 29. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§14**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 395, §18, is repealed.

**Sec. 30. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§15**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**15. Tax year.** "Tax year" means an accounting period that is the same as the taxpayer's taxable year for federal income tax purposes.

**Sec. 31. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 32. 36 MRSA §2855, sub-§17**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 33. 36 MRSA §2856**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 2, §45, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2856. Amount of annual excise tax**

The amount of the annual excise tax on a mining company is the mining company's gross proceeds multiplied by 0.05.

**Sec. 34. 36 MRSA §2857**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 711, §10, is amended to read:

**§2857. Returns**

**1. Annual return.** A mining company shall file, on or before the date the mining company's state income tax return is due to be filed, an annual return on a form specified by the ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor for each tax year.

**2. Form and contents.** The return ~~shall~~ must indicate:

- A. The tax due;
- B. The estimated tax payments made; and
- ~~C. Credits provided under section 2858; and~~
- D. Information relating to ~~the value of facilities and equipment, gross proceeds, net proceeds~~ or other relevant information as the ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor may ~~by rule~~ require.

**3. Payments.** A mining company shall pay the tax due, less estimated tax payments ~~and credits~~, at the time its annual return is due without extensions.

**4. Extensions.** The ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor may grant a reasonable extension of time for filing a return, declaration, statement or other document or payment of tax or estimated tax required by this chapter on such terms and conditions as ~~he~~ the assessor may require. The An extension for filing a return, declaration, statement or other document under this chapter may not exceed 8 months, except that, when a mining company is granted an extension of time within which to file a federal income tax return for the tax year, an extension to file the mining company's return with respect to the tax imposed by this chapter is automatically granted for an equivalent period from the date prescribed for filing the return under this chapter plus 30 days. If an extension of time is granted for payment of an amount of tax under this chapter, the assessor may require the taxpayer to furnish a bond or other security in an amount not exceeding twice the amount for which the extension of time for payment is granted, on terms and conditions as the assessor may require.

**5. Computation.** In computing a mining company's tax, gross proceeds ~~and net proceeds shall~~ must be computed as if each ~~mine site~~ mining property were a separate taxpayer. To the extent the mining property is located both in this State and in one or more other states or Canadian provinces, the gross proceeds must be allocated or apportioned in a reasonable manner between the proceeds derived from minerals mined in this State and the proceeds derived from minerals mined in the other jurisdictions. The ~~State Tax Assessor~~ assessor may distribute, apportion or allocate on a reasonable basis gross proceeds, deductions, credits or allowances between or among mining companies or ~~mine sites~~ mining properties, if such distribution, apportionment or allocation is necessary to prevent evasion of taxes imposed by this chapter, or to reasonably reflect ~~clearly~~ the gross ~~or net~~ proceeds of any mining company ~~or mine site~~ from mining activity in the State. For purposes of this subsection, "mining property" has the same meaning as "property" as defined in Section 614 of the Code.

**6. Requirement to file amended Maine returns.** The requirement to file an amended Maine return is governed by this subsection.

A. A taxpayer shall file an amended Maine return as required by this subsection when the taxpayer files an amended federal return affecting the taxpayer's liability under this chapter, the Internal Revenue Service changes or corrects any item affecting the taxpayer's liability under this chapter or for any reason there is a change or correction affecting the taxpayer's liability under this chapter.

B. The amended Maine return required pursuant to paragraph A must be filed within 180 days from the final determination date of the change or correction or the filing of the amended federal return. For purposes of this paragraph, "final determination date" means, when the taxpayer files an amended federal

return affecting the taxpayer's liability under this chapter, the date on which the earliest of the following events occurs with respect to a taxable year for federal income tax purposes:

(1) The taxpayer has made payment of an additional income tax liability resulting from a federal audit, the taxpayer has not filed a petition for redetermination or claim for refund for the portions of the audit for which payment was made and the time for filing a petition for redetermination or refund claim has expired;

(2) The taxpayer receives a refund from the United States Treasury that resulted from a federal audit;

(3) The taxpayer signs federal Internal Revenue Service Form 870-AD or another Internal Revenue Service form consenting to a deficiency or accepting an overassessment;

(4) The taxpayer's time for filing a petition for redetermination with the United States Tax Court expires;

(5) The taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service enter into a closing agreement;

(6) A decision from the United States Tax Court, a United States District Court, a federal court of appeals, the United States Court of Federal Claims or the United States Supreme Court becomes final; and

(7) The taxpayer files an amended return or similar report pursuant to the Code, Section 6225(c).

C. The amended Maine return filed pursuant to this subsection must indicate the change or correction and the reason for that change or correction. The amended return constitutes an admission as to the correctness of the change unless the taxpayer includes with the return a written explanation of the reason the change or correction is erroneous. If the taxpayer files an amended federal return, a copy of the amended federal return must be attached to the amended Maine return under this chapter.

D. The assessor may require additional information to be filed with the amended Maine return filed pursuant to this subsection. The assessor may prescribe exceptions to the requirements of this subsection.

**Sec. 35. 36 MRSA §2857-A** is enacted to read:

**§2857-A. Accounting periods and methods of accounting**

**1. Accounting periods.** The determination of a tax year is subject to the following.

A. If a taxpayer's tax year is changed for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer's tax year for

purposes of the tax imposed by this chapter must be similarly changed.

B. Notwithstanding paragraph A and section 2855, subsection 15, if the assessor makes a determination of jeopardy and terminates the taxpayer's reporting period under section 145, the tax must be computed for the period determined by that action.

**2. Method of accounting.** The method of accounting used by a taxpayer is subject to this subsection.

A. For purposes of the tax imposed by this chapter, a taxpayer's method of accounting must be the same as the taxpayer's method of accounting for federal income tax purposes. If a method of accounting has not been regularly used by the taxpayer, gross income from mining for purposes of this chapter must be computed under a method that in the opinion of the assessor fairly reflects gross proceeds.

B. If a taxpayer's method of accounting is changed for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer's method of accounting for purposes of this chapter must be similarly changed.

C. In computing a taxpayer's gross proceeds for any tax year under a method of accounting different from the method under which the taxpayer's gross proceeds for the previous year were computed, there must be taken into account those adjustments that are determined to be necessary solely by reason of the change in order to prevent amounts from being duplicated or omitted.

**Sec. 36. 36 MRSA §2858**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 772, §26, is repealed.

**Sec. 37. 36 MRSA §2859**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 691, §§27 and 48, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2859. Estimated tax requirements**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Allowable credits" means the total amount of payments by a taxpayer that have been or will be paid to the bureau prior to the date the payment against which they are to be used as a credit is due and that are available to offset any tax liability estimated under this chapter.

B. "Estimated tax" means the total amount of tax that a person estimates will be due for a tax year under this chapter, after subtracting allowable credits for that tax year.

C. "Period of underpayment" means the period of time from the date an estimated tax installment is due until the underpayment is satisfied or until the

tax return to which the estimated tax installment applies is due, whichever is less.

**2. Requirement to pay estimated tax.** A person subject to taxation under this chapter shall make payment of estimated tax as required by this chapter. The requirement to make estimated tax payments is waived if:

A. The person's tax liability pursuant to this chapter reduced by allowable credits for the tax year is less than \$1,000 for the tax year; or

B. The person had less than \$1,000 tax liability under this chapter for the immediately preceding tax year.

**3. Amount of estimated tax to be paid.** A person required to make payment of estimated tax under this chapter is liable for an estimated tax that is no less than the lesser of:

A. An amount equal to the person's tax liability under this chapter for the immediately preceding tax year, if that preceding year was a tax year of 12 months; and

B. An amount equal to 90% of the person's tax liability under this chapter for the current tax year.

**4. Amount of installment.** The amount of estimated tax to be paid in a tax year by a taxpayer is to be paid in installments by the dates established in this section. The amount of the estimated tax is to be paid in 4 equal installments unless the taxpayer establishes by adequate record the actual distribution of tax liability and allowable credits, or both, in which case the amount of the installment payments must be adjusted accordingly and be determined in accordance with the portion of the taxpayer's estimated tax liability applicable to that portion of the taxpayer's tax year, completed by the close of the month preceding the installment's due date, less estimated tax payments already made for the tax year.

**5. Due dates for estimated tax installments.** An estimated tax installment payment calculated pursuant to subsection 4 is due the 15th day of the 4th, 6th, 9th and 13th month following the beginning of the taxpayer's tax year.

**6. Penalty.** A penalty accrues automatically on underpayments of the required installment amount pursuant to subsection 4 for the period of underpayment at the interest rate provided pursuant to section 186. For cause, the assessor may waive or abate all or any part of the penalty.

**7. Short taxable year.** For a tax year of less than 12 months, the estimated tax must be paid in full by the 15th day of the last month of the tax year. For payment dates falling within the short taxable year, payment must be made as provided in subsection 5.

**8. Installments paid in advance.** At the taxpayer's election, an installment of estimated tax required

pursuant to subsection 4 may be paid prior to the date prescribed for its payment.

**Sec. 38. 36 MRSA §2861**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 653, §4 and affected by §33 and amended by c. 682, §38, is repealed.

**Sec. 39. 36 MRSA §2862**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 653, §5 and affected by §33, is repealed.

**Sec. 40. 36 MRSA §2862-A** is enacted to read:  
**§2862-A. Distribution of revenues**

Revenue from the excise tax imposed pursuant to this chapter must be distributed as follows:

**1. Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund.** Seventy-five percent of the revenue must be deposited in the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund established in Title 5, section 452. The revenue deposited in the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 20; and

**2. General Fund.** Twenty-five percent of the revenue must be deposited in the General Fund.

**Sec. 41. 36 MRSA §2863**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 211, Pt. E, §7, is repealed.

**Sec. 42. 36 MRSA §2865**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 627, §76, is repealed.

**Sec. 43. 36 MRSA §2866**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 653, §6 and affected by §33 and amended by c. 682, §38, is repealed.

**Sec. 44. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, except that those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2013, subsection 1, paragraph B-2 and amend Title 36, section 2013, subsection 1, paragraph C and subsections 2 and 3 apply to purchases made on or after January 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 470**

**S.P. 412 - L.D. 982**

**An Act to Establish Equal Tax Treatment for the Mi'kmaq Nation**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Legislative findings and purpose.** The Legislature finds and declares that the changes to the State's tax laws and rules that appear in Parts B to F of this Act will:

1. Improve the economic opportunities available to and the welfare of the Mi'kmaq Nation and its members;

2. Encourage economic development within the lands of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the benefits of which will accrue not only to the nation and its members but also to surrounding communities and the State; and

3. Clarify and simplify the application of the State's tax laws to the Mi'kmaq Nation as well as to its lands and members, in order to reduce the costs of tax compliance to the nation and its members and to reduce the cost to the State of administering its tax laws.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-F** is enacted to read:

**1-F. Mi'kmaq Nation.** "Mi'kmaq Nation" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 7203, subsection 4.

**Sec. B-2. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-G** is enacted to read:

**1-G. Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land.** "Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land" has the same meaning as in Title 30, section 7203, subsection 6.

**Sec. B-3. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. C, §7, is amended to read:

**8. Tribal entity.** "Tribal entity" means a business entity:

A. Wholly owned by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, a tribal member or tribal members or some combination thereof. For purposes of determining ownership of an entity, a married couple including at least one tribal member is treated as one tribal member, regardless of which spouse owns the entity; or

B. ~~Where~~ When 75% of the ownership interests are held in aggregate by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation and the entity is controlled and managed by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation, consistent with the requirements of 13 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 124.109(c)(4); as determined by the federal Small Business Administration or the assessor as consistent with 13 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 124.109(c)(4)(i)(A); or as determined by the federal Small Business Administration as consistent with 13 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 124.109(c)(4)(i)(B).

A tribal entity must be a separate and distinct legal entity organized or chartered by federal, state or tribal authorities.

**Sec. B-4. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. C, §8, is amended to read:

**9. Tribal land.** "Tribal land" means land within the Houlton Band Trust Land, the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land, the Passamaquoddy Indian territory or the Penobscot Indian territory.

**Sec. B-5. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. C, §9, is amended to read:

**10. Tribal member.** "Tribal member" means an enrolled member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation.

**Sec. B-6. 36 MRSA §194-E**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

**§194-E. Tribes deemed as acting in a governmental capacity**

For purposes of Parts 3 and 8 of this Title, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation are deemed to act in a governmental capacity as described in Title 30, section 6208, subsection 3 and not in a business capacity. For purposes of Parts 3 and 8 of this Title, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians ~~is~~ and the Mi'kmaq Nation are deemed to act in a governmental capacity and not in a business capacity.

**Sec. B-7. Application.** For the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, Part 3, this Part applies to sales occurring on or after January 1, 2026. For purposes of Title 36, Part 8, this Part applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§112**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

**112. Tribes.** Sales to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation. For purposes of section 1760-C, sales to the tribes identified in this subsection for any purpose are exempt.

**Sec. C-2. Application.** This Part applies to sales occurring on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶QQQ**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

QQQ. The disclosure of information to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation necessary for the administration of sales tax revenue transfers under section 1815.

**Sec. D-2. 36 MRSA §1815, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

**1-C. Mi'kmaq Sales Tax Fund.** The Mi'kmaq Sales Tax Fund, referred to in this section as "the Mi'kmaq fund," is established as a dedicated account to

be administered by the Treasurer of State for the purpose of returning sales tax revenue to the Mi'kmaq Nation pursuant to subsections 2 and 3.

**Sec. D-3. 36 MRSA §1815, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Monthly transfer.** By the 20th day of each month, the assessor shall notify the State Controller and the Treasurer of State of the amount of revenue attributable to the tax collected under this chapter in the previous month on sales occurring on the Passamaquoddy Indian territory, the Penobscot Indian territory ~~and~~ the Houlton Band Trust Land and the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land, respectively, reduced by the transfer to the Local Government Fund required by Title 30-A, section 5681. When notified by the assessor, the State Controller shall transfer those amounts to the Passamaquoddy fund, the Penobscot fund ~~and~~ the Maliseet fund and the Mi'kmaq fund, respectively.

For purposes of this subsection, a sale occurs on the Passamaquoddy Indian territory, the Penobscot Indian territory ~~or~~ the Houlton Band Trust Land or the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land if:

A. The business location of the seller from which the purchase is made is on Passamaquoddy Indian territory, Penobscot Indian territory ~~or~~ Houlton Band Trust Land or Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land, respectively; and

B. The tangible personal property or taxable service is received by the purchaser also on Passamaquoddy Indian territory, Penobscot Indian territory ~~or~~ Houlton Band Trust Land or Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land, respectively. For purposes of this paragraph, "received" has the same meaning as in section 1819.

**Sec. D-4. 36 MRSA §1815, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Monthly payment.** By the end of each month, the Treasurer of State shall make payments to the Passamaquoddy Tribe from the Passamaquoddy fund, to the Penobscot Nation from the Penobscot fund ~~and~~ to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians from the Maliseet fund and to the Mi'kmaq Nation from the Mi'kmaq fund equal to the amounts transferred into the respective fund.

**Sec. D-5. 36 MRSA §1815, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

**4. Quarterly reconciliation.** The monthly payments due under this section must be adjusted by any credit or debit necessary for a quarterly reconciliation of payments and transfers made under this section for any erroneous payment or transfers ~~and~~ any erroneous collection and any corresponding refund and by any

subsequent assessment, remittance or refund of sales tax to or by the State.

**Sec. D-6. Application.** This Part applies to sales occurring on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART E**

**Sec. E-1. 36 MRSA §5102, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. G, §2, is further amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

"Corporation" does not include the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or a corporation organized by the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation ~~or~~ the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Mi'kmaq Nation under Section 17 of the federal Indian Reorganization Act, 25 United States Code, Section 5124.

**Sec. E-2. Application.** This Part applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

**PART F**

**Sec. F-1. Rulemaking.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services may adopt rules to implement Parts A, B, C, D and E. Rules adopted under this section may include, but are not limited to, rules specifying reporting requirements and the maintenance by the Mi'kmaq Nation and provision to the bureau of lists of the nation's tribal land, tribal members, tribal entities and corporations organized under 25 United States Code, Section 5124. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**PART G**

**Sec. G-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$19,300	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 471**

**S.P. 458 - L.D. 1072**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Land for Maine's Future Program and to Authorize the Use of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §6200, 3rd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 506, §§1 and 4, is amended to read:

The Legislature declares that the future social and economic well-being of the citizens of this State depends upon maintaining the quality and availability of working lands for farming, commercial fishing and forestry and natural areas for recreation, hunting and fishing, conservation, wildlife habitat, vital ecologic functions and scenic beauty and that the State, as the public's trustee, has a responsibility and a duty to pursue an aggressive and coordinated policy to assure that this Maine heritage is passed on to future generations.

**Sec. A-2. 5 MRSA §6201, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Interest in property.** "Interest in property" means both fee and less-than-fee simple interest and includes, but is not limited to, conservation easements, access easements, scenic easements, other permanent interests in land and long-term leases of at least 99 years as long as the interest is primarily in natural lands meeting the criteria set forth in this chapter.

**Sec. A-3. 5 MRSA §6203-A, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 284, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Grants; matching funds.** The board may make grants to state agencies and ~~designated~~ cooperating entities for the purposes identified in subsection 3. For each grant made under this subsection, the board shall require the grant recipient to provide matching funds at least equal to the amount of the grant. Grants must be made according to rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-4. 5 MRSA §6203-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Grants.** The board may make grants to state agencies and ~~designated~~ cooperating entities for the purposes identified in subsection 3. Grants are made according to rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted

pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-5. 5 MRSA §6203-C, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 135, §4, is amended to read:

**2. Grants.** The board may make grants to state agencies and ~~designated~~ cooperating entities for the purposes identified in subsection 3. Grants are made according to rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-6. 5 MRSA §6203-E, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 284, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Grants; matching funds.** The board may make grants to state agencies and ~~designated~~ cooperating entities for the purposes identified in subsection 3. For each grant made under this subsection, the board shall require the grant recipient to provide matching funds at least equal to the amount of the grant. Grants must be made according to rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-7. 5 MRSA §6203-F, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 284, §10, is amended to read:

**2. Grants; matching funds.** The board may make grants to state agencies and ~~designated~~ cooperating entities for the purposes identified in subsection 3. For each grant made under this subsection, the board shall require the grant recipient to provide matching funds at least equal to the amount of the grant. Grants must be made according to rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-8. 5 MRSA §6206-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §9, is further amended to read:

**§6206-A. Nominations Public notice of final award**

~~Prior to taking an action to designate land for negotiation for acquisition, the board shall send by certified mail or otherwise deliver a notice of this intention to the owner or owners of land within the area proposed by the board for acquisition, as the identity and address of such owner or owners is shown on the tax maps or other tax records of the municipality in which the land is located. If the land is located within the unorganized territory, notice must be sent to the owner or owners as shown on the tax maps or other tax records of the State Tax Assessor. After the completion of negotiations determining a final award, the board shall publish a notice of its intent to designate land for acquisition fund the purchase of land offered for acquisition in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation that identifies the land proposed by the board for acquisition funding and that notifies the residents of the area that the board will accept public comments on the proposed acquisition award.~~

~~Any owner of land that has been nominated for acquisition and is subject to the notice requirements of this section may submit a properly sworn affidavit to the board indicating the owner's unwillingness to sell. The affidavit is notice to the board that continued evaluation of that land is inappropriate and, unless the board intends to acquire an interest in the land through the use of eminent domain pursuant to section 6207-A, the board may not consider that land for acquisition.~~

**Sec. A-9. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 284, §15, is further amended to read:

**2. Determination of statewide significance.** In determining whether a proposed acquisition ~~must~~ may be funded, in full or in part, by the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, the board shall consider whether the site is of statewide significance and:

A. Contains recreation lands, prime physical features of the Maine landscape, areas of special scenic beauty, farmland or open space, undeveloped shorelines, significant undeveloped archeological sites, wetlands, fragile mountain areas or lands with other conservation, wilderness or recreation values;

B. Is habitat for plant or animal species or natural communities considered rare, threatened or endangered in the State;

C. Provides nonmotorized or motorized public access to recreation opportunities or those natural resources identified in this section;

D. Provides public water supply protection when that purpose is consistent and does not conflict with the natural resource conservation and recreation purposes of this chapter; or

E. Contains deer wintering areas and satisfies all the requirements of subsection 3, paragraph A.

**Sec. A-10. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §10, is further amended to read:

C. The acquisition of a fee interest in land of which the primary use ~~value~~ has been and will be as commercially harvested or harvestable forest land.

**Sec. A-11. 5 MRSA §6209**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 284, §§16 and 17, is further amended to read:

**§6209. Ownership; title; management Fee title; evaluation; legislative approval; authority to encumber**

**1. Uses of funds.** ~~The board may use the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund to acquire real property in both fee and less than~~

~~fee simple interest, including, but not limited to, conservation easements, access easements, scenic easements, other permanent interests in land and long term leases of at least 99 years as long as those acquisitions are primarily natural lands meeting the criteria set forth in this chapter.~~

~~2. **Title Fee title.** Title Fee title to all lands interests in land acquired pursuant to this chapter must be vested solely in the State. Management responsibilities for the acquired lands may be contracted by the land-owning state agency to cooperating entities, subject to appropriate lease arrangements, upon the recommendation of the agency's commissioner and approval of the board clear to ensure that the State's interests in funding the acquisition are protected.~~

~~3. **Matching funds.** When matching funds for a project include cash not derived from a bond request, an allocation of up to 20% of the appraised value of the acquired land or the amount of cash, whichever is less, may be put into the stewardship account of the state agency holding title to the land.~~

~~4. **Payments.** Payments from the fund may be made to cooperating entities for qualifying lands acquired on behalf of the State, provided that a state agency has issued to the cooperating entity a letter of intent requesting assistance in the acquisition. Upon submission to the state agency of a cooperating entity's direct expenses for acquisition and related costs of an authorized acquisition, the board shall authorize payment of those expenses, provided that the total of all expenses does not exceed the appraised value of the acquired property. Expenses must be paid at intervals during the acquisition process, as determined by the board.~~

~~5. **Land evaluated.** All lands interests in property acquired with money from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund must be evaluated for rare, threatened or endangered species of plants and animals, exemplary natural communities, features of historic significance and other high priority natural features and ecologic functions as determined by the board, with reference to the best inventory data available to the State. Subsequent management by state agencies holding properties found to have such important features and functions must reflect the objective of maintaining and protecting those features and functions.~~

~~6. **Legislative Fee title legislative approval.** Except as provided in subsection 7, fee interests in land acquired under this chapter and held by the State may not be sold or used for purposes other than those stated in this chapter, unless approved by a 2/3 majority of the Legislature.~~

~~7. **Conveyance of an access easement across a rail trail.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and~~

Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, with the approval of the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, may sell or otherwise convey in accordance with Title 12, section 1814-A access rights by easement across a rail trail acquired under this chapter.

For the purposes of this subsection, "rail trail" means a former railroad right-of-way in which the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry holds an ownership interest and that is:

- A. No longer used for rail service; and
- B. Managed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for use as a recreational trail.

**Sec. A-12. 5 MRSA §6210, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 485, §3, is amended to read:

If the board transfers in writing to any local or federal agency any written information acquired by the board under this chapter concerning any land, the board shall may, upon transfer, notify the landowner of the transfer by certified mail.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 33 MRSA c. 6-B** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 6-B**

**OPTIONS TO PURCHASE AT AGRICULTURAL VALUE**

**§141. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Option to purchase at agricultural value.** "Option to purchase at agricultural value" means any agreement in recordable form between the fee owner of working farmland property and one or more qualified holders that permits a qualified holder to control, either directly or indirectly, the purchase price of the working farmland property for the primary purpose of making available and affordable, and preserving the permanent availability and affordability of, that property for working farmland.

**2. Qualified holder or holder.** "Qualified holder" or "holder" means:

- A. A governmental entity authorized to hold an interest in real property;
- B. A nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes include the permanent protection of working farmland or the enlargement of working farmland opportunities for farmers; or
- C. A nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes or powers include retaining or

protecting working farmland or providing access to working farmland.

**3. Third-party right of enforcement.** "Third-party right of enforcement" means a right provided in an option to purchase at agricultural value to enforce any of its terms granted by the grantor and holder of the option to purchase at agricultural value to a governmental entity or nonprofit organization that meets the qualifications of a holder.

**4. Working farmland or working farmland property.** "Working farmland" or "working farmland property" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 6201, subsection 4-A.

**§142. Creation; conveyance; acceptance; duration; filing**

**1. Option to purchase at agricultural value.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an option to purchase at agricultural value may be created, conveyed, recorded, assigned, released, modified, terminated or otherwise altered or affected in the same manner as other options to purchase real property created by written instrument. An option to purchase at agricultural value may include a 3rd-party right of enforcement and may be incorporated into an agricultural easement or be an independent document suitable for recording.

**2. Right or duty.** A right or duty in favor of or against a qualified holder may not arise under an option to purchase at agricultural value unless it is accepted in writing by the qualified holder.

**3. Limitation.** Except as provided in this chapter, an option to purchase at agricultural value is unlimited in duration unless a change of circumstances renders the option to purchase at agricultural value no longer in the public interest as determined in an action under section 143, subsection 2.

**4. Filing.** An option to purchase at agricultural value must be recorded in the county registry of deeds, and a copy of the recorded option to purchase at agricultural value must be filed with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry together with a map showing with specificity the location of the affected property on the form or forms that the department requires.

**5. Other interest.** An interest in real property in existence at the time an option to purchase at agricultural value is created is not affected by the option to purchase at agricultural value unless the fee owner of the interest is a party to the option to purchase at agricultural value or consents to the option to purchase at agricultural value.

**6. Right to enter real property.** The written instrument creating an option to purchase at agricultural value must designate how and when representatives of the holder of an option to purchase at agricultural value

are entitled to enter the real property to ensure compliance.

**§143. Judicial actions**

**1. Fee owners; qualified holders.** An action affecting an option to purchase at agricultural value may be brought or intervened in by:

A. A fee owner of an interest in the real property burdened by the option to purchase at agricultural value;

B. A qualified holder of the benefit of the option to purchase at agricultural value;

C. The municipality in which the real property burdened by the option to purchase at agricultural value is located; or

D. The Attorney General.

**2. Power of court.** The court has the following powers.

A. The court may enforce an option to purchase at agricultural value by injunction or other proceeding at law or in equity.

B. Acting in accordance with charitable trust principles, the court may modify, terminate or deny equitable enforcement of an option to purchase at agricultural value in an action brought by a party under subsection 1. In taking such an action, the court must find that, due to a change in circumstance, the option to purchase at agricultural value no longer serves the public interest in protecting or enhancing the protection of working farmland or related businesses of the State. The Attorney General must be made a party to any action under this paragraph, and written notice must be provided to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

C. If the court modifies, terminates or denies equitable enforcement of an option to purchase at agricultural value, the court may order payment by the fee owner of money or other damages to the holder or the State. The holder or the State shall apply the same in a manner consistent with the purposes of this law as approved by the court.

The fact that a working farmland property might be used for more valuable economic purposes may not be considered when determining whether an option to purchase at agricultural value is no longer in the public interest.

**§144. Scope of option to purchase at agricultural value**

An option to purchase at agricultural value may include any of the following agreements affecting working farmland property:

**1. Resale price of working farmland property.** Limitations on the resale price of working farmland property, which may include provisions for payments to the holder;

**2. Amount of equity appreciation.** Limitations on the amount of equity appreciation that a fee owner may derive from ownership of working farmland property;

**3. Improvements to working farmland property.** Limitations on the type, extent, use or dollar value of improvements that may be made to working farmland property;

**4. Uses to which working farmland property may be devoted.** Restrictions on the uses to which working farmland property may be devoted, which must be consistent with the purposes of this chapter;

**5. Options to purchase.** The grant of rights of first refusal or options to purchase to qualified holders or their assigns, subject to the terms and conditions of the option to purchase at agricultural value;

**6. Maintenance and insurance of working farmland property.** The obligation to maintain, operate and insure working farmland property;

**7. Construction and materials.** The right to restrict or specify types of buildings, structures and materials that may be used in improvements on working farmland property;

**8. Acts that may enhance affordability of working farmland property.** The right to prohibit, limit or require other acts that may enhance or allow the affordability and availability of working farmland property over time to beginning farmers in the future. For the purposes of this subsection, "beginning farmer" means an individual who has not operated a farm for more than 10 years; and

**9. Right of qualified holders to enter and inspect.** In accordance with section 142, subsection 6, the right to provide qualified holders periodic entry and inspection of farmland real property at reasonable times and after reasonable notice.

#### **§145. Validity**

An option to purchase at agricultural value is valid and enforceable, notwithstanding any of the following conditions.

**1. Not appurtenant to interest in real property.** The option to purchase at agricultural value is not appurtenant and does not run with an interest in real property.

**2. Assignable to another holder.** The option to purchase at agricultural value can be or has been assigned to another qualified holder.

**3. Not recognized at common law.** The option to purchase at agricultural value is not of a character traditionally recognized at common law.

**4. Imposes negative burden.** The option to purchase at agricultural value imposes a negative burden.

**5. Imposes affirmative obligations.** The option to purchase at agricultural value imposes affirmative obligations upon the fee owner of an interest in the burdened property or the qualified holder.

**6. Benefit does not touch or concern real property.** The benefit of the option to purchase at agricultural value is held by a qualified holder who has not retained property that would benefit from enforcement of the option to purchase at agricultural value, or the benefit does not touch or concern real property in any other way.

**7. No privity of estate or contract.** There is no privity of estate or privity of contract.

**8. Does not run to successors or assigns.** The option to purchase at agricultural value does not run to the successors or assigns of the qualified holder.

**9. Unreasonable restraint on alienability.** The option to purchase at agricultural value may be considered to be an unreasonable restraint on alienability.

**10. Violation of rule against perpetuities.** The option to purchase at agricultural value may violate the rule against perpetuities.

#### **§146. Application**

**1. Interest created after effective date.** This chapter applies to any interest that complies with this chapter created after the effective date of this chapter, whether designated as an option to purchase at agricultural value or an equitable servitude, restriction, easement or other interest in the property.

**2. Option to purchase at agricultural value created before effective date.** This chapter applies to any option to purchase at agricultural value created before the effective date of this chapter if the option to purchase at agricultural value would have been enforceable had it been created after the effective date of this chapter, unless retroactive application contravenes the Constitution of Maine or the United States Constitution.

**3. Chapter does not invalidate interest.** This chapter does not invalidate any interest, whether designated as an option to purchase at agricultural value or an equitable servitude, restriction, easement or other interest in property, that is otherwise enforceable under other laws of this State.

### **PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 33 MRSA §479-C**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §56, is further amended to read:

**§479-C. Conservation lands ~~registry~~ reporting**

~~A For each conservation easement and each parcel owned in fee for conservation purposes in the State, the holder of a the conservation easement or a and the fee owner of each parcel of land for conservation purposes that is organized or doing business in the State shall annually report to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the book and page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds or each parcel owned in fee for conservation purposes department, the municipality, the approximate number of acres protected under each easement or parcel owned, the approximate number of acres that are exempt from taxation pursuant to Title 36, section 652 for which the municipality or county does not receive payments in lieu of taxes and such other information as the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry department determines necessary to fulfill the purposes of this subchapter. The filing report must be made by a date and on forms in the form established by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry department to certify the accuracy of the conservation easement holder's or fee owner's information, avoid duplicative filings when possible, provide public access to the information reported and otherwise reduce administrative burdens. The department is authorized to adopt a form of reporting that results in the creation of a geographic information system map layer that displays the information required by this section. The annual filing certification must be accompanied by an \$80 fee. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry department shall maintain a permanent current record of the registration these reporting requirements in a form conducive to public dissemination of the information and shall report to the Attorney General any failure of a holder of a conservation easement disclosed by the filing or otherwise known to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry department. The fees established under this section must be held by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry department in a nonlapsing, special account to defray the costs of maintaining the registry reported information and carrying out its duties under this section. For the purposes of this section, "department" means the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 472**  
**H.P. 701 - L.D. 1079**

**An Act to Provide  
 Comprehensive Perimenopause  
 and Menopause Education**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 279** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 279**

**PERIMENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE  
 EDUCATION**

**§1700-F. Perimenopause and menopause education materials**

The department shall enter into partnerships with health care providers, including obstetricians, gynecologists, primary care providers, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and community-based health care programs and hospitals to create and disseminate informational materials in electronic and physical form to educate menstruating persons and all individuals on the symptoms and processes of and other issues surrounding perimenopause and menopause. The informational materials must include symptoms of and treatments for perimenopause and menopause, symptoms of perimenopause and menopause for which a person should contact a health care provider, the biological process behind perimenopause and menopause, how to talk to family and friends about perimenopause and menopause and any other information the department determines necessary to prepare and educate individuals regarding perimenopause and menopause.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
 DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
 0143**

Initiative: Provides funding to create and disseminate informational materials on issues surrounding perimenopause and menopause.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 473**

**S.P. 460 - L.D. 1100**

**An Act to Clarify the  
 Requirements for Accessing  
 Nonformulary Drugs and  
 Drugs Used to Treat Serious  
 Mental Illness**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4304, sub-§2-C,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 345, §1, is amended to read:

**2-C. Prior authorization of prescription drugs used for assessment and treatment of serious mental**

**illness.** Notwithstanding any requirement of this section to the contrary, a carrier shall approve a prior authorization request for medication on the carrier's prescription drug formulary that is prescribed to assess or treat an enrollee's serious mental illness. If a drug shortage makes a formulary drug prescribed to assess or treat an enrollee's serious mental illness unavailable and there is no equivalent formulary drug available, the carrier shall approve an equivalent nonformulary drug prescribed to assess and treat the enrollee's serious mental illness for the period of time that a formulary drug is unavailable. For the purposes of this subsection, "serious mental illness" means a mental disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, that results in serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. The superintendent may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4311, sub-§1-A,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §38, is amended to read:

**1-A. Access to Request for clinically appropriate prescription drugs.** For plan years beginning on or after March 19, 2019, a carrier must allow an enrollee, the enrollee's designee or the person who has issued a valid prescription for the enrollee to request ~~and gain access to~~ a clinically appropriate drug not otherwise covered by the health plan. The carrier's process must comply with section 4304 and with this subsection. If the carrier approves a request under this subsection for a drug not otherwise covered by the health plan, the carrier must treat the drug as an essential health benefit, including counting any cost sharing toward the plan's annual limit on cost sharing and including it when calculating the plan's actuarial value.

A. The carrier must determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has issued the valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 72 hours or 2 business days, whichever is less, following receipt of the request. A carrier that grants coverage under this paragraph must provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the prescription, including refills.

B. The carrier must have a process by which an expedited review may be requested in exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist when an enrollee is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, health or ability to regain maximum function or when an enrollee is undergoing a current course of treatment using a nonformulary drug. When an expedited re-

view has been requested, the carrier must determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has provided a valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 24 hours following receipt of the request. A carrier that grants coverage under this paragraph must provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the exigency.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 474**

**H.P. 740 - L.D. 1121**

**An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 153, sub-c. 3** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 3**

**STATE BUILDINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**§1777. Diaper changing stations in public restrooms required**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Diaper changing station" means a table or other device suitable for changing the diaper of a child who has not attained 4 years of age.

B. "Public building" means a permanent structure or building owned by the State.

C. "Public restroom" means a sanitary facility within a public building that is open for public use and contains at least one toilet or urinal.

**2. Requirement.** Except as provided in subsection 3, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall ensure that:

A. A public restroom in a public building constructed on or after the effective date of this section is equipped with a diaper changing station that is physically safe, sanitary and appropriate;

B. A public restroom within any portion of a public building that is remodeled on or after the effective date of this section is equipped with a diaper changing station that is physically safe, sanitary and appropriate; and

C. If the only public restroom within a public building that is equipped with a diaper changing

station is restricted to persons of a specific gender, another public restroom within the building that is available to persons of other genders is equipped with a diaper changing station that is physically safe, sanitary and appropriate. The bureau may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by providing a family or gender-neutral restroom that is equipped with a diaper changing station that is physically safe, sanitary and appropriate. The bureau shall ensure that the requirements of this paragraph are satisfied by January 1, 2029 or when funding allows those requirements to be satisfied, whichever occurs first.

A diaper changing station required under this subsection must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**3. Exceptions.** A public restroom is not subject to the requirements of subsection 2 if the restroom:

A. Has a conspicuous sign directing an individual to the location of another restroom with a diaper changing station that is accessible to the individual;

B. Would have to undergo construction to remodel or alter the restroom or the building it is located within in order to install a diaper changing station and the construction is not feasible due to the cost. This paragraph does not apply to new construction;

C. Would have to undergo construction in order to install a diaper changing station and the construction required would be inconsistent with the rules adopted by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission; or

D. Would have to undergo construction in order to install a diaper changing station and the construction required would be inconsistent with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

**4. Outside funding.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services may accept outside funds for the purchase, construction and installation of diaper changing stations in accordance with the requirements of subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to install diaper changing stations in state-owned buildings.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 475  
S.P. 497 - L.D. 1208**

**An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves for General Fund Transfers**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1511**, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §12, is amended to read:

**§1511. Loan Insurance Reserve**

The State Controller may, at the close of each fiscal year, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to section 1507, transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Loan Insurance Reserve amounts as may be available from time to time, up to an amount of \$1,000,000 per year after the transfers have been made pursuant to section 1507. The balance of this reserve must be paid to the Finance Authority of Maine if such payment does not cause the balance in the reserve fund maintained by the authority, when added to amounts held in the Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund that are not committed or encumbered for another purpose, to exceed ~~\$50,000,000~~ \$65,000,000. Any balance in the Loan Insurance Reserve is appropriated for this purpose.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 476  
H.P. 845 - L.D. 1270**

**An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. Y, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Range 91.** The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 91:

- Commissioner of Transportation;
- Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
- Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services;
- Commissioner of Education;
- Commissioner of Environmental Protection;

- Executive Director of Dirigo Health;
- Commissioner of Public Safety;
- Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation;
- Commissioner of Labor;
- Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- Commissioner of Marine Resources;
- Commissioner of Corrections;
- Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;
- Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; ~~and~~
- Executive Director, Workers' Compensation Board; and
- Commissioner of Energy Resources.

**Sec. A-2. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. XXX, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Range 88.** The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 88:

- Director, Bureau of Air Quality;
- Director, Bureau of Water Quality;
- Director, Bureau of Land Resources;
- Director, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management;
- Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Protection; ~~and~~
- Deputy Chief of the State Police; and
- Deputy Commissioner, Energy Resources.

**Sec. A-3. 2 MRSA §9**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 293, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. A-4. 5 MRSA §960** is enacted to read:  
**§960. Department of Energy Resources**

The position of Deputy Commissioner is a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Energy Resources. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this position and any successor position is subject to this chapter.

**Sec. A-5. 5 MRSA §15302, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. D, §10, is further amended to read:

**3. Board of Directors of the Maine Technology Institute.** The institute is governed and all of its powers are exercised by a board of directors, referred to in this chapter as the "board," consisting of 13 voting members and ~~2~~ 3 nonvoting members.

A. The Governor shall appoint 10 voting directors, 8 of whom must be representatives of targeted technologies. The other 2 directors must have demonstrated significant experience in finance, lending or venture capital. In making the appointments from targeted technologies, the Governor shall consider recommendations submitted by representatives of targeted technology sectors. Directors of the board appointed by the Governor are entitled to receive reimbursement at the legislative rate for necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the board.

B. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee, the President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee and the Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee are ex officio voting directors.

C. The Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee is an ex officio nonvoting director.

D. The Maine Technology Institute Director is a nonvoting director.

E. The Commissioner of Energy Resources or the commissioner's designee is an ex officio nonvoting director.

**Sec. A-6. 10 MRSA §965, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 417, §6, is amended to read:

B. ~~Two~~ One of the at-large members must be knowledgeable in the field of natural resource enterprises or financing.

**Sec. A-7. 10 MRSA §965, sub-§3, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. One of the at-large members must be knowledgeable in the field of clean energy finance or technology solutions for climate change.

**Sec. A-8. 26 MRSA §1308, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 333, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Determination of wage and benefits rates.** The Bureau of Labor Standards shall investigate and determine the prevailing hourly wage and benefits rate paid in the construction industry in this State. To determine the prevailing hourly wage and benefits rate, the bureau shall:

A. Collect a set of data by conducting a survey of wages and benefits during the 2nd and 3rd week of July of each year;

B. Collect a 2nd set of data through certified payroll submissions on state construction of public works during the 2nd and 3rd week of July of each

year from any state agency that contracts for the construction of public works; and

C. Collect a 3rd set of data for the job classification under the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

Survey data collected pursuant to paragraph A and certified payroll data collected pursuant to paragraph B must be submitted to the bureau by the 2nd week of October. Each year, labor unions shall submit the most recent collectively bargained rates to the bureau.

The bureau shall use the highest wage and benefits information of the 3 data sets collected pursuant to paragraphs A, B and C to determine the prevailing hourly wage and benefits rate. ~~The bureau may also use wage and benefits information received from construction trade associations in its determination of prevailing rates. In determining the prevailing rate, the bureau may ascertain and consider the applicable wage and benefits rates established by collective bargaining agreements, if any, and those rates that are paid generally in the locality where the construction of the public works is to be performed. For any classification, if that rate represents a decrease from the prevailing hourly wage and benefits rate as published in the immediately preceding year, the bureau shall adjust the rate to ensure that the decrease is not more than 15%.~~

The bureau shall ascertain and consider wage and benefits information received from construction trade associations and labor unions that are paid generally in the locality where the construction of the public works is to be performed in its determination of prevailing rates.

For purposes of this subsection, "benefits" means health and welfare contributions, pension or individual retirement account contributions and vacation and annuity contributions, per diem in lieu of wages and any other form of payment, except for wages, made to or on behalf of the employee. If a defined contribution amount is not established, the most accurate estimated value of contributions must be included.

**Sec. A-9. 30-A MRSA §4723, sub-§2, ¶B-1,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 657, §14, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) A commissioner with expertise in energy efficiency issues regarding residential structures and in the construction sustainability requirements established in section 4726, subsection 2; and

**Sec. A-10. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 518, §4, is further amended to read:

**6. Competitive solicitation process and contract negotiation.** Except as provided in paragraph A, for purposes of selecting potential capacity resources for contracting pursuant to subsection 3, the commission ~~shall~~ may, after consultation with the Commissioner of Energy Resources, conduct a competitive solicitation

no less often than every 3 years if the commission determines that the likely benefits to ratepayers resulting from any contracts entered into as a result of the solicitation process will exceed the likely costs. Following review of bids, the commission ~~may negotiate with one or more potential suppliers~~ shall approve a contract or contracts between one or more transmission and distribution utilities and the bidder of any proposal selected by the commission in accordance with this section. When only one bid has been offered, the commission shall ensure that negotiations are based on full project cost disclosure by the potential supplier. ~~The commission shall negotiate contracts that are commercially reasonable and that commit all parties to commercially reasonable behavior.~~

A. The commission shall, for purposes of selecting energy efficiency capacity resources and available energy associated with such resources for contracting pursuant to subsection 3, conduct a competitive solicitation in accordance with this subsection or contract with the Efficiency Maine Trust established in section 10103 to deliver those resources through a competitive solicitation process administered by the trust.

**Sec. A-11. 35-A MRSA §3401-A, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Energy Resources established in chapter 103.

**Sec. A-12. 35-A MRSA §3408, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 481, §6, is amended to read:

**2. Requests for proposals; offshore wind power projects.** The commission shall review a solicitation developed by the ~~office~~ department under subsection 1 and, upon finding that the solicitation is reasonably likely to attract competitive bids and further the objectives of the program as described in section 3407, shall authorize the department to issue a request for proposals in accordance with this subsection.

A. The office shall file with the commission the first solicitation by July 1, 2025 unless another date is established by mutual agreement between the office and the commission.

B. The ~~commission~~ department shall issue the first request for proposals by the later of January 15, 2026 and 3 months after the first auction by the federal Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for offshore wind power leases in the Gulf of Maine.

C. If, within any 3-year period between January 15, 2026 and January 1, 2039, the commission has not found a solicitation submitted by the ~~office~~ department to be reasonably likely to further the objectives of the program as described in section 3407, the commission shall expeditiously develop

and issue a request for proposals consistent with the requirements of this section.

D. The commission shall review and make a determination regarding a solicitation submitted by the office within ~~6 months~~ 120 days of the date of submission unless a longer period is requested by the department.

E. If the commission determines that a contract for an amount greater than those specified in subsection 1, paragraph C is in the public interest, it may authorize the department to select resources and the commission may approve contracts accordingly.

F. In conducting a solicitation and selecting offshore wind power projects under this section, the ~~commission~~ department shall ensure that selected projects result in contracts that are cost-effective for electric ratepayers over the term of the contract, taking into consideration potential quantitative and qualitative economic, environmental and other benefits to ratepayers.

The ~~commission~~ department shall give priority to offshore wind power projects that:

- (1) Have generation facilities located outside of Lobster Management Area 1;
- (2) Include agreements compliant with subsection 3 or 29 United States Code, Section 158(f) and are open to disadvantaged business enterprises and small businesses;
- (3) Provide employment and contracting opportunities for:
  - (a) Members of federally recognized Indian tribes in this State;
  - (b) Workers from disadvantaged communities as defined by:
    - (i) The United States Council on Environmental Quality's climate and economic justice screening tool or by an agency of this State using standards similar to those in the screening tool as determined by the commission;
    - (ii) The United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration's economic distress criteria; or
    - (iii) The United States Department of Energy's disadvantaged community criteria; and
  - (c) Certified businesses;
- (4) Provide community benefits, as determined preconstruction through consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes in this

State, a stakeholder engagement process that includes disadvantaged communities, as described in subparagraph (3), division (b), and investments in fishing communities;

(5) Provide financial contributions or technical assistance to support research, monitoring and mitigation of impacts to wildlife, fisheries and habitats and the minimization of environmental impacts from the offshore wind power project and related transmission and interconnection infrastructure;

(6) Provide economic benefits to the State, including using an offshore wind port located in this State;

(7) Maximize the hiring of residents of this State;

(8) Maximize economic, employment and contracting opportunities for residents of this State and all businesses in this State; and

(9) Provide ratepayer benefits, including, but not limited to, enhanced electric reliability, resource adequacy including contributing to reducing winter electricity price spikes and overall price impacts, avoidance of line loss and mitigation of transmission costs to the extent possible.

~~The commission shall allow the office to review the bids submitted pursuant to this subsection. The office may provide input to the commission upon review of the bids, which may include an assessment as to whether any bids submitted are consistent with the goals of the program as described in section 3407, subsection 1.~~

G. The commission ~~may direct one or more transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts for energy, capacity or renewable energy credits from offshore wind power projects selected by the commission in accordance with this subsection shall review and approve the contracts upon a finding that the contracts meet the requirements of this section.~~

H. If, at the close of a competitive bidding process conducted under this section, the ~~commission~~ department determines that the proposals submitted do not satisfy the requirements of paragraph F, the ~~commission~~ department shall reject all proposals and shall open a new competitive bidding process under this subsection.

I. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 3, the ~~commission~~ department, after consultation with the ~~office~~ commission, may establish by rule reasonable fees that bidders must submit with proposals for offshore wind power projects. Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph may be used for the administration of this section, section 3406

and section 3407. Upon request of the ~~office commission~~, the ~~commission~~ department may transfer fees collected in accordance with this paragraph to the ~~office commission~~ for the administration of this section, section 3406 and section 3407.

**Sec. A-13. 35-A MRSA §3803, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 328, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. A-14. 35-A MRSA §3803, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 328, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Funding and reporting.** Notwithstanding sections 116 and 117, at the request of the ~~office trust~~, the commission may transfer money from funds in the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund or the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund to the ~~office to pay for the costs associated with a petition for a procurement of energy from renewable resources under subsection 1 and, at the request of the trust, to the trust to implement the 3-year beneficial electrification plan included in the triennial plan under subsection 2. At the end of any year in which the commission has transferred money under this subsection to the office or the trust, the office or the trust, respectively, shall provide a report to the commission detailing its fund requests, money received and expenditures.~~

**Sec. A-15. 35-A MRSA §3804**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 328, §1, is amended to read:

**§3804. Commission advancement of clean energy and beneficial electrification**

The commission shall advance through its decisions and orders beneficial electrification in order to achieve the emission reduction and renewable energy goals of the State, reduce energy costs to consumers and provide economic and climate benefits for all ratepayers. ~~The commission shall seek to procure energy under section 3803, subsection 1, paragraph B in a manner that is consistent with beneficial electrification. To the extent practicable, the commission shall seek to ensure that the acquisition of energy from renewable resources under section 3803, subsection 1, paragraph B is designed to procure sufficient energy to meet the portfolio requirements under section 3210 for the reasonably expected increase in use of electricity by retail electricity consumers.~~

**Sec. A-16. 35-A MRSA Pt. 9** is enacted to read:

**PART 9**

**ENERGY RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 103**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

**§10301. Department established**

The Department of Energy Resources is established as a cabinet-level department.

**§10302. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Energy Resources.

**2. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Energy Resources.

**§10303. Departmental responsibilities**

The department has responsibilities relating to energy resources, planning, programs and development. The department shall conduct planning, develop and implement policies and establish programs designed to ensure all households, communities and businesses in the State have access to an affordable, reliable and resilient energy supply to meet energy demand, address energy burdens and support economic development while supporting the achievement of the greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies pursuant to Title 38, section 576-A and section 577, subsection 1 and the renewable energy goals established in section 3210, subsection 1-A. The department is designated as the energy office for the State.

**§10304. Commissioner**

The department is under the control and supervision of the Commissioner of Energy Resources, who reports directly to the Governor.

**1. Appointment.** The Governor shall appoint the commissioner, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters and confirmation by the Senate. The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

**2. Deputy commissioner.** The commissioner shall appoint a deputy commissioner to assist the commissioner with the operations of the department. The deputy commissioner serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

**3. Personnel.** The commissioner may employ, subject to the Civil Service Law, personnel for the department and prescribe the duties of these employees as the commissioner determines necessary to fulfill the duties of the department. The commissioner may delegate duties assigned to the commissioner under this chapter to personnel of the department.

**4. Commissioner; limitation.** An individual serving or appointed to serve as the commissioner on or after December 15, 2025 may not participate on behalf of a bidder in the submission of a proposal in response to a competitive solicitation conducted by the department pursuant to section 10313 until 12 months after the completion of the commissioner's service.

**5. Contracts; agreements.** The department may employ experts and professional consultants, contract for services as the commissioner determines necessary consistent with the powers and duties of the department

and enter into agreements with federal, state and municipal entities and other organizations as will promote the objectives of this chapter.

**6. Powers and duties of commissioner.** The commissioner is responsible for the execution of the duties of the department. The commissioner shall:

A. Advise the Governor and state agencies on matters related to energy;

B. Serve as a member of the Efficiency Maine Trust Board, established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 10-C;

C. In collaboration with the relevant state agencies, coordinate state energy policy and actively foster cooperation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in chapter 97, and the Maine State Housing Authority, established in Title 30-A, chapter 201; and

D. Represent the State's interests in relevant regional energy organizations and forums to coordinate energy policy.

### **§10305. Powers and duties of department**

Under the supervision of the commissioner, the department shall:

**1. State energy plan.** Prepare and submit a comprehensive state energy plan to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by January 15th of each odd-numbered year. The department shall ensure the state energy plan is informed by public input, including, but not limited to, through the conduct of at least 2 public meetings and receipt of public comment related to a draft of the state energy plan, and shall seek input regarding issues faced by socially vulnerable counties and communities as defined in section 3210-I, subsection 1, paragraph D. The state energy plan must:

A. Identify opportunities to lower and to maintain reasonable total energy costs for consumers in the State;

B. Evaluate energy data, including, but not limited to, data on energy supply, demand and costs in this State with consideration of all available energy sources;

C. Detail the State's progress toward meeting its energy goals for new renewable energy generation and energy storage, including distributed energy resources;

D. Evaluate the State's progress in meeting the oil dependence reduction targets in section 10309;

E. Identify resource and transmission and distribution capacity and infrastructure needs to facilitate the development and integration of new renewable energy generation within the State and support the State's renewable resource portfolio requirements

specified in section 3210 in close coordination with the independent system operator of the New England bulk power system or a successor organization, the Public Utilities Commission's integrated grid planning under section 3147 and transmission and distribution utilities;

F. Address the association between energy planning and meeting the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in the state climate action plan pursuant to Title 38, section 577;

G. Include a cost and resource estimate for technology development to meet the goals and objectives of the state energy plan;

H. Include energy supply and demand forecasts that must be considered in other planning efforts including updates to the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577 and the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan under section 10104, subsection 4; and

I. Identify approximate total project award targets for the next 3 competitive solicitations to be conducted by the department pursuant to section 10313.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters may report out legislation by April 1st of each odd-numbered year relating to the content of the state energy plan. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may make recommendations regarding that legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters;

**2. Recommendations.** Make recommendations, if needed, for additional legislative and administrative actions to ensure that the State can meet the goals and objectives of the state energy plan under subsection 1. The department shall develop, recommend and, as appropriate, take action to implement integrated or comprehensive strategies, including at regional and federal levels, to carry out the goals and objectives of the state energy plan, to secure the State's interest in energy resources and the supply and cost-effective use of those resources and lower the total cost of energy to consumers in this State;

**3. Annual report.** By January 15th of each year, prepare and submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters a report that describes the activities of the department during the previous calendar year in carrying out its duties under this section and describes the State's progress in implementation of the state energy plan prepared pursuant to subsection 1, funding received from private sources pursuant to section 10308, subsection 3 and the department's annual accounting pursuant to section 10308, subsection 2. After receipt and review of the

annual report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to energy policy;

**4. Energy data collection and analysis.** In collaboration with other relevant state agencies, private industry and nonprofit organizations, collect and analyze energy data, including, but not limited to, data on energy supply, demand and costs in this State with consideration of all available energy sources;

**5. Energy information dissemination.** Review and coordinate the dissemination of energy information developed by cabinet-level state agencies intended for the public and the media;

**6. Technical assistance.** Provide technical assistance and information to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the State's short-range and long-range energy needs and the resources to meet those needs;

**7. Funds from public and private sources.** Seek, accept and administer funds from public and private sources and develop partnerships with public and private entities to support the goals of the department, including, but not limited to, promoting energy efficiency, demand-side management and distributed generation;

**8. Federal government funds.** Receive and administer funds from the United States Department of Energy's State Energy Program and other federal funds as appropriate;

**9. Electricity agreements.** Work with transmission and distribution utilities, the commission, state agencies involved in the permitting of energy generation facilities and other relevant entities to negotiate agreements that create value for electricity consumers with developers of renewable generation who are interested in building energy generation facilities or developing or using energy transmission infrastructure in this State. This subsection may not be interpreted to authorize the commissioner to be a signatory to such agreements unless otherwise authorized by law;

**10. Energy transmission capacity planning and policy.** Monitor energy transmission capacity planning and policy affecting this State and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature as necessary for changes to the relevant laws and rules to facilitate energy infrastructure planning and development;

**11. Petroleum products.** Monitor petroleum product inventories, deliveries, curtailments and shortfalls and other matters relating to the availability of petroleum products in the State;

**12. State energy security plan.** Prepare and submit a state energy security plan in accordance with federal requirements. The department shall, to the extent practicable while protecting the energy security of the State, also submit the plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters;

**13. Clean energy program.** Establish and manage a program to promote clean energy job development and clean technology business innovation in coordination with industry, educational and training organizations to support current and future workforce needs, including access to high-quality employment opportunities for residents of the State that contribute to the development of a skilled and trained workforce;

**14. Beneficial electrification.** Coordinate with the commission and the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in section 10103, to monitor beneficial electrification trends and opportunities and to establish beneficial electrification targets and regulatory frameworks;

**15. Renewable resource portfolio requirements.** Review and report on the status and impacts of the implementation of the renewable resource portfolio requirements as described in section 3210; and

**16. Greenhouse energy reductions.** Ensure that the State's energy goals, policies and plans align with and support the achievement of the greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies established by Title 38, sections 576-A and 577.

#### **§10306. Coordination; advice to state agencies**

The department shall advise state agencies regarding energy-related principles for agencies to consider, along with the laws and policies governing those agencies, in:

**1. State-owned land and assets.** The sale, lease or other allowance for use of state-owned land or assets for the purpose of development of energy infrastructure;

**2. Revenue obligation securities.** The issuance of revenue obligation securities for energy facilities pursuant to Title 10, section 1044;

**3. State facility energy programs.** Energy programs at state facilities and operations to improve energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions reduction and demand management; and

**4. Energy program administration.** The administration of state-funded and federally funded energy programs to support:

A. The federal low-income home energy assistance program that provides heating assistance to eligible low-income persons and any state-funded or privately funded heating assistance program of a similar nature assigned to the department for administration; and

B. The federal weatherization assistance program that offers home weatherization grants and heating system upgrades to eligible low-income persons.

The department shall coordinate with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, established in Title 5, section 3102, on matters related to climate mitigation,

greenhouse gas reduction strategies and adaptation policies.

This section does not alter any of the responsibilities or limit any of the authority of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services pursuant to Title 5. This section does not alter or limit the ability of departments or agencies of the State, along with the Bureau of General Services pursuant to Title 5, to generate or cogenerate energy at state facilities for use on site and elsewhere.

#### **§10307. Rulemaking**

The department may adopt rules the commissioner determines necessary for the proper implementation of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, unless otherwise specified.

#### **§10308. Funding**

In addition to funds provided from the General Fund or other available resources, the department is funded in accordance with this section.

**1. Federal funds.** The department is funded by federal funds that are available to and received by the department. Such federal funds may be applied to support the personal services and all other costs of the department.

**2. Efficiency Maine Trust funding.** To the extent federal funds under subsection 1 are inadequate to meet the funding needs of the department, the department may receive funds from the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in chapter 97, but only for that portion of the department's activities that supports or reasonably relates to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The commissioner shall keep an accounting of the department's resources devoted to its various duties and activities, including that portion of its resources devoted to activities in support of or reasonably related to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust. The department shall provide the accounting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters as part of its annual report under section 10305, subsection 3. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters shall make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs with regard to any proposed allocation of Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the department. In accordance with any legislative allocation or deallocation of Efficiency Maine Trust funds to support the department, the commissioner shall request from the Efficiency Maine Trust and the trust shall provide the allocated resources to the department.

**3. Acceptance and administration of funds.** The department may accept, administer and expend funds, including, but not limited to, funds from the Federal

Government or from private sources, for purposes consistent with this chapter. The commissioner shall provide a report of the amount of any outside funding received from private sources and its designated purpose to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters in accordance with section 10305, subsection 3.

#### **§10309. Oil dependence reduction plan**

The department, with input from stakeholders and in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in chapter 97, shall develop a plan to reduce the use of oil in all sectors of the economy in this State. The plan must:

**1. Targets.** Be designed to achieve the targets of reducing the State's consumption of oil by at least 30% from 2007 levels by 2030 and by at least 50% from 2007 levels by 2050;

**2. Policies and infrastructure changes.** Focus on near-term policies and infrastructure changes that set the State on a reasonable trajectory to meet the 2030 and 2050 targets in subsection 1;

**3. Priorities.** Prioritize the improvement of energy efficiency and the transition to the use of alternative energy sources for heating and transportation; and

**4. Data and analyses.** Draw on existing state data and studies rather than new analyses, including, but not limited to, analyses and data from the state climate action plan pursuant to Title 38, section 577 and the progress updates to the climate action plan under Title 38, section 578; the state energy plan pursuant to section 10305, subsection 1; and the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan pursuant to section 10104, subsection 4 and analyses completed by the Federal Government, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders.

#### **§10310. Maine Energy Resources Development Program**

The Maine Energy Resources Development Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established to promote energy research and demonstration activities related to the use of indigenous, renewable resources and more efficient use of energy. The department, as funding allows, shall administer the program. The commissioner may accept funds from private sources for the purpose of funding the program.

**1. Report.** The commissioner shall include in the state energy plan under section 10305, subsection 1 a report that specifies, in regard to the program, the expenditure of program funds, the purposes for which the funds were used and the amount of the funds and the sources from which the funds were derived.

**2. Program expenditures.** For all proposed program expenditures of \$10,000 or more, the commissioner shall seek approval from the Governor. If the

Governor approves, the commissioner shall seek approval for those expenditures from the Legislature under the procedures authorizing the transfer of funds set forth in Title 5, section 1585.

**§10311. Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program**

The Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program is established to provide funding to foster the continued growth of cost-effective distributed solar facilities and energy storage systems in this State. The department, as funding allows, shall develop the program.

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Combined project" means a distributed solar facility that is paired with an energy storage system.

B. "Distributed solar facility" means a solar generating facility interconnected to a transmission and distribution utility as defined in section 102, subsection 20-B.

C. "Energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6.

D. "Program" means the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program established in this section.

**2. Program development.** The program must be designed to obtain and provide available federal funds to support cost-effective distributed solar facilities and energy storage systems. The department shall consult with the commission in developing and administering the program.

**3. Funding.** In order to support the department's activities in administering the program, the department may request funds from the commission for the department's administrative costs, which may include, but are not limited to, costs associated with hiring consultants and department personnel and contracting for technical analyses. Notwithstanding section 117, if the department requests funding in accordance with this subsection, the commission may provide funding, to the extent available, from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund under section 117. If the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund does not have sufficient funding, notwithstanding section 116, subsection 4, the commission may provide funding from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund in accordance with this subsection.

**4. Federal funds.** The department shall apply for available federal funds to fund the program, including, but not limited to, funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas reduction fund under 42 United States Code, Section 7434. Nothing in this subsection limits other uses of federal funds received by the department consistent with applicable federal requirements.

**5. Ratepayer funds.** Except as provided in subsections 3 and 6, ratepayer funds may not be used to implement the program or to provide funding under the program to distributed solar facilities or energy storage systems.

**6. Energy procurement.** The department may procure energy, capacity or renewable energy credits in accordance with section 10313, subsection 2 from distributed solar facilities or combined projects that receive federal funding pursuant to the program. The commission may not direct a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract for energy, capacity or renewable energy credits from a distributed solar facility or a combined project unless the commission finds that the contract will benefit ratepayers and the procurement is in accordance with section 10313.

**§10312. Reporting of petroleum product inventories and deliveries**

The following provisions govern the reporting of petroleum product inventories and deliveries.

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Petroleum product" means propane; gasoline; unleaded gasoline; gasohol; kerosene; #2 heating oil; diesel fuel; kerosene-based jet fuel; aviation gasoline; #4, #5 and #6 residual oil for utility and nonutility uses; and Bunker C oil.

B. "Primary storage facility" means a facility that receives petroleum products into the State by pipeline or by ship.

C. "Primary supplier" means a refiner, marketer, distributor, firm or person who makes the first sale of any petroleum product to resellers or consumers in this State.

**2. Primary storage facility inventory and delivery reporting.** On the first and 3rd Monday of each month, an owner or lessee of a primary storage facility in the State shall make an accurate report to the department of petroleum product inventories and deliveries on a form provided by the commissioner. The form must contain a conspicuous statement of the penalties provided in subsection 4 and must require, with regard to the owner's or lessee's primary storage facility, the following information:

A. The total inventory of each petroleum product stored in the State, as measured within not more than 3 working days prior to the reporting date; and

B. The quantities of each petroleum product delivery expected into the State within 15 days of the reporting date or within any longer period established by the commissioner.

**3. Primary supplier petroleum product delivery reporting.** On the 3rd Monday of each month, a primary supplier of petroleum products shall make an accurate report to the department of actual and anticipated deliveries on a form provided by the commissioner, unless the report is already being submitted in accordance with federal regulations. The form must contain a conspicuous statement of the penalties provided in subsection 4 and must require the following information:

A. Actual deliveries of all petroleum products in this State during the preceding calendar month;

B. Anticipated deliveries of all petroleum products in this State during the following calendar month or during any longer period established by the commissioner; and

C. Allocation fractions for all petroleum products for the following month or for any longer period established by the commissioner.

**4. Violations.** An owner or lessee of a primary storage facility or a primary supplier who fails to provide the information required by this section or who supplies false or misleading information commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$2,500 may be adjudged.

**5. Department reports.** If the department determines, based on available information, that there is or may be a significant shortfall in supply inventories or anticipated deliveries into the State of home heating oil or kerosene, the department shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters including:

A. The information that suggests a supply shortfall;

B. Current and anticipated inventories of home heating oil and kerosene storage supplies;

C. Any recommendations of the department for actions by the State in response to the anticipated supply shortfall; and

D. A report on inventories, deliveries, curtailments, shortfalls or other matters relating to the availability of petroleum products in this State, at the request of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.

### **§10313. Competitive solicitations**

The department is responsible for initiating and conducting procurements for energy, associated environmental attributes or other services from renewable and clean resources. For the purposes of this section, "renewable and clean resources" means generation eligible for any portfolio requirement in section 3210, energy storage, demand management or related transmission. Beginning January 15, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall conduct one or more competitive solicitations during the following 2-year

period to procure renewable and clean resources, which may include environmental attributes through long-term contracts if the department determines procurement is necessary to achieve the requirements of Title 38, section 576-A or 577 or Title 35-A, section 3210, to meet and manage reasonably expected growth in electricity demand or to meet reliability needs or the department determines is otherwise necessary based on the comprehensive state energy plan prepared pursuant to section 10305, subsection 1. These contracts are not subject to the rules of the Chief Procurement Officer.

**1. Objectives.** The department shall conduct competitive solicitation under this section in a manner consistent with the following objectives:

A. To provide the benefits of renewable and clean resources to ratepayers in the State;

B. To provide the benefits of renewable and clean resources toward meeting the greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies established by Title 38, sections 576-A and 577;

C. To contribute to the State's economic and workforce goals, including through the actions detailed in section 3210-I, subsection 3, paragraph D, subparagraph (2);

D. To minimize the impact of energy generation on the environment of the State;

E. To ensure the protection of low-income ratepayers; and

F. To avoid or minimize the curtailment of other renewable or clean resources.

**2. Solicitation initiation.** If the department determines one or more competitive solicitations are necessary based on the comprehensive state energy plan required pursuant to section 10305, subsection 1 and related analysis, the department shall initiate solicitations in order to select resources for contracts under this section. The department shall determine the total amount sought in all competitive solicitations within any 2-year period under this section in accordance with the state energy plan, except that the amount may not exceed 15% of the average annual statewide electric retail sales in the preceding 2-year period.

A. The department shall develop a request for proposals for each competitive solicitation that meets the requirements of subsection 3.

B. The department shall consult with the Office of the Public Advocate in developing a request for proposals. The department may also solicit public input, including through requests for information, to obtain information prior to publishing any final competitive solicitation.

C. The department shall submit a request for proposals to the commission for approval prior to its issuance. The commission shall approve or reject

a request for proposals submitted by the department in accordance with this section as expeditiously as possible but within 120 calendar days, unless a longer period is requested by the department. The commission shall approve a request for proposals upon finding that it conforms to the requirements of subsection 3, is reasonably likely to result in one or more contracts that provide benefits to ratepayers in the State in excess of any costs to ratepayers as a result of the contract and is reasonably likely to result in competitive bids.

D. The department may hire expert consultants necessary to assist in the development of the competitive solicitation and evaluation of proposals.

E. The department may coordinate a competitive solicitation with other governmental entities or entities designated by those jurisdictions or transmission and distribution utilities.

**3. Solicitation requirements.** A competitive solicitation under this section must be conducted using a request for proposals. A request for proposals must include, but is not limited to:

A. Criteria to determine the eligibility of prospective bidders;

B. Criteria to determine the eligibility of submitted projects;

C. Criteria to determine the selection of awarded projects, including criteria to determine ratepayer benefits and costs consistent with subsection 1;

D. A process for the submission of questions by prospective bidders and the provisions of responses by the department in a manner that is equally accessible to all prospective bidders;

E. A timeline with expected dates for each phase of the bidding and evaluation process;

F. A standard form contract, which must include commercially reasonable terms and terms that to the extent practicable avoid or minimize the curtailment of other renewable or clean resources and protect ratepayers from impacts of negative pricing, and may not be for a term greater than 20 years, unless a different term is determined by the commission to be in the public interest;

G. Notice of state wage, safety and apprenticeship requirements that may be required based on the solicitation type; and

H. Any necessary materials or templates to enable submission of comparable and competitive bids.

**4. Evaluation and selection.** The department shall evaluate and select proposals in accordance with this subsection. The department may coordinate with other entities, including, but not limited to, state agencies, the Office of the Public Advocate, transmission

and distribution utilities, other states and the independent system operator of the New England bulk power system or a successor organization, in the evaluation and selection of proposals under this section. The department may find a submitted proposal ineligible if the department, at its sole discretion, determines the proposal does not conform to the criteria established in the request for proposals.

A. In evaluating eligible proposals and selecting one or more proposals for contract awards, the department shall give the greatest weight to the benefits to ratepayers. The department may not select a proposal for a contract award unless the department determines the proposal is reasonably likely to provide benefits to ratepayers in the State in excess of any costs to ratepayers as a result of the contract.

B. In selecting projects that meet the requirements of paragraph A, the department shall also weigh factors consistent with the objectives established in subsection 1, as long as the factors and weight are consistent with the criteria established pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph C.

C. The department shall evaluate and to the extent practicable, select proposals that avoid or minimize negative impact on other renewable or clean generation due to congestion and curtailment.

**5. Wage, safety and apprenticeship standards.** If the department selects a project for a contract for energy from an assisted project located in the State as defined in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 1-A, the department shall ensure that standards under the contract applicable to contractors and subcontractors involved in the project's construction include requirements that a contractor or subcontractor:

A. Ensure that all construction workers earn compensation at or above the prevailing hourly wage as described in Title 26, section 1308; and

B. Meet the requirements described in Title 26, sections 1301, 1317 and 3502.

**6. Contracts.** Contracts must be based on the standard form contract required by subsection 3, paragraph F. The department may coordinate with any entity listed in subsection 4 in the negotiation of contracts. The department or a transmission and distribution utility may make a request to file information relevant to the contract negotiations with the commission pursuant to a protective order.

**7. Commission approval.** The department shall submit contracts negotiated pursuant to subsection 6 to the commission for approval, and the commission shall approve a contract upon finding that:

A. The solicitation process conducted by the department conformed to the requirements of this section;

B. The contract is commercially reasonable; and

C. The contract is reasonably likely to provide benefits to ratepayers in the State in excess of any costs to ratepayers as a result of the contract, as determined using the criteria established pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph C.

If the commission approves a contract, the commission shall issue an order directing a transmission and distribution utility to act with respect to the contract within 120 calendar days, unless a longer period is requested by the department. If the commission does not approve a contract, the commission may direct that the contract be amended and resubmitted to the commission for approval.

8. Bidding fees. The department may require a bidder to pay a reasonable and nonrefundable bidding fee to defray the department's administrative costs associated with a solicitation, as well as financial security due at contract execution, which may be at risk if projects fail to meet project milestones. The department may require a transmission and distribution utility to hold those fees. A bidding fee must be set forth in the request for proposals required by subsection 2.

9. Confidentiality. Proposals submitted in response to a solicitation and materials created or submitted during contract negotiations pursuant to this section are confidential and may not be disclosed.

10. Commission rules. The commission shall establish a process by rule for the review of requests for proposals under section 2, paragraph C and the review of contracts under subsection 7. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. A-17. 38 MRSA §579, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §49, is amended to read:

The department may participate in the regional greenhouse gas initiative under chapter 3-B. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee and the ~~members of the Public Utilities Commission~~ Commissioner of Energy Resources or the commissioner's designee are authorized to act as representatives for the State in the regional organization as defined in section 580-A, subsection 20, may contract with organizations and entities when such arrangements are necessary to efficiently carry out the purposes of this section and may coordinate the State's efforts with other states and jurisdictions participating in that initiative, with respect to:

**Sec. A-18. Initial procurement.** Notwithstanding the requirement established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10313 requiring the Department of Energy Resources to initiate and conduct a competitive procurement for renewable and clean resources beginning January 15, 2027, the department

shall initiate and conduct that same competitive procurement pursuant to the requirements of Title 35-A, section 10313 no later than January 15, 2026.

**Sec. A-19. Transition provision.** The at-large members of the Finance Authority of Maine serving on the effective date of this Act continue as members of the Finance Authority of Maine until the expiration of their terms under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 966, subsection 1.

**Sec. A-20. Wage and benefit report.** By January 15, 2026, the Department of Labor shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor that includes information detailing the process and progress to date of how the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is using the wage and benefits information received from construction trade associations and labor unions in its determination of prevailing rates pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1308, subsection 1. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

## PART B

**Sec. B-1. Legislation; schedule.** The Department of Energy Resources shall work with staff from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to review those parts of the Maine Revised Statutes governing the administration and activities of the Governor's Energy Office. The purpose of the review is to develop legislation to effect the transition of responsibilities from the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources as established in this Act and to correct any errors and inconsistencies in the law that result from this Act. By January 1, 2026, the Department of Energy Resources shall submit the legislation developed pursuant to this section to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. B-2. Transition provisions, Governor's Energy Office.** The following provisions govern the transition of the Governor's Energy Office within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources.

1. The Department of Energy Resources is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Governor's Energy Office.

2. All existing rules, regulations and procedures in effect, in operation or adopted in or by the Governor's Energy Office or any of its administrative units or officers are hereby declared in effect and continue in effect until rescinded, revised or amended by the Department of Energy Resources.

3. All existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Governor's Energy Office continue in effect.

4. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Governor's Energy Office become, on the effective date of this Part, the property of the Department of Energy Resources.

5. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Governor's Energy Office may be used by the Department of Energy Resources until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer any unobligated balances related to the coastal zone management program remaining in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Department of Energy Resources no later than the effective date of this Part.

**Sec. B-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENERGY RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Department of Energy Resources Z424**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Governor's Energy Office program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$434,773	\$470,139
All Other	\$15,995	\$16,336
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$450,768	\$486,475

**Department of Energy Resources Z424**

Initiative: Transfers 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$285,681	\$308,620
All Other	\$11,012	\$11,228
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$296,693	\$319,848

**Department of Energy Resources Z424**

Initiative: Transfers one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$149,092	\$29,856
All Other	\$15,118	\$3,322
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$164,210	\$33,178

**Department of Energy Resources Z424**

Initiative: Transfers 14 positions and all Personal Services and All Other funding from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources within the same fund. All transferred positions, with the exception of the reorganized Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$801,731	\$854,282
All Other	\$1,659,418	\$1,659,418
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,461,149	\$2,513,700

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,440,429	\$1,521,531

All Other	\$3,240,473	\$3,240,473
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,680,902	\$4,762,004
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$20,356	\$21,185
All Other	\$397,824	\$402,515
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$418,180	\$423,700

**Department of Energy Resources Z424**

Initiative: Transfers new All Other funding from the Governor's Energy Office program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Department of Energy Resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$12,028,590	\$12,028,590
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$12,028,590	\$12,028,590

**ENERGY RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,461,149	\$2,513,700
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$17,621,163	\$17,630,095
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$418,180	\$423,700
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,500,492	\$20,567,495

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Transfers new All Other funding from the Governor's Energy Office program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Department of Energy Resources.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	(\$12,028,590)	(\$12,028,590)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$12,028,590)	(\$12,028,590)

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Transfers 3 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Governor's Energy Office program,

Federal Expenditures Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Federal Expenditures Fund within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3.000)	(3.000)
Personal Services	(\$434,773)	(\$470,139)
All Other	(\$15,995)	(\$16,336)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$450,768)	(\$486,475)

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Transfers 2 Public Service Coordinator II positions from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$285,681)	(\$308,620)
All Other	(\$11,012)	(\$11,228)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$296,693)	(\$319,848)

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Transfers one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources and related All Other costs. All transferred positions, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances.

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$149,092)	(\$29,856)

All Other	(\$15,118)	(\$3,322)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	(\$164,210)	(\$33,178)
FUND TOTAL		

**Governor's Energy Office Z122**

Initiative: Transfers 14 positions and all Personal Services and All Other funding from the Governor's Energy Office program within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program within the Department of Energy Resources within the same fund. All transferred positions, with the exception of the reorganized Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, including those currently unclassified, are classified positions at the Department of Energy Resources. The designation of each position as either confidential or bargaining unit is based on the classification of the position. Those employees retain their accrued vacation and sick leave balances. Position details are on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(5.000)	(5.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$801,731)	(\$854,282)
All Other	(\$1,659,418)	(\$1,659,418)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,461,149)	(\$2,513,700)

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(8.000)	(8.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$1,440,429)	(\$1,521,531)
All Other	(\$3,240,473)	(\$3,240,473)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$4,680,902)	(\$4,762,004)

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$20,356)	(\$21,185)
All Other	(\$397,824)	(\$402,515)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$418,180)	(\$423,700)

<b>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	(\$2,461,149)	(\$2,513,700)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$17,621,163)	(\$17,630,095)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$418,180)	(\$423,700)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$20,500,492)	(\$20,567,495)

<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 477**

**H.P. 850 - L.D. 1275**

**An Act to Promote the Production of Natural Resources Bioproducts by Amending the Renewable Chemicals Tax Credit**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-XX, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 181, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

**2. Credit allowed.** A taxpayer engaged in the production of renewable chemicals in the State who has complied with subsection 5 and the rules adopted under that subsection is allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this Part on income derived during the taxable year from the production of renewable chemicals in the amount of 8¢ per pound of renewable chemical produced in the State ~~as long as the taxpayer demonstrates to the Department of Economic and Community Development that at least 75% of the employees of the contractors hired or retained to harvest renewable biomass used in the production of the renewable chemicals meet the eligibility conditions specified in the Employment Security Law.~~

~~If the taxpayer does not contract directly with those hired or retained to harvest the renewable biomass, the taxpayer may obtain the necessary documentation under this subsection from the landowner or other entity that contracts directly.~~

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 478  
H.P. 884 - L.D. 1361**

**An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Covered Dental Services Provided by Licensed Dental Hygienists**

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§12-E**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 307, §1 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

**12-E. Title 24-A, sections 2765 and 2847-Q and 4257.** Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienists or dental hygienists, Title 24-A, sections 2765 and 2847-Q and 4257;

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2765**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2765. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2765, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.** An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§2847-Q. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2847-Q, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.** An insurer that issues group dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are

within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

**Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §4257**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§4257. Coverage for services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist**

**Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4257, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §15, is further amended to read:

**1. Services provided by independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.** All individual and group health maintenance organization contracts that include coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by an independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the independent practice dental hygienist or dental hygienist.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 479  
H.P. 936 - L.D. 1427**

**An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §57 and c. 483, §3, is further amended to read:

**2-A.** A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault or a prosecution for a Class A or Class B crime involving aggravated sex trafficking must be commenced within 20 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1604, subsection 5, paragraph B.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Criminal Law Advisory Commission established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52 shall examine the statutes of limitation in Title 17-A, section 8 pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims, including by examining whether parity exists between the statutes of limitation established in Title 17-A, section 8, subsection 1, paragraph B and section 8, subsection 2-A, as well as whether the

extended limitation periods established in these provisions should apply to any other sexual offense crimes in the State. The commission shall submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This Act applies to the crime of aggravated sex trafficking under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 852 committed on or after the effective date of this Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

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**CHAPTER 480  
H.P. 982 - L.D. 1498**

**An Act to Address Maine's  
Housing Crisis by Limiting  
Municipal Impact Fees on  
Housing Development**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4354, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 722, §8 and affected by §11, is amended to read:

A Subject to the requirements and restrictions set forth in this section, a municipality may enact an ordinance under its home rule authority requiring the construction of ~~off-site capital~~ infrastructure improvements or the payment of impact fees instead of the construction of infrastructure improvements. Notwithstanding section 3442, subsection 2, an impact fee may be imposed that results in a developer or developers paying the entire cost of an infrastructure improvement. A municipality may impose an impact fee either before or after completing the infrastructure improvement. The municipality shall establish a policy document, accessible at the office of the municipality or on the publicly accessible website of the municipality, that describes the manner by which the municipality determines that a development necessitates an infrastructure improvement and how the developer's share of the cost of that improvement is determined.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4354, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 776, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Construction or fees may be required.** The requirements may include construction of ~~capital~~ infrastructure improvements or impact fees instead of ~~capital~~ infrastructure improvements including the expansion or

replacement of existing infrastructure facilities and the construction of new infrastructure facilities. A municipality shall demonstrate that a required infrastructure improvement is necessary to accommodate the development and that the impact fee is based on the cost of the infrastructure improvement and proportionate to the development's use of the infrastructure improvement.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, infrastructure facilities include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Waste water collection and treatment facilities;
- (2) Municipal water facilities;
- (3) Solid waste facilities;
- (4) Public safety equipment and facilities;
- (5) Roads and traffic control devices;
- (6) Parks and other open space or recreational areas; and
- (7) School facilities.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4354, sub-§2, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

C. The ordinance must establish a reasonable schedule under which the municipality is required to ~~use~~ encumber the funds within 360 days of receipt and in a manner consistent with the capital investment component of the comprehensive plan.

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**CHAPTER 481  
S.P. 613 - L.D. 1529**

**An Act to Enhance the  
Protection of High-value  
Natural Resources Statewide**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §§23 and 24, is further amended to read:

**1. Comprehensive land use plan.** The commission shall prepare an official comprehensive land use plan, referred to in this subsection as "the plan," for the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State.

The commission must use the plan as a guide in developing specific land use standards and delineating district boundaries and guiding development and generally fulfilling the purposes of this chapter.

The plan may consist of maps, data and statements of present and prospective resource uses that generally delineate the proper use of resources, and recommendations for its implementation.

The commission shall hold public hearings to collect information to be used in establishing the plan. The public hearings must be conducted according to commission rules adopted in accordance with procedures for the establishment of rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2.

The commission may, on its own motion or petition of any state agency or regional planning commission, hold such other hearings as the commission considers necessary from time to time for the purpose of obtaining information helpful in the determination of its policies, the carrying out of its duties or the formulation of its land use standards or rules.

A. The commission may not finalize a plan or a portion of a plan without:

(1) Submitting a draft copy of the tentative plan to each regional planning commission and other appropriate planning or state resource agencies, which shall forward their comments and recommendations, if any, to the commission within 30 days;

(2) Submitting a draft copy of the tentative plan to the Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, ~~Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning~~, as described in Title 7-A, section 206, subsection 4, or ~~its~~ the director's successor, ~~which who~~ shall forward ~~its the director's~~ comments and recommendations, if any, to the commission within 30 days; and

(3) Considering all comments and recommendations submitted under ~~paragraphs A and B-1; and subparagraphs (1) and (2).~~

(4) ~~Submitting the tentative plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and the committee reviewing the plan at a public meeting. The commission shall brief the committee on any anticipated changes to land use districts and subdistricts based on revisions in the comprehensive land use plan and a projected timetable for rulemaking to adopt these changes.~~

B-1. After the commission has finalized provisionally adopted a plan or a portion of a plan, but prior to final adoption, the commission shall provide a copy to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, who shall submit the finalized provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan to the Governor for comments. The commissioner shall submit the finalized provisionally adopted

plan or a portion of the plan, including the Governor's comments, to the Legislature ~~within 30 days after the convening of~~ for approval during the next regular legislative session for approval. The Legislature shall, by act or resolve, approve, disapprove or require changes to the provisionally adopted plan or ~~any~~ portion of the plan prior to adjournment. If the provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan is approved or the Legislature fails to act on the provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan before adjournment, the provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan may be finally adopted by the commission. If the provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan is disapproved or revisions are required, the provisionally adopted plan or a portion of the plan must be revised by the commission and resubmitted to the Legislature for approval by act or resolve. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters may submit legislation to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

This subsection also applies to any material alteration in the plan.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8879, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Report on conservation of late-successional forests and old-growth forests.** Beginning with the report due on January 1, 2031, the report must include information regarding the status of late-successional forests and old-growth forests in the State and actions that have been taken since the previous report under this section to enhance the conservation of late-successional forests and old-growth forests on public and private land statewide.

**Sec. 3. Maine Land Use Planning Commission; comprehensive land use plan.** The Maine Land Use Planning Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission," shall, as part of the next update to the comprehensive land use plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 685-C, subsection 1, consider the effectiveness of its lake management program and whether changing circumstances and new trends warrant an update to the program, including an evaluation as to whether all lakes or a subset of lakes should be reclassified, what methods should be used to revise lake classifications if needed, the cost of the reclassifications, possible funding sources and the priority for implementation. The evaluation must consider whether additional measures are required to protect the character and natural resource values of the commission's current Management Class 7 lakes that are undeveloped and have one or more natural resources classified as outstanding by the Department of Conservation, Land Use Regulation Commission's Maine Wildlands Lake Assessment published in 1987 in accordance with

the commission's goal of maintaining an appropriate balance between conservation and development.

**Sec. 4. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop comprehensive report on statewide strategies to enhance conservation of late-successional forests and old-growth forests.** Subject to the availability of funds, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this section as "the department," may develop a comprehensive report on statewide strategies to enhance the conservation of late-successional forests and old-growth forests, including the management of transitioning late-successional forests. In developing the strategies, the department may incorporate ecological values, carbon sequestration methods and economic considerations from a broad range of perspectives to include forest landowners, forest industry representatives, logging contractors, conservation interests and local economies. By November 4, 2026, the department may submit the report, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters, which may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027. In completing the report under this section, the department may solicit and use resources from other state agencies and outside sources.

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**CHAPTER 482**

**H.P. 1033 - L.D. 1575**

**An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 446, §1, is further amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of December 2000 until the day before the first Wednesday of December 2024, is entitled to \$10,815 in the first year and \$7,725 in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator who is a recipient of retirement benefits from the federal Social Security Administration files a written request with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one week after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to \$9,270 in each year of the biennium. Beginning with the first Wednesday of December 2024, each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to \$25,000 in the first year and \$20,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium, except that if a Legislator who is a recipient of retire-

ment benefits from the federal Social Security Administration files a written request with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council within one week after the biennium commences, the Legislator is entitled to \$22,500 in each year of the biennium. Each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives must receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative salary, except that the percentage increase may not exceed 5% in any year, and except that the percentage increase may not exceed 3% beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Beginning December 1, 2001, the salary for each legislative session must be adjusted each December 1st by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the most recently concluded fiscal year; except that a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative salary for the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, and except that a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in annual legislative salary for the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and the First Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, and any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 may not be applied to the base salary. In addition, each Legislator is entitled to be paid mileage for travel at each legislative session to and from that Legislator's place of abode at a rate of 55¢ per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike as long as they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed when Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. Each Legislator is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and those amounts of salary and expenses at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end of the session, except that, effective January 1, 2026, a Legislator may choose to be paid the salary for each year of the biennium to which that Legislator is entitled pursuant to this section in approximately equal payments over that corresponding year of the biennium, and a Legislator who chooses this option must do so prior to the beginning of each regular session.

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**CHAPTER 483**  
**H.P. 1122 - L.D. 1687**

**An Act to Clarify and Increase  
Access to HIV Prevention  
Medications**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3197** is enacted to read:

**§3197. Prescribing, dispensing and administering HIV prevention drugs**

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "HIV prevention drug" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 13786-E, subsection 1, paragraph B.

**2. Reimbursement for pharmacists prescribing, dispensing and administering HIV prevention drugs.** No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program to a pharmacist for prescribing, dispensing and administering HIV prevention drugs under Title 32, section 13786-E. The department:

A. Shall provide coverage for services provided by the pharmacist under this subsection;

B. Shall authorize a pharmacist to bill the carrier and receive direct payment for a service under this subsection that the pharmacist provides to a MaineCare member and shall identify the pharmacist as the provider in the billing and the claims process for payment of the service; and

C. May not impose on a pharmacist a practice, education or collaboration requirement that is inconsistent with or more restrictive than a requirement of state law or an agency or board rule for the pharmacist to receive payment for a service provided under this subsection.

**3. Reimbursement model.** No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall create and implement under the MaineCare program a reimbursement model to increase access to HIV prevention drugs administered under Title 32, section 13786-E.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4317-D, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 265, §4, is amended to read:

**2. Coverage required.** A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for an HIV prevention drug that has been prescribed by a provider or that has been prescribed, dispensed and administered by a pharmacist under Title 32, section 13786-E. Coverage under this section is subject to the following.

A. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more HIV prevention drugs that use the same method of administration, a carrier is not required to cover all approved drugs as long as

the carrier covers at least one approved drug for each method of administration with no out-of-pocket cost. Notwithstanding this paragraph, a carrier shall provide coverage with no out-of-pocket cost for HIV prevention drugs for the prevention of the acquisition of HIV infection in accordance with a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force or equivalent rating from a successor organization and guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

B. A carrier is not required to cover any preexposure prophylaxis drug or post-exposure prophylaxis drug dispensed or administered by an out-of-network pharmacy provider unless the enrollee's health plan provides an out-of-network pharmacy benefit.

C. A carrier may not prohibit, or permit a pharmacy benefits manager to prohibit, a pharmacy provider from prescribing, dispensing or administering any HIV prevention drugs.

D. A carrier shall authorize a pharmacist to bill the carrier and receive direct payment for a service that the pharmacist provides to an enrollee pursuant to this section and shall identify the pharmacist as the provider in the billing and claims process for payment for the service. A carrier may not impose on a pharmacist, in order for the pharmacist to receive payment for a service provided pursuant to this section, a practice, education or collaboration requirement that is inconsistent with or more restrictive than a requirement of state law or agency or board rules.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4317-D, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 265, §4, is amended to read:

**3. Limits on prior authorization and step therapy requirements.** Notwithstanding any requirements in section 4304 or 4320-N to the contrary, a carrier may not subject any HIV prevention drug to any prior authorization or step therapy requirement except as provided in this subsection. If the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more methods of administering HIV prevention drugs, a carrier is not required to cover all of the approved drugs without prior authorization or step therapy requirements as long as the carrier covers at least one approved drug for each method of administration without prior authorization or step therapy requirements. Notwithstanding this subsection, a carrier shall provide coverage without prior authorization or step therapy requirements for HIV prevention drugs for the prevention of the acquisition of HIV infection in accordance with a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force or equivalent rating from a successor organization and guidelines issued by the United

States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. If prior authorization or step therapy requirements are met for a particular enrollee with regard to a particular HIV prevention drug, the carrier is required to cover that drug with no out-of-pocket cost to the enrollee.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §13786-E, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 265, §6, is amended to read:

B. A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a preexposure prophylaxis drug in at least a 30-day supply, and up to a 60-day supply of an oral medication, or in one administration of an injectable medication of any duration, as long as all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The patient tests negative for HIV infection, as documented by a negative HIV test result obtained within the previous 7 days. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV test result in accordance with this subparagraph, the pharmacist shall order an HIV test. If the test results are not transmitted directly to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall verify the test results to the pharmacist's satisfaction. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharmacist or person administering the test shall direct the patient to a primary care provider and provide a list of primary care providers and clinics within a reasonable travel distance of the patient's residence;
- (2) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection on a self-reporting checklist of acute HIV infection signs and symptoms;
- (3) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;
- (4) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the ongoing use of a preexposure prophylaxis drug. The pharmacist shall notify the patient that the patient must be seen by a primary care provider to receive subsequent prescriptions for a preexposure prophylaxis drug and that a pharmacist may not dispense or administer more than a 60-day supply of a an oral preexposure prophylaxis drug or one administration of an injectable preexposure prophylaxis drug of any duration to a single patient once every 2 years without a prescription;
- (5) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the patient profile record system maintained by the pharmacy. The pharmacist shall maintain records of preexposure prophylaxis drugs dispensed or administered to each patient;

(6) The pharmacist does not dispense or administer more than a 60-day supply of a an oral preexposure prophylaxis drug or one administration of an injectable preexposure prophylaxis drug of any duration to a single patient once every 2 years, unless otherwise directed by a practitioner; and

(7) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider that the pharmacist completed the requirements specified in this paragraph. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

**Sec. 5. Exemption from review.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.

**Sec. 6. Department of Health and Human Services to apply for waiver under Medicaid program.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any amendment to the state Medicaid plan or for any waiver under the state Medicaid program necessary to implement this Act by January 1, 2027.

**Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding for MaineCare reimbursement to pharmacists for HIV prevention medications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$1,470
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$1,470
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$15,591
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$15,591
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$1,609
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$1,609

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology costs to implement MaineCare reimbursement to pharmacists for HIV prevention medications.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$42,794
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$42,794</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$131,360
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$131,360</b>
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$44,264
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$146,951
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,609
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$192,824</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 484**  
**S.P. 686 - L.D. 1768**

**An Act to Protect Residents of Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4852, sub-§2, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 48, §§5 and 31, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Pay the administrative costs of state public bodies or other public instrumentalities and private, nonprofit corporations directly associated with housing projects; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4852, sub-§2, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 48, §§5 and 31, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5-A) to read:

(5-A) Maintain housing affordability in mobile home parks to support ownership of mobile home parks by mobile home owner's associations, resident-owned housing cooperatives or other nonprofit entities representing the interests of mobile home owners in mobile home parks; and

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§20**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. E, §3 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

**20. Controlling interests.** Transfers of controlling interests in an entity with a fee interest in real property if the transfer of the real property would qualify for exemption if accomplished by deed of the real property between the parties to the transfer of the controlling interest; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§21**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. E, §4 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**21. Transfers pursuant to transfer on death deed.** Any transfer of real property effectuated by a transfer on death deed pursuant to Title 18-C, Article 6, Part 4; ~~and~~

**Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

**22. Certain deeds of mobile home park.** Deeds conveying ownership of a mobile home park from its owner to a majority of residents of the park at the time of conveyance who are residents of the State or a mobile home owners' association of the mobile home park organized in this State when the conveyance is made pursuant to Title 10, section 9094-A.

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$53,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 485**  
**H.P. 1228 - L.D. 1844**

**An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15. Reentry services.** Within the limits of available resources, the commissioner shall establish and

maintain a reentry services program for residents of correctional facilities that makes available, as appropriate, reentry services in the following areas:

A. Health and wellness, including, but not limited to, accessing available MaineCare and veterans' benefits and connecting with community providers and other resources for treating and managing substance use disorder and maintaining physical and mental health;

B. Financial literacy and planning, including, but not limited to, information about opening a bank account, managing a budget and building and maintaining credit;

C. Employment preparation, including, but not limited to, writing a resume, searching for employment, information about obtaining a driver's license, information about obtaining work-related certification or licensure and locating and securing housing;

D. Community and family integration, including, but not limited to, voter registration information, information about services offered through the statewide 2-1-1 telephone number designated pursuant to Title 35-A, section 7108 and connecting with community support programs, including programs offering education on conflict resolution, establishing and maintaining relationships and rejection management techniques; and

E. Technology training, including, but not limited to, information about computer literacy programs and avoiding Internet scams.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 486**

**H.P. 1247 - L.D. 1876**

**An Act to Change the Name and Duties of the Taxpayer Advocate to Increase the Use of State Tax Credits**

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

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §151-C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 694, §5, is further amended to read:

**§151-C. Taxpayer advocate and experience officer**

**1. Appointment.** The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall hire the taxpayer advocate and experience officer as an employee of the bureau who is independent of and not subject to the supervision or control of the assessor or any other employee of the bureau. The taxpayer advocate and experience

officer is an unclassified employee and serves at the pleasure of the commissioner. The taxpayer advocate and experience officer need not be an attorney.

**2. Duties and responsibilities.** The duties and responsibilities of the taxpayer advocate and experience officer are to:

A. Assist taxpayers in resolving problems with the bureau; by:

(1) Establishing a taxpayer's best contact within the bureau to provide an accelerated review of the taxpayer's issues;

(2) Facilitating speedy resolution within the bureau, if possible, including offer in compromise and payment plan options; and

(3) Explaining reconsideration and appeal options, if available, under this Part;

B. Identify areas in which Assist taxpayers have problems in dealings with the bureau, stakeholder advocacy groups, Legislators and other interested parties by describing available tax benefit programs and assisting with simplified access to those programs;

C. Propose to the assessor and the bureau's division directors any recommended changes in the administrative practices of the bureau to mitigate problems identified or arising under paragraph paragraphs A and B; and

D. Identify legislative changes that may be appropriate to mitigate problems identified or arising under paragraph paragraphs A and B and report recommendations in the annual report required under subsection 3.

**3. Annual report.** Beginning in 2012 2026, the taxpayer advocate and experience officer shall prepare and submit by August 1st January 15th an annual report of activities and recommendations under subsection 2 of the taxpayer advocate and experience officer to the Governor, commissioner, the Associate Commissioner for Tax Policy, the assessor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters.

~~**4. Investigation.** The taxpayer advocate may investigate complaints affecting taxpayers generally or any particular taxpayer or group of taxpayers and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the assessor with respect to these complaints. The assessor shall provide a formal response to all recommendations submitted to the assessor by the taxpayer advocate within 3 months after submission to the assessor.~~

~~**5. Response.** The assessor shall establish procedures to provide for a formal response to all recommendations submitted to the assessor by the taxpayer advocate.~~

**Sec. A-2. Taxpayer advocate and experience officer.** The changes to the position title and duties of the taxpayer advocate established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 151-C, as amended in this Part, do not change the position count and funding associated with the taxpayer advocate position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.

## PART B

**Sec. B-1. Special report of taxpayer advocate and experience officer.** The taxpayer advocate and experience officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall:

1. Study the use of state tax credits by:
  - A. Determining the rate at which eligible individuals are accessing available state tax credits;
  - B. Identifying and assessing current barriers that may be negatively affecting the rate at which available state tax credits are being accessed; and
  - C. Developing recommendations to address any eligible individuals not accessing available state tax credits;
2. Study the current practices of large tax preparation firms with respect to offering state tax credits to individuals in this State by:
  - A. Examining the current practices of large tax preparation firms that offer services to individuals in this State with respect to providing information to customers about state tax credits and assisting customers in accessing those credits;
  - B. Examining the efficacy of the software used by large tax preparation firms to prepare and file tax returns with respect to assisting customers in using state tax credits; and
  - C. Developing recommendations for potential public policy or consumer protection measures to ensure that individual taxpayers in this State are informed of and have access to state tax credits, regardless of which tax preparer the individual taxpayer uses.

For the purposes of this subsection, "large tax preparation firm" means a business that offers tax return preparation services to individuals and families in the State; offers tax return preparation services at multiple franchise locations, or remotely, to customers nationwide or in multiple other states; and has at least 50 employees;
3. Address the role of State Government in promoting public awareness of individual state tax credits by:
  - A. Identifying existing interactions of State Government with individual taxpayers that include

providing information to those individuals about state tax credits;

B. Identifying interactions between State Government and individual taxpayers that do not currently but reasonably could include providing information to those individuals about state tax credits;

C. Identifying and evaluating any potential barriers to incorporating the provision of state tax credit information to individual taxpayers in any interactions identified in paragraph B;

D. Recommending strategies to expand the practice of promoting awareness of state tax credits throughout appropriate state departments and agencies, including through interdepartmental data sharing; and

E. Recommending improvements to the State's free electronic tax filing system, known as the Maine Tax Portal, including recommendations to improve:

(1) Public education efforts to promote the existence and availability of the electronic tax filing system; and

(2) Ease of use and accessibility features, including mobile access, use of plain language and accessibility to non-English speaking individuals; and

4. Study and address current practices of municipalities related to promoting awareness of individual state tax credits and tax relief programs by:

A. Identifying and assessing the current practices of municipalities throughout the State, including with respect to promoting awareness of the following:

(1) The earned income credit under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-S;

(2) The property tax fairness credit under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-KK;

(3) The dependent exemption tax credit under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-SS;

(4) The sales tax fairness credit under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5213-A; and

(5) A deferred collection of homestead property taxes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 908; and

B. Evaluate and address any barriers preventing a municipality from expanding the municipality's efforts to promote individual taxpayer awareness of state tax credits.

**Sec. B-2. Report.** By November 4, 2026, the taxpayer advocate and experience officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters a report consisting of the taxpayer advocate and experience officer's findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Funding for free volunteer tax assistance.** On or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the All Other line category in the University of Maine System, New Ventures Maine program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support a coalition of approximately 50 organizations providing free volunteer tax assistance and other financial education services to low-income individuals and families statewide.

**Sec. C-2. Report.** No later than December 1, 2027, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, in maintaining the so-called New Ventures Maine program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10922, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters that includes a description of how the coalition receiving the funds transferred pursuant to section 1 of this Part is using those funds, how many individuals and families the coalition has served and how many individuals the coalition assisted in filing their taxes with those funds.

**Sec. C-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**New Ventures Maine Z169**

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds to support a coalition of approximately 50 organizations providing free volunteer tax assistance and other financial education services to low-income individuals and families statewide.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 487  
S.P. 747 - L.D. 1906**

**An Act to Improve  
Accountability and  
Understanding of Data in  
Insurance Transactions**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1914** is enacted to read:

**§1914. Plan sponsor access to claims data; right to audit**

**1. High-cost claims data.** Upon request of a plan sponsor that has certified its compliance with the use and disclosure requirements of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.504(f), an administrator shall provide data on a high-cost claim so that a plan sponsor may perform an audit to ensure compliance with the plan sponsor's contract prior to payment of the high-cost claim. The data must include any itemized billing statements and medical records associated with the claim in the possession of the administrator or the administrator's agents. The plan sponsor or the plan sponsor's designee shall make a request for data on a high-cost claim within 2 business days of receipt of the claim and the administrator must provide the requested information within 30 business days of the request. For the purposes of this subsection, "high-cost claim" means any claim related to an individual provided health coverage by a plan sponsor that exceeds \$100,000.

**2. Claims data; right to audit.** An administrator that contracts with a plan sponsor to provide health coverage shall permit a plan sponsor to perform a post-payment audit of all claims paid to ensure compliance with the contract at least once in a calendar year as long as the request is not earlier than 6 months following a previously requested audit. Upon request of a plan sponsor as part of an audit, an administrator shall disclose within 30 business days to a plan sponsor that has certified its compliance with the use and disclosure requirements of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.504(f) or, to the extent permitted by law and if requested by the plan sponsor, to the plan sponsor's designated business associate the following information specific to the plan sponsor:

A. Claims data received by the administrator via electronic claims transactions on any current standardized claim form approved by the Federal Government for professional services or institutional services. The form or transaction may be modified only as necessary to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191;

B. Claims payments, electronic funds transfers or remittance advice notices provided by the administrator as electronic files compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, including, but not limited to, electronic claims transactions for both the billed amount and the paid amount for professional services and both the billed amount and the paid amount for institutional services. The files may be modified only as necessary to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Public Law 111-5, and any regulations promulgated under those laws;

C. Any fees charged to the plan sponsor related to plan administration and claims processing, including renegotiation fees, access fees, repricing fees or enhanced review fees; and

D. Any out-of-network fees or out-of-network negotiated discounts, aligned incentive program fees, pay-for-performance payments and recoveries, cost-containment program fees, overpayment recovery program fees, subrogation fees and any other special program fees and discounts.

**3. No conditions or fees on audit.** An administrator may not impose on a plan sponsor:

A. Any fees relating to an audit request under this section that exceed the direct expenses properly and actually incurred by the administrator to provide the data; or

B. Any conditions that would restrict a plan sponsor's right to conduct an audit under this section, including, but not limited to, restrictions on:

(1) The time period covered by the audit, except that a request pursuant to this section must be made within 24 months of the end of each plan year to be audited;

(2) The number of claims analyzed;

(3) The type of analysis conducted;

(4) The data elements used in the analysis;

(5) The means by which an auditor is compensated by a plan sponsor; or

(6) The plan sponsor's choice of auditor as long as the plan sponsor certifies that the auditor has adequate conflict of interest protection provisions to prevent conflicts of interest from adversely affecting the outcome of the audit.

**4. Nondisclosure and data use agreement.** An administrator may require that the plan sponsor and the plan sponsor's designated business associate execute a nondisclosure and data use agreement that reasonably

restricts the auditor's use of data provided by the administrator to the sole purpose of conducting an audit on behalf of a plan sponsor. The coverage limits of any cybersecurity insurance or liability insurance policy required under the nondisclosure and data use agreement may not exceed the administrator's limit of liability under the services agreement between the plan sponsor and the administrator, if such limit applies. In addition, an administrator is not required to provide data to an auditor selected by a plan sponsor if the auditor has previously breached a nondisclosure and data use agreement with that administrator or refuses to execute a nondisclosure and data use agreement.

**5. Compliance with federal law.** Information provided by an administrator to a plan sponsor in accordance with this section must comply with any applicable requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Public Law 111-5, and any regulations promulgated under those laws.

**6. Application.** An administrator may not enter into, issue, amend or renew any contract or network services agreement with a plan sponsor on or after January 1, 2026 that contains any provision that violates this section.

**7. Exclusive enforcement; violation.** Notwithstanding section 12-A, a violation of this section is subject to exclusive enforcement under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, including any of the remedies provided for in the Act. A violation is committed each time a prohibited act under this section occurs. Investigations of violations by administrators may include a 3rd party that may possess evidence supporting such investigation.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4347, sub-§18-A** is enacted to read:

**18-A. Plan sponsor.** "Plan sponsor" has the same meaning as in section 1901, subsection 8, except that "plan sponsor" does not include an employer that offers or provides a health plan that is insured by an insurer authorized to do business in this State.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4349-A** is enacted to read:

**§4349-A. Plan sponsor access to claims data; right to audit**

**1. Prescription drug data.** Within 30 business days of a request from a plan sponsor that has certified its compliance with the use and disclosure requirements of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.504(f), a pharmacy benefits manager shall provide data to the plan sponsor regarding the actual amounts directly or indirectly paid by the pharmacy benefits manager to a pharmacy or pharmacist on behalf of the plan sponsor

for a prescription drug and any dispensing fee for a prescription drug.

**2. Claims data; right to audit.** Notwithstanding section 4350-C, a pharmacy benefits manager that contracts with a plan sponsor to provide prescription drug coverage shall permit a plan sponsor to perform a post-payment audit of claims paid to ensure compliance with the contract at least once in a calendar year as long as the request is not earlier than 6 months following a previously requested audit. Upon request of a plan sponsor as part of an audit, a pharmacy benefits manager shall disclose within 30 business days to a plan sponsor who has certified its compliance with the use and disclosure requirements of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.504(f), or, to the extent permitted by law and if requested by the plan sponsor, to the plan sponsor's designated business associate the following information specific to the plan sponsor:

A. Rebate amounts, identified by the drug and therapeutic category, secured on prescription drugs provided by a pharmaceutical manufacturer that are generated by claims processed through the plan maintained by the plan sponsor and administered by the pharmacy benefits manager;

B. Prescription drug and device claims received by the pharmacy benefits manager via electronic claims transactions on any current standardized claim form approved by the Federal Government for these services. The form or transaction may be modified only as necessary to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Public Law 111-5, and any regulations promulgated under those laws;

C. Prescription drug and device claims payments, electronic funds transfers or remittance advice notices provided by the pharmacy benefits manager as electronic files. The files may be modified only as necessary to comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Public Law 111-5, and any regulations promulgated under those laws; and

D. Any other revenue and fees derived by the pharmacy benefits manager from the contract, including all direct or indirect remuneration from pharmaceutical manufacturers regardless of whether the remuneration is classified as a rebate, fee or other classification.

**3. No conditions or fees on audit.** A pharmacy benefits manager may not impose on a plan sponsor:

A. Any fees relating to an audit request under this section that exceed the direct expenses properly and actually incurred by the pharmacy benefits manager to provide the data; or

B. Any conditions that would restrict a plan sponsor's right to conduct an audit under this section, including, but not limited to, restrictions on:

(1) The time period covered by the audit, except that any request pursuant to this section must be made within 24 months of the end of each plan year to be audited;

(2) The number of claims analyzed;

(3) The type of analysis conducted;

(4) The data elements used in the analysis;

(5) The means by which an auditor is compensated by a plan sponsor; or

(6) The plan sponsor's choice of auditor as long as the plan sponsor certifies that the auditor has adequate conflict of interest protection provisions to prevent conflicts of interest from adversely affecting the outcome of the audit.

**4. Nondisclosure and data use agreement.** A pharmacy benefits manager may require that the plan sponsor and the plan sponsor's designated business associate execute a nondisclosure and data use agreement that reasonably restricts the auditor's use of data provided by the pharmacy benefits manager to the sole purpose of conducting an audit on behalf of a plan sponsor. The coverage limits of any cybersecurity insurance or liability insurance policy required under the nondisclosure and data use agreement may not exceed the pharmacy benefits manager's limit of liability under the services agreement between the plan sponsor and the pharmacy benefits manager, if such limit applies. In addition, a pharmacy benefits manager is not required to provide data to an auditor selected by a plan sponsor if the auditor has previously breached a nondisclosure and data use agreement with that pharmacy benefits manager or refuses to execute a nondisclosure and data use agreement.

**5. Compliance with federal law.** Information provided by a pharmacy benefits manager to a plan sponsor in accordance with this section must comply with any applicable requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Public Law 111-5, and any regulations promulgated under those laws.

**6. Application.** An administrator or pharmacy benefits manager may not enter into, issue, amend or renew any contract or network services agreement with a plan sponsor on or after January 1, 2026 that contains any provision that violates this section.

7. Exclusive enforcement; violation. Notwithstanding section 12-A, a violation of this section is subject to exclusive enforcement under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, including any of the remedies provided for in the Act. A violation is committed each time a prohibited act under this section occurs. Investigations of violations by pharmacy benefits managers may include a 3rd party that may possess evidence supporting such investigation.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 488**

**S.P. 755 - L.D. 1937**

**An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance Programs for Medical Care**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1715**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §29, is further amended to read:

**§1715. Access requirements applicable to certain health care providers**

**1. Access requirements.** Any person, including, but not limited to, an affiliated interest as defined in former section 396-L, that is subject to the requirements of this subsection, shall provide the services listed in paragraph C to individuals who are eligible for charity care in accordance with a charity care policy adopted by the affiliate or provider that is consistent with ~~rules requirements~~ applicable to hospitals under section ~~1716~~ 1716-A and any rules adopted pursuant to section ~~1716-A~~ 1716-A. A person is subject to this subsection if that person:

- A. Is either a direct provider of major ambulatory service, as defined in former section 382, subsection 8-A, or is or has been required to obtain a certificate of need under section 329 or former section 304 or 304-A;
- B. Provides outpatient services as defined in former section 382, subsection 9-A; and
- C. Provides one or more of the following services:
  - (1) Imaging services, including, but not limited to, magnetic resonance imaging, computerized tomography, mammography and radiology. For purposes of this section, imaging services do not include:
    - (a) Screening procedures that are not related to the diagnosis or treatment of a specific condition; or

(b) Services when:

- (i) The services are owned by a community health center, a physician or group of physicians;
- (ii) The services are offered solely to the patients of that center, physician or group of physicians; and
- (iii) Referrals for the purpose of performing those services are not accepted from other physicians;

(2) Laboratory services performed by a hospital or by a medical laboratory licensed ~~in accordance with the Maine Medical Laboratory Commission, by the department~~ or licensed by an equivalent out-of-state licensing authority, excluding those licensed laboratories owned by community health centers, ~~by a physician or by a group of physicians where at which~~ the laboratory services are offered solely to the patients of that center, physician or group of physicians;

(3) Cardiac diagnostic services, including, but not limited to, cardiac catheterization and angiography but excluding electrocardiograms and electrocardiograph stress testing;

(4) Lithotripsy services;

(5) Services provided by free-standing ambulatory surgery facilities certified to participate in the Medicare program; or

(6) Any other service performed in an outpatient setting requiring the purchase of medical equipment costing in the aggregate \$500,000 or more and for which the charge per unit of service is \$250 or more.

**2. Enforcement.** The requirements of subsection 1 are enforced through the following mechanisms.

A. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this section or any valid order or rule made or adopted pursuant to section ~~1716~~ 1716-A, or who willfully fails, neglects or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed under this section, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500 per patient may be adjudged with respect to each patient denied access unless specific penalties are elsewhere provided. Any forfeiture imposed under this section may not exceed \$5,000 in the case of the first judgment under this section against the provider, \$7,500 in the case of a 2nd judgment against the provider or \$10,000 in the case of the 3rd or subsequent judgment against the provider. The Attorney General is authorized to prosecute the civil violations.

B. Upon application of the Attorney General or any affected patient, the Superior Court or District Court has full jurisdiction to enforce the performance by providers of health care of all duties imposed upon them by this section and any valid rules adopted pursuant to section ~~1716~~ 1716-A.

C. In any civil action under this section, the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the Attorney General, reasonable attorney's fees and costs and the Attorney General is liable for attorney's fees and costs in the same manner as a private person.

D. It is an affirmative defense to any legal action brought under this section that the person subject to this section denied access to services on the grounds that the economic viability of the facility or practice would be jeopardized by compliance with this section.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1716, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 653, Pt. B, §7 and affected by §8 and enacted by c. 696, Pt. A, §36, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1716-A is enacted to read:

**§1716-A. Charity care and financial assistance programs provided by hospitals**

This section applies to financial assistance programs provided by hospitals to qualifying patients, including program requirements specific to charity care.

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Charity care" means free health care services provided by hospitals to patients in accordance with the requirements under subsection 2.

B. "Family income" means the cumulative income of a patient and the patient's family. "Family income" does not include the income of any individual residing in a patient's household who is not a member of the patient's family. For the purposes of this paragraph, "family" means a group of 2 or more persons related by birth, marriage or adoption who reside together and among whom there are legal responsibilities for support. All such related persons are considered one family.

C. "Federal poverty level" has the same meaning as in section 3762, subsection 1, paragraph C.

D. "Financial assistance program" means a program administered by a hospital to provide patients with free or reduced-cost health care services and includes, but is not limited to, charity care.

E. "Income" means modified adjusted gross income as determined using the methodology described in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.603(e).

F. "State resident" means a person:

(1) Living in the State with the intent to remain in the State indefinitely; or

(2) Who enters the State with a permanent, temporary, seasonal or other job commitment or who is seeking employment.

"State resident" does not include a person who is in the State temporarily as a tourist or visitor.

**2. Hospital to provide charity care.** A hospital shall, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, provide free health care services to eligible patients who are state residents in accordance with this section. Upon admission of a patient, or in cases of emergency admission before discharge of a patient, a hospital shall investigate the coverage of the patient by any insurance or state or federal programs of medical assistance. A hospital shall provide free, medically necessary services for patients whose family income is equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

**3. Applications and eligibility requirements for financial assistance programs generally.** The following requirements apply to financial assistance programs provided by a hospital, including charity care except as otherwise provided in subsection 4. A hospital, in accordance with rules adopted by the department:

A. May use an application form developed by the department pursuant to subsection 12;

B. May not require notarization of any application materials or supporting documents required for an application. However, a hospital may include on an application for a financial assistance program:

(1) A requirement for an applicant to attest to the accuracy of the information submitted;

(2) A statement that any information submitted that is determined to be false will result in a denial of financial assistance and that the applicant will bear financial responsibility for charges for services provided by the hospital; and

(3) A statement informing the applicant that knowingly submitting false information is unlawful;

C. Shall accept documentation specified by the department by rule that may be used as proof that the applicant is a state resident;

D. Shall determine eligibility based upon the applicant's family income at the time the application is submitted;

E. Shall, within 15 days of receiving an application, notify the applicant to clearly explain what additional information or documentation, if any, is necessary to complete the application. The hospital shall provide the patient with a reasonable amount

of time that is no less than 30 days following notification to the patient of any information needed to complete the application before denying the application based on incomplete information. The hospital shall determine eligibility and inform the patient of the eligibility determination within 45 days from the date a completed application is submitted; and

F. Shall provide interpretation services to patients with limited English proficiency and patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. This requirement applies to patients applying for or receiving assistance under a financial assistance program.

**4. Applications and eligibility requirements specific to charity care.** In addition to the requirements of subsection 3, and notwithstanding any provision of subsection 3 to the contrary, the following requirements apply to charity care. A hospital, in accordance with rules adopted by the department:

A. May not solicit from an applicant for charity care provided in accordance with this section information regarding any assets or income that are not used to calculate modified adjusted gross income as described in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.603(e);

B. Shall provide versions of the charity care application and the summary described in subsection 5, paragraph A translated into any language spoken by 5% of the population of the State or 1,000 people in the State, whichever is less, as well as any additional languages spoken by 5% of the community served by the hospital or 1,000 people in the community served by the hospital, whichever is less;

C. Shall determine that an applicant is unable to pay for hospital services and is eligible for charity care when the family income of the patient, as calculated by either of the methods described in subparagraphs (1) and (2), is equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Eligibility may be calculated by:

(1) Multiplying by 4 the patient's family income for the 3 months preceding the determination of eligibility; or

(2) Using the patient's actual family income for the 12 months preceding the determination of eligibility.

If one method of calculation is inapplicable, the other method must be applied prior to determining an applicant's eligibility for charity care;

D. Shall provide each applicant who requests charity care and is denied it, in whole or in part, a written and dated statement of the reasons for the denial when the denial is made; and

E. Shall provide to an applicant who is denied charity care, in whole or in part, information regarding the right to request a fair hearing from the department regarding the patient's eligibility for charity care.

**5. Notice and publication requirements.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a hospital shall widely publicize its financial assistance programs within the community served by the hospital, including by:

A. Publishing a summary of the financial assistance programs written in plain language, including a summary of services not covered by financial assistance programs;

B. Providing, in conspicuous locations within the hospital, including admission, registration and waiting areas, information regarding how patients can access physical copies of the plain language summary under paragraph A, the financial assistance program application and any application instructions;

C. Posting a full, accessible and downloadable version of the financial assistance program application on the hospital's publicly accessible website;

D. Including on all plain language summaries and financial assistance program application instructions, excluding billing statements except as otherwise provided in paragraph E and subsection 6, information regarding the hospital's financial assistance program and information regarding the availability of no-cost assistance with applying for financial assistance and health coverage programs through the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in Title 24-A, section 4326; and

E. Providing on all billing statements sent to a patient information on the availability of financial assistance, including how to apply for the financial assistance program, the address of a publicly accessible website from which a patient may download a copy of the application and a telephone number that a patient may call to request a paper copy of the application.

**6. Individual written notice of charity care availability.** A hospital shall provide a patient with individual written notice of the availability of charity care according to the following.

A. With respect to inpatient services, the hospital shall provide individual written notice of the availability of charity care to each patient upon admission, or in the case of emergency admission before discharge.

B. With respect to outpatient services, the hospital shall either include with the patient's bill a copy of an individual notice of the availability of charity

care or provide a copy of the individual notice at the time service is provided.

The individual notice provided pursuant to this subsection must include the information required pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph D, a telephone number to request a paper charity care application, the website address where a patient can submit an online application pursuant to subsection 10, the income guidelines to qualify for charity care and any other information specified by the department by rule.

**7. Patient notified of noncovered services; consequences for failing to notify.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a hospital shall inform a patient who is determined to be eligible for financial assistance if any part of a medical service, treatment, procedure or test provided or administered to the patient in the hospital is not covered by the hospital's financial assistance programs. A hospital may not bill a patient for a medical service, treatment, procedure or test if the hospital failed to provide the patient with advance notice that a medical service, treatment, procedure or test is not covered under the hospital's financial assistance programs. A hospital may bill a patient's health insurance carrier for a medical service, treatment, procedure or test for which the hospital is prohibited from billing the patient under this subsection.

**8. Reasonable payment plans; maximum out-of-pocket payments.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a hospital shall offer a patient with a documented family income that does not exceed 400% of the federal poverty level a payment plan that requires monthly out-of-pocket payments that do not exceed 4% of the patient's monthly family income that is not exempt from attachment or garnishment under state law.

**9. Bill disputes.** A hospital shall include on a billing statement sent to a patient information regarding how to dispute a charge. If the contact information for disputing a charge is distinct from the contact information for paying or otherwise settling a bill, the contact information for the individual or entity charged with handling disputed charges must be provided.

**10. Online application for charity care.** A hospital shall, by July 1, 2028, provide an online option through which an applicant may file an application for charity care. The online option must provide for an e-mail response to the applicant that the application has been received. The hospital shall provide an option for a patient to request that an application be mailed to the patient.

**11. Enforcement.** This subsection governs enforcement of this section.

A. The department shall:

(1) Establish a process for a patient to submit a complaint of hospital noncompliance with this section;

(2) Conduct a review within 30 days of receiving a complaint from a patient regarding non-compliance with this section; and

(3) Require a corrective action of a hospital, if the department determines that the hospital is not in compliance with this section, which may include:

(a) Measures to inform the patient about the noncompliance; and

(b) Adjusting any amount billed to the patient in violation of this section.

B. If the department determines that a hospital knowingly or willfully violated this section or engaged in a pattern of noncompliance with this section, the department may, through the Office of the Attorney General, bring a civil action against the hospital for a penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

**12. Application developed by department.** The department shall develop an application for patients to apply for financial assistance programs, including charity care, consistent with the requirements of subsections 3 and 4, as applicable. The department shall translate any application it develops into any language spoken by 5% of the population of the State or 1,000 people in the State, whichever is less.

**13. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section must be consistent with the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(r) and any federal regulations implementing those requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4313, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 696, Pt. A, §40, is further amended to read:

**1. Emergency care.** In the event of an admission of an eligible person to the hospital, the hospital shall notify the overseer of the liable municipality within 5 business days of the person's admission. ~~In no event may hospital services to a person who~~ If the person meets the financial eligibility guidelines adopted pursuant to section 1716 requirements for charity care under section 1716-A, hospital services may not be billed to the patient person or to a municipality.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §11013, sub-§11,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 245, Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

**11. Collection action prohibited on debt from medical expenses if eligible for free or charity care.** If a debt collector has been notified, orally or in writing, by a creditor or the consumer of the consumer's actual or potential qualification for ~~free or~~ charity care under ~~guidelines adopted pursuant to~~ Title 22, section 1716-A, a debt collector may not collect or attempt to

collect a debt for medical expenses against a consumer who has been determined to be qualified for ~~free or~~ charity care under ~~guidelines adopted pursuant to~~ Title 22, section ~~1716~~ 1716-A or against a consumer who would have been determined to be qualified for ~~free or~~ charity care under ~~guidelines adopted pursuant to~~ Title 22, section ~~1716~~ 1716-A but did not apply for good cause. If the notification is provided to a debt collector, the debt collector shall suspend collection efforts until the creditor has notified the debt collector and the consumer that the consumer is not qualified for ~~free or~~ charity care and, in that case, the debt collector may renew debt collection efforts.

**Sec. 6. Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules.** By June 30, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1716-A, subsection 13 to implement the requirements of this Act. The rules must include a provision limiting a patient's right to request an administrative hearing to within 60 days after the date of the written notification of the action under section 1716-A that the patient wishes to appeal.

**Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Division of Licensing and Certification Z036**

Initiative: Establishes one Comprehensive Health Planner II position, effective July 1, 2026, to develop program applications and implement the department's enforcement requirements for charity care and other financial assistance programs required of hospitals, including investigating patient complaints, taking corrective actions and providing staff support for any necessary legal action. The initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$37,721
All Other	\$0	\$2,467
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40,188</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$73,223
All Other	\$0	\$6,599
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$79,822</b>

**Sec. 8. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 489  
S.P. 758 - L.D. 1951**

**An Act to Promote Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion and Create Jobs**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is amended by repealing subparagraph (1).

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) The applicant employs or will employ ~~upon~~ within 12 months of the start-up of the facility at least 40 full-time employees based in the State; and

**Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The annual income derived from employment with the applicant of at least 75% of the applicant's employees who have been employed by the applicant for at least 12 months exceeds the most recent annual per capita personal income in the county in which the facility is located.

**Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶K,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §2, is further amended to read:

K. "Qualified investment" means an expenditure of at least \$35,000,000 to design, permit, construct, modify, equip or expand the applicant's facility in the State. The expenditures of a qualified applicant and other entities, whether or not incorporated, that are part of a single business enterprise must be aggregated to determine whether a qualified investment has been made. A qualified investment does not include an expenditure made prior to April 1, 2019 or after December 31, ~~2024~~ 2027.

**Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §4, is further amended to read:

E. A certified applicant shall submit an application to the commissioner for a certificate of completion. If the commissioner determines that the certified applicant has made a qualified investment and determines that, at the time the application for a cer-

tificate of completion is submitted, the certified applicant is itself, or is the parent or subsidiary of, an entity that satisfies all of the criteria in subsection 1, paragraph J, ~~subparagraphs (1) and (5)~~; the commissioner shall issue a certificate of completion to the certified applicant as soon as is practical. The certificate of completion must state the amount of qualified investment made by the certified applicant.

**Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §§3 and 4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner may not issue certificates of approval under this subsection that total, in the aggregate, more than ~~\$100,000,000~~ \$200,000,000 of qualified investment or any individual certificate of approval for more than ~~\$85,000,000~~ \$100,000,000 of qualified investment.

**Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 386, §2, is amended to read:

A. Subject to the limitations under paragraph B, beginning with the first full tax year after the certified applicant has been issued a certificate of completion under subsection 2, paragraph E or the tax year beginning on January 1, 2022, whichever is later, and for each of the following 19 tax years, a certified applicant is allowed a credit against the tax due under this Part for the taxable year in an amount equal to 1.8% of the certified applicant's qualified investment, except that, for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, a certified applicant is allowed a credit against the tax due under this Part for the taxable year in an amount equal to 2% of the certified applicant's qualified investment. A certified applicant may not claim a credit under this subsection for more than 20 years. If the certified applicant is a pass-through entity, the owner or owners of the certified applicant are allowed the credit. The credit allowed under this paragraph is refundable.

**Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

**Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (4), division (a).

**Sec. 11. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. H, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4), division (c) to read:

(c) The annual income derived from employment with the certified applicant of at least 75% of the certified applicant's employees who have been employed by the

certified applicant for at least 12 months exceeds the most recent annual per capita personal income in the county in which the facility is located.

**Sec. 12. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§5, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 607, Pt. C, §7 and c. 659, Pt. H, §6, is further amended to read:

A. On or before March 1st of each year, a certified applicant shall file a report with the commissioner for the tax year ending during the immediately preceding calendar year, referred to in this subsection as "the report year, containing year." The report must include, at a minimum, metrics and other progress measures, including the following information:

- (1) The number of full-time employees based in the State of the certified applicant on the last day of the report year; ~~and~~
- (2) The incremental amount of qualified investment made in the report year;
- (3) The total number of full-time employees based in the State in the report year;
- (4) The number of jobs offered by the certified applicant during the report year above the base level of employment; and
- (5) The number of jobs that have been added since the day the certificate of approval was issued.

The commissioner may prescribe forms for the annual report described in this paragraph. The commissioner shall provide copies of the report to the assessor, to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters at the time the report is received.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 490  
H.P. 1312 - L.D. 1968**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Regarding Legislative  
Reimbursement**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 4th ¶,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 2, §3, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in this section, each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to the travel-related expenses of a meal allowance in the amount of \$50, or a higher amount set by the Legislative

Council, and a housing allowance in the amount of \$70, or a higher amount set by the Legislative Council, for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officers may establish reasonable policies regarding allowances for meals and overnight accommodations for the day immediately preceding the session, which may include policies regarding whether an allowance is paid, whether the full amount or a portion of the statutory allowance is paid and whether receipts are required. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$50 and actual daily mileage. Each member of the Senate also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,300 in January and \$700 in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Each member of the House of Representatives also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$1,500, \$1,005 in January and \$495 in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Notwithstanding this section, during the first regular session of each legislative biennium, a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may elect to receive the first payment of the annual allowance for constituent services in December following convening of the Legislature by notifying the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in the manner prescribed by the executive director. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall inform Legislators of the choice available for payment of the allowance for constituent services in the first year of the legislative biennium and of any tax implications associated with exercising that choice. To set the amount of an allowance under this paragraph, at least 6 members of the Legislative Council must vote in favor of the allowance at the beginning of the first regular session or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The amount of an allowance set by the Legislative Council under this paragraph may not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses applicable to that allowance.

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, 11th ¶**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 2, §5, is further amended to read:

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members of a committee, with the approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives as to members of a committee, may also meet on days when the Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location within the State. Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to receive \$55 for every day's attendance when meetings or daily sessions are held and the travel-related expenses of a meal allowance in the amount of \$50, or a higher amount set by the Legislative

Council, and a housing allowance whereby actual lodging expenses will be reimbursed at the single-room rate, as long as a receipt is submitted to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for each day in attendance at such meetings or daily sessions and for each day that member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature and actual daily mileage allowances at the rate of 55¢ per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower, for travel to and from that Legislator's place of abode, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member shall be is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$50 and actual daily mileage allowances. To set the amount of an allowance under this paragraph, at least 6 members of the Legislative Council must vote in favor of the allowance at the beginning of the first regular session or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The amount of an allowance set by the Legislative Council under this paragraph may not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses applicable to that allowance.

**Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §2, 13th ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. O, §6; c. 600, Pt. B, §§9 and 10; and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, is further amended to read:

If a member of the Legislature dies or otherwise vacates the office, the successor is entitled to a salary from the date of seating, ~~computed as follows: two hundred ten dollars per week times the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year if the vacancy occurs in the first year and \$150 per week for the number of weeks remaining in the calendar year if the vacancy occurs in the 2nd year equal to the salary that would have been afforded to the successor had the successor been seated at the start of the biennium, except that the salary must be prorated from the date the successor is sworn into office.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 491**

**S.P. 776 - L.D. 1981**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§15-A** is enacted to read:

**15-A.**

Emergency Medical Services §20/Day 32 MRSA §84 Licensing Board

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§13-B** is enacted to read:

**13-B. Licensing board.** "Licensing board" means the Emergency Medical Services Licensing Board appointed by the board pursuant to section 84, subsection 1, paragraph H.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§16-B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 617, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

**16-B. Medical Direction and Practices Board.** "Medical Direction and Practices Board" means the board consisting of each regional and associate regional medical director, an emergency physician representing the Maine Chapter of the American College of Emergency Medicine Physicians, an at-large member, a toxicologist or licensed pharmacist, a person licensed under section 85 to provide basic emergency medical treatment, a person licensed under section 85 to provide advanced emergency medical treatment, a pediatric physician, the statewide associate emergency medical services medical director and the statewide emergency medical services medical director. The Medical Direction and Practices Board is responsible for creation, adoption and maintenance of Maine Emergency Medical Services protocols pursuant to section 88-B.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶H** is enacted to read:

H. The board, by majority vote and in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee, shall appoint the Emergency Medical Services Licensing Board. The licensing board consists of 7 members as follows:

- (1) A member who is an emergency medical services physician representing hospitals;
- (2) A member representing advanced emergency medical services persons;
- (3) A member representing basic emergency medical services persons;
- (4) A member representing emergency medical dispatch services;
- (5) A member representing emergency medical services licensed training centers;
- (6) A member representing emergency medical services administrators; and
- (7) The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services or the director's designee.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Basic and advanced skills.** With advice from and in consultation with the licensing board and Medical Direction and Practices Board, the board may provide, by rule, which skills, techniques and judgments constitute a basic emergency medical treatment.

**Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 7, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Minimum requirements for licensing.** In setting rules for the licensure of emergency medical services persons, the board, in consultation with the licensing board, shall ensure that a person is not licensed to care for patients unless that person's qualifications are at least those specified in this subsection. Any person who meets these conditions is considered to have the credentials and skill demonstrations necessary for licensure to provide emergency medical treatment.

- A. The person must have completed successfully the training specified in rules adopted by the board pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.
- C. The person must have successfully completed a state board-approved cognitive test for basic emergency medical treatment and a board-approved assessment of emergency medical treatment skills.

The licensing board shall obtain criminal history record information containing a record of public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 9 for an applicant seeking licensure under this subsection. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine suitability for issuance of a license to provide emergency medical services. The results of criminal history record checks received by the licensing board are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the licensing board. The applicant for licensure shall pay the expense of obtaining the information required by this subsection.

**Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 7, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Minimum requirements for relicensing.** The board, in consultation with the licensing board, shall set by rule the license and relicensing requirements and the relicensing interval for emergency medical services persons. A person who is duly licensed in Maine as an emergency medical services person must be issued a renewal license if the following requirements are met:

- A. The person must have satisfactorily completed relicensure training as defined in the rules; and
- B. The person must have satisfactorily demonstrated competence in the skills required for the license level. Skill competence may be satisfied by a combination of run report reviews and continuing education training programs conducted in accordance with the rules or by satisfactorily completing the state board-approved cognitive test and a

board-approved assessment of emergency medical treatment skills.

If the person is not duly licensed at the time of application, the person must demonstrate skill and knowledge as defined in the rules.

To maintain a valid license, an emergency medical services person must meet the criteria set out in this section. If those criteria are not met, a person does not hold a valid license and must reapply for licensure.

**Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §85-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 271, §12, is further amended to read:

**4. Licensing actions.** A license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of ~~sections~~ section 90-A and 91-A. Before the licensing board or its ~~subcommittee~~ or staff takes any final action to suspend or revoke an emergency medical dispatch center license or to refuse to reissue an emergency medical dispatch center license, the licensing board shall contact the bureau for input on the effect of such an action on the E-9-1-1 system and, notwithstanding section 91-B, may, to the extent necessary for this purpose, disclose to the bureau information that is designated as confidential under section 91-B.

**Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §85-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 220, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Mandatory qualifications.** The board, in consultation with the licensing board, shall adopt rules governing qualifications for and standards to be observed by emergency medical services ambulance operators, including:

- A. Establishing licensing requirements for emergency medical services ambulance operators;
- B. Establishing minimal education and continuing education requirements for emergency medical services ambulance operators;
- C. Providing for Maine Emergency Medical Services approval of training programs for emergency medical services ambulance operators that are conducted in accordance with standards approved by the board; and
- D. Establishing requirements for holding a valid state driver's license pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 11, subchapter 1.

**Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §85-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 220, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Background and driver's license information check.** The licensing board shall obtain criminal history record information containing a record of public criminal history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8 for an applicant for licensure under this section. The licensing board shall also obtain driver's license information for an applicant for

licensure under this section. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential and may be used only to determine suitability for issuance of a license to operate an emergency medical services ambulance. The results of criminal history record information checks received by the licensing board are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the board. The applicant for licensure shall pay the expense of obtaining the information required by this subsection.

**Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §85-B, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 220, §3, is amended to read:

**4. Licensing actions.** A license issued under this section is subject to the provisions of ~~sections~~ section 90-A and 91-A.

**Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 588, §16, is further amended to read:

C. The board shall delegate authority to the licensing board to grant licenses pursuant to this chapter.

**Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 588, §16, is amended to read:

I. The board, in consultation with the licensing board, may establish and collect licensure fees, application fees, examination fees, course and conference fees, tuition and other charges as determined necessary by the board for the efficient administration of this chapter. All funds received pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited into a nonlapsing fund established for the purpose. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall administer the fund with the advice and consent of the commissioner. Funds must be deposited with the Treasurer of State to the credit of the fund and may be invested as provided by law. Interest on these investments must be credited to the fund.

**Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 370, §17, is repealed.

**Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 229, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 6, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §90-A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 111, §1, is further amended to read:

**§90-A. Licensing actions**

**1. Disciplinary proceedings and sanctions.** The licensing board or, ~~as delegated,~~ its ~~subcommittee~~ or staff, shall investigate a complaint on its own motion or upon receipt of a written complaint filed with the licensing board regarding noncompliance with or violation of this chapter or of any rules adopted by the board. ~~Investigation may include an informal conference before the board, its subcommittee or staff to determine whether grounds exist for suspension, revocation or denial of a~~

license or for taking other disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter. The licensing board, its subcommittee or its staff may subpoena witnesses, records and documents, including records and documents maintained by a health care facility or other service organization or person related to the delivery of emergency medical services, in any investigation or hearing it conducts.

**2. Notice.** The licensing board shall notify the licensee of the content of a complaint filed against the licensee as soon as possible, but in no event later than 60 days after the licensing board or its staff receives the initial pertinent information. The licensee has the right to respond within 30 days in all cases except those involving an emergency denial, suspension or revocation, as described in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5. If the licensee's response to the complaint satisfies the licensing board or its staff that the complaint does not merit further investigation or action, the matter may be dismissed, with notice of the dismissal to the complainant, if any.

**3. Informal conference.** If, in the opinion of the board, its subcommittee or staff, the factual basis of the complaint is or may be true and the complaint is of sufficient gravity to warrant further action, the board or staff may request an informal conference with the licensee. The board shall provide the licensee with adequate notice of the conference and of the issues to be discussed. The conference must be conducted in executive session of the board, subcommittee or staff, pursuant to Title 1, section 405, unless otherwise requested by the licensee. Statements made at the conference may not be introduced at a subsequent formal administrative or judicial hearing unless all parties consent. The licensee may, without prejudice, refuse to participate in an informal conference if the licensee prefers to request an adjudicatory hearing. If the licensee participates in the informal conference, the licensee waives the right to object to a participant at the hearing who participated at the informal conference.

**4. Further action.** If the licensing board, its subcommittee or its staff finds that the factual basis of the complaint is true and is of sufficient gravity to warrant further action, it may take any of the following actions.

A. The licensing board, its subcommittee or its staff may negotiate a consent agreement with the licensee that fixes the period and terms of probation necessary to protect the public health and safety and to rehabilitate or educate the licensee. A consent agreement may be used to terminate a complaint investigation, if entered into by the licensing board or its staff, the licensee and the Department of the Attorney General.

B. If a licensee voluntarily surrenders a license, the licensing board, its subcommittee or its staff may negotiate stipulations necessary to ensure protection of the public health and safety and the rehabil-

itation or education of the licensee. These stipulations may be set forth only in a consent agreement signed by the licensing board or its staff, the licensee and the Department of the Attorney General.

C. If the licensing board, its subcommittee or its staff concludes that modification, nonrenewal or suspension pursuant to section 88, subsection 3 subsection 7 of a license or imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to section 88, subsection 3 subsection 7 is in order, the licensing board shall so notify the licensee and inform the licensee of the licensee's right to request an adjudicatory hearing. If the licensee requests an adjudicatory hearing in a timely manner, the adjudicatory hearing must be held by the licensing board in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. If the licensee wishes to appeal the final decision of the licensing board, the licensee shall file a petition for review with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of the licensing board's decision. Review under this paragraph must be conducted pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

D. Except in the specific circumstances where for which Title 5, section 10004 may be invoked, if the licensing board or its staff concludes that suspension beyond the authority conferred by section 88 and subsection 7 of the license is in order, the licensing board or its staff shall request the Attorney General to file a complaint in the District Court in accordance with Title 4, chapter 5 and the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to commence either full or emergency proceedings.

**5. Grounds for licensing action.** A decision to take action against any applicant or licensee pursuant to this chapter or any rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, a decision to impose a civil penalty or to refuse to issue or renew a license or to modify, suspend or revoke a license of a person, service or vehicle, may be predicated on the following grounds:

A. Fraud or deceit in obtaining a license under this chapter or in connection with service rendered within the scope of the license issued;

B-1. The use of any drug, narcotic or substance that is illegal under state or federal law, or to the extent that the licensee's ability to provide emergency medical services or emergency medical dispatch services would be impaired;

B-2. A declaration of or claim pertaining to the licensee of legal incompetence that has not been legally terminated;

B-3. Any condition or impairment within the preceding 3 years, including, but not limited to, substance use disorder or a mental, emotional or nervous disorder or condition, that in any way affects, or if untreated could impair, the licensee's ability to

provide emergency medical services or emergency medical dispatch services;

D. Aiding or abetting the practice of emergency care by a person not duly licensed under this chapter who purports to be so;

E. Incompetent professional practice as evidenced by:

(1) Demonstrated inability to respond appropriately to a client, patient or the general public; or

(2) Inability to apply principles, skills or knowledge necessary to successfully carry out the practice for which the licensee is licensed;

F. Violation of any reasonable standard of professional behavior, conduct or practice that has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed;

G. Subject to the limitations of Title 5, chapter 341, conviction of a crime that involves dishonesty or false statement, conviction of a crime that relates directly to the practice for which the licensee is licensed, conviction of a crime for which incarceration for one year or more may be imposed or conviction of a crime defined in Title 17-A, chapter 11, 12 or 45;

H. Any violation of this chapter or any rule adopted by the board or the licensing board; or

I. For other purposes as specified by rules or law.

**6. Notice of action.** In any proceeding under this section with regard to an ambulance service owned and operated by a municipality or a private ambulance service with which a municipality contracts for services, if the licensing board or its staff takes further licensing action under subsection 4, the licensing board shall notify in writing the town manager or city manager and the municipal officers of the municipality that owns and operates or contracts with the ambulance service within 5 business days of taking the action.

**7. Authority.** In addition to authority otherwise conferred, the licensing board or, as delegated, its staff may, for each violation of applicable laws, rules or conditions of licensure or registration, in accordance with the procedures established in this section and any rules adopted by the board, take one or more of the following actions:

A. Issue warnings, censures or reprimands to a licensee, deny or refuse to renew a license and suspend or revoke a license. Each warning, censure, reprimand and revocation issued must be based upon violations of different applicable laws, rules or conditions of licensure or must be based upon separate instances of actionable conduct or activity;

B. Suspend a license or registration for up to 90 days for each violation of applicable laws, rules and conditions of licensure or registration or for each instance of actionable conduct or activity. Suspensions may be set to run concurrently or consecutively. Execution of all or any portion of a term of suspension may be stayed pending successful completion of conditions of probation, although the suspension remains part of the licensee's record;

C. Impose civil penalties of up to \$1,500 for each violation of applicable laws, rules and conditions of licensure or for each instance of actionable conduct or activity;

D. Impose conditions of probation upon an applicant or licensee. Probation may run for that time period as the licensing board or its staff determines appropriate. Probation may include conditions such as: additional continuing education; medical, psychiatric or mental health consultations or evaluations; mandatory professional or occupational supervision of the applicant or licensee; and other conditions as the licensing board or its staff determines appropriate. Costs incurred in the performance of terms of probation are borne by the applicant or licensee. Failure to comply with the conditions of probation is a ground for disciplinary action against a licensee;

E. Execute a consent agreement that resolves a complaint or investigation without further proceedings. Consent agreements may be entered into only with the consent of the applicant or licensee, the licensing board or its staff and the Department of the Attorney General. Any remedy, penalty or fine or cost recovery that is otherwise available by law, even if only in the jurisdiction of the District Court, may be achieved by consent agreement, including long-term suspension and permanent revocation of a professional license. A consent agreement is not subject to review or appeal and may be modified only by a writing executed by all parties to the original consent agreement. A consent agreement is enforceable by an action in Superior Court; or

F. Assess a licensee the costs of investigation and adjudicatory hearings relating to that licensee.

**8. Authority to issue letters of guidance.** In addition to authority otherwise conferred, the licensing board or, as delegated, its staff may issue a letter of guidance or concern to an applicant or licensee.

A letter of guidance or concern may be used to educate, reinforce knowledge regarding legal or professional obligations and express concern over action or inaction by the licensee or applicant that does not rise to the level of misconduct sufficient to merit disciplinary action. The issuance of a letter of guidance or concern is not a formal proceeding and does not constitute an adverse disciplinary action of any form. Notwithstanding any

other provision of law, a letter of guidance or concern is not confidential. The licensing board or, as delegated, its staff may place a letter of guidance or concern, together with any underlying complaint, report and investigation materials, in a licensee's or applicant's file for a specified amount of time, not to exceed 10 years. Any letters, complaints and materials placed on file may be accessed and considered by the licensing board or its staff in any subsequent action commenced against the applicant or licensee within the specified time frame.

**9. Authority to request mental and physical examinations.** For the purposes of this subsection, by application for and acceptance of a license to practice, an emergency medical services person is considered to have given consent to a mental or physical examination when directed by the licensing board. The licensing board may direct an emergency medical services person to submit to a mental examination whenever the licensing board determines the emergency medical services person may be suffering from a mental illness that may be interfering with the competent practice of emergency medical services or from the use of intoxicants or drugs to an extent that they are preventing the emergency medical services person from practicing competently and with safety to patients. The licensing board may direct an emergency medical services person to submit to a physical examination whenever the licensing board determines the emergency medical services person may have diminished physical capabilities to an extent that they are preventing the emergency medical services person from practicing competently and with safety to patients. An emergency medical services person examined pursuant to an order of the licensing board may not prevent the testimony of the examining individual or prevent the acceptance into evidence of the report of an examining individual in a proceeding under subsection 1. Failure to comply with an order of the licensing board to submit to a mental or physical examination results in the immediate suspension of the license of the emergency medical services person until the emergency medical services person submits to the examination.

**10. Appeals of nondisciplinary actions and refusals to issue.** Any person or organization aggrieved by the decision of the staff of the licensing board in taking any nondisciplinary action pursuant to this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or in the interpretation of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or in refusing to issue a license may appeal the decision to the licensing board for a final decision. The staff's decision stands until the licensing board issues a decision to uphold, modify or overrule the staff's decision. In the case of nonrenewal, the person or organization must be afforded an opportunity for hearing in accordance with this chapter and the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. A final decision of the licensing board constitutes final agency action appealable pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

**Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §90-C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 82, §7, is amended to read:

**§90-C. Duty of all licensees and applicants for licensure to report certain information**

**1. Report in writing.** A licensee or an applicant for licensure under this chapter shall notify the licensing board in writing within 10 days of a:

- A. Change of name or address;
- B. Criminal conviction;
- C. Revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action taken in this or any other jurisdiction against any occupational or professional license held by the applicant or licensee; or
- D. Material change in the conditions or qualifications set forth in the original application for licensure submitted to the licensing board.

**Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §91-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 559, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 15, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

**1. Confidentiality.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all proceedings and records of proceedings concerning the quality assurance activities of an emergency medical services quality assurance committee approved by the board and all reports, information and records provided to the committee are confidential and may not be disclosed or obtained by discovery from the committee, the board or its staff or the licensing board or its staff. Quality assurance information may be disclosed to a licensee as part of any board-approved educational or corrective process. All complaints and investigative records of the licensing board ~~or any committee or subcommittee of the board~~ are confidential during the pendency of an investigation and may not be disclosed by the ~~committee, the~~ licensing board or its staff. Information or records that identify or permit identification of any patient that appears in any reports, information or records provided to the licensing board or department for the purposes of investigation are confidential and may not be disclosed by the ~~committee, the~~ licensing board or its staff.

- A. A personal residence address, personal telephone number or personal e-mail address submitted to the licensing board as part of any application under this chapter is confidential and may not be disclosed except as permitted under this section or as otherwise required by law unless the applicant who submitted the information indicated pursuant to section 90-B that the applicant is willing to have the applicant's personal residence address, personal telephone number or personal e-mail address treated as a public record. Personal health information submitted to the licensing board as part of any application under this chapter is confidential

and may not be disclosed except as otherwise permitted under this section or otherwise required by law.

The licensing board and its ~~committees and~~ staff may disclose personal health information about and the personal residence address and personal telephone number of a licensee or an applicant for a license under this chapter to a government licensing or disciplinary authority or to a health care provider located within or outside this State that requests the information for the purposes of granting, limiting or denying a license or employment to the applicant or licensee.

B. Any materials or information submitted to the licensing board in support of an application that are designated as confidential by any other provision of law remain confidential in the possession of the licensing board. Information in ~~any~~ a report or record provided to the board ~~or licensing board~~ pursuant to this chapter that permits identification of a person receiving emergency medical treatment is confidential.

C. Information provided to the board ~~or licensing board~~ under section 87-B is confidential if the information identifies or permits the identification of a trauma patient or a member of that patient's family.

D. Examination questions used by the licensing board to fulfill the cognitive testing requirements of this chapter are confidential.

E. Health care information or records provided to the board ~~or licensing board~~ under section 88, subsection 2, paragraph K are confidential if the information or records identify or permit the identification of a patient or a member of that patient's family.

F. Health care information or records provided to the board ~~or licensing board~~ under section 96 are confidential if the information or records identify or permit the identification of a patient who received emergency medical treatment or a member of that patient's family.

**Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 271, §19, is amended to read:

A. Confidential information may be released in an adjudicatory hearing ~~or informal conference~~ before the board ~~or licensing board~~ or in any subsequent formal proceeding to which the confidential information is relevant.

**Sec. 22. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 271, §19, is amended to read:

B. Confidential information may be released in a consent agreement or other written settlement

when the confidential information constitutes or pertains to the basis of licensing board action.

**Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 271, §19, is amended to read:

D. During the pendency of an investigation, a complaint or investigative record may be disclosed:

(1) To Maine Emergency Medical Services employees designated by the director;

(2) To designated complaint officers of the licensing board;

(3) By a Maine Emergency Medical Services employee or complaint officer designated by the licensing board to the extent considered necessary to facilitate the investigation;

(4) To other state or federal agencies when the files contain evidence of possible violations of laws enforced by those agencies;

(5) By the director, to the extent the director determines such disclosure necessary to avoid imminent and serious harm. The authority of the director to make such a disclosure may not be delegated;

(6) When it is determined, in accordance with rules adopted by the ~~department~~ board in consultation with the licensing board, that confidentiality is no longer warranted due to general public knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the complaint or investigation and when the investigation would not be prejudiced by the disclosure; or

(7) To the person investigated on request of that person. The director may refuse to disclose part or all of any investigative information, including the fact of an investigation, when the director determines that disclosure would prejudice the investigation. The authority of the director to make such a determination may not be delegated.

**Sec. 24. 32 MRSA §92-B**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 82, §§9 and 10, is further amended to read:

**§92-B. Disclosure of confidential information to the licensing board**

Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of law ~~to the contrary~~, information that relates to an applicant for licensure or to a person licensed or certified by the licensing board who is alleged to have engaged in any unlawful activity or professional misconduct or in conduct in violation of laws or rules relating to the board ~~or licensing board~~ must be disclosed to the licensing board and may be used by the licensing board only in accordance with this chapter.

**1. Purpose for which disclosure is made.** Any confidential information provided to the licensing board

may be used only for investigative and other actions within the scope of the authority of the licensing board and for determining whether the applicant for licensure or the person licensed or certified by the licensing board has engaged in unlawful activity, professional misconduct or an activity in violation of the laws or rules relating to the board or licensing board.

**2. Designation of person to receive confidential information.** The director shall designate a person to receive confidential information for investigative purposes.

**3. Limitations on disclosure.** Disclosure is limited to information that is directly related to the matter at issue. The identity of reporters and other persons may not be disclosed except as necessary and relevant. Access to the information is limited to licensing board investigators, parties to the matter at issue, parties' representatives, counsel of record, hearing officers and licensing board members who are directly involved in the adjudicatory process. The information may be used only for the purpose for which the release was intended.

**4. Confidentiality at conclusion of investigation.** Except as provided in section 91-B, information received pursuant to this section remains confidential at the conclusion of an investigation.

**Sec. 25. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Provides funding for travel reimbursement, Attorney General office representation and expert witness fees related to the newly created Emergency Medical Services Licensing Board.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 492  
H.P. 1335 - L.D. 1987**

**An Act to Fund Collective  
Bargaining Agreements with  
Executive Branch Employees  
and Continue the Voluntary  
Employee Incentive Program**

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

**Sec. 1. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.** The salary

schedules for the executive branch employees in bargaining units represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any collective bargaining agreements ratified by December 31, 2025.

**Sec. 2. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 2026-27.** The salary schedules for the executive branch employees in bargaining units represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any agreements made between May 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, including any collective bargaining agreement achieved through the process outlined in the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024, regarding the study of the classification system for the executive branch of the State of Maine. This section does not apply to any successor collective bargaining agreement with a term beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

**Sec. 3. Costs associated with the \$2,000 lump-sum payment made in October 2024 per the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024.**

1. An amount not to exceed \$9,132,794 in the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be transferred, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, to fund the \$2,000 lump-sum payment made in October 2024 from non-General Fund and non-Highway Fund accounts per the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024. Funds must be transferred to the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller may authorize the transfer, in an amount not to exceed \$9,132,794, of Personal Services expenditures associated with the \$2,000 lump-sum payment made in October 2024 per the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine

Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024 from any non-General Fund and non-Highway Fund account to the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller on or before July 31, 2025 shall transfer the unobligated balance from the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account to the Salary Plan program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

**Sec. 4. New, temporary and seasonal employees; similar and equitable treatment.** The Governor is authorized to grant similar and equitable treatment consistent with this Act for employees in classifications included in bargaining units subject to collective bargaining agreements described in section 7 of this Act who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraph F.

**Sec. 5. Confidential employees; similar and equitable treatment.** The Governor is authorized to grant similar and equitable treatment consistent with this Act for confidential employees. For the purposes of this section, "confidential employees" means those employees within the executive branch, including probationary employees, who are in positions excluded from collective bargaining units pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraphs B, C, D, I and J.

**Sec. 6. Employee salaries subject to Governor's adjustment or approval.** The Governor is authorized to grant similar and equitable treatment consistent with this Act for those unclassified employees whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval.

**Sec. 7. Costs to General Fund and Highway Fund.** Costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund must be provided wholly or in part through a transfer of Personal Services appropriations within and between departments and agencies from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in an amount up to the full amount the Salary Plan program, General Fund account has accrued as of the date an agreement is reached with the respective bargaining agents to implement the economic terms of the most recent collective bargaining agreements, as specified in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act, entered into by the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit to provide equitable

treatment of employees excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraph F and, notwithstanding Title 26, section 979-D, subsection 1, paragraph E, subparagraph (3), to implement equitable adjustments for confidential employees.

**Sec. 8. Transfer of Personal Services appropriations between programs and departments; General Fund.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, available balances in the General Fund for Personal Services in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 may be transferred by financial order between programs and departments within the General Fund upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for costs associated with collective bargaining agreements for state employees, as specified in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act.

**Sec. 9. Transfer from Salary Plan program and special account funding.** The Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be made available as needed in allotment by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for the implementation of the collective bargaining agreements for state employees, as specified in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act, and for other economic items contained in this Act in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27. Except as outlined in section 3 of this Act, positions supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund and the Highway Fund must be funded from those other sources.

**Sec. 10. Transfer of Personal Services allocations between programs and departments; Highway Fund.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, available balances in the Highway Fund for Personal Services in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 may be transferred by financial order between programs and departments within the Highway Fund upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for costs associated with collective bargaining agreements for state employees, as specified in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act.

**Sec. 11. Authorization for reimbursement of costs associated with study of classification system for executive branch.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be reimbursed up to \$1,000,000 from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for resources necessary to conduct a study of the classification system for the executive branch of State Government, to be prepared and submitted by a consultant by December 31, 2025, as

outlined in the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024.

**Sec. 12. Authorization for reimbursement of costs associated with contract resolution.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be reimbursed from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the costs of contract resolution, administration and implementation and other costs required by the process of collective bargaining and negotiation procedures.

**Sec. 13. Voluntary employee incentive programs.**

1. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 903, subsections 1 and 2, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall offer for use special voluntary employee incentive programs for state employees, including a 50% workweek, flexible position staffing and time off without pay. Employee participation in a voluntary employee incentive program is subject to the approval of the employee's appointing authority.

2. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 285, subsection 7 and Title 5, section 903, the State shall continue to pay health and dental insurance benefits for a state employee who applies and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under subsection 1 based upon the scheduled workweek in effect prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

3. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 903 and 18056 and any other provision of law to the contrary, the life, accidental death and dismemberment, supplemental and dependent insurance amounts for a state employee who applies and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under subsection 1 are based upon the scheduled hours of the employee prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

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**CHAPTER 493  
H.P. 99 - L.D. 166**

**An Act to Prohibit the Sale of  
Tobacco Products in  
Pharmacies and Retail  
Establishments Containing  
Pharmacies**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1551, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Pharmacy.** "Pharmacy" means a retail pharmacy as defined in Title 24-A, section 4347, subsection 19.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1551-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Pharmacies and retail establishments with a pharmacy ineligible for retail tobacco license; civil penalty; transfer of funds.** This subsection governs pharmacies and retail establishments containing a pharmacy.

A. A pharmacy is ineligible for a retail tobacco license. A pharmacy that engages in retail sales, including retail sales through vending machines or in free distribution of tobacco products, and sells, keeps for sale or gives away in the course of trade any tobacco products to anyone commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,000 may be adjudged. Each day a pharmacy is in violation of this paragraph constitutes a separate offense.

B. A retail establishment containing a pharmacy is ineligible for a retail tobacco license. A retail establishment containing a pharmacy that engages in retail sales, including retail sales through vending machines or in free distribution of tobacco products, and sells, keeps for sale or gives away in the course of trade any tobacco products to anyone commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,000 may be adjudged. Each day a retail establishment containing a pharmacy is in violation of this paragraph constitutes a separate offense.

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4366-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 388, Pt. E, §4 and affected by §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Provided to sellers.** The State Tax Assessor shall provide stamps to a licensed distributor upon submission by the licensed distributor of a cigarette tax return in a form prescribed by the assessor. The stamps must be of a design suitable to be affixed to packages of cigarettes as evidence of the payment of the tax imposed by this chapter. The assessor may permit a licensed distributor to pay for the stamps within 30 days after the date of purchase, if a bond satisfactory to the assessor in an amount not less than 50% of the sale price of the stamps has been filed with the assessor conditioned upon payment for the stamps. Such a distributor may continue to purchase stamps on a 30-day deferral basis only if it remains current with its cigarette tax obligations. The assessor may not sell additional stamps to a distributor that has failed to pay in full within 30 days for stamps previously purchased until such time as the overdue payment is received. ~~The assessor shall sell cigarette stamps to licensed distributors at the following discounts from their face value:~~

D. For stamps at the face value of 175 mills, the discount rate is 0.66%.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect April 1, 2026.

Effective April 1, 2026.

**CHAPTER 494  
H.P. 560 - L.D. 874**

**An Act to Provide Relief to  
Federal or State Employees  
Affected by a Federal  
Government or State  
Government Shutdown**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §160** is enacted to read:

**§160. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund established**

The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Office of the Treasurer of State. All money received by the fund from any source, including any transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus, must be credited to the fund. Money credited to the fund must be used to guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15 and to reimburse the Finance Authority of Maine for reasonable expenses to administer the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established in Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 15** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 15**

**GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

**§1100-HH. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Affected employee.** "Affected employee" means a person employed by the Federal Government or the State Government or any federal or state agency who, during a shutdown, is:

- A. A resident of the State; and
- B. Required to work as a federal or state employee without pay or furloughed as a federal or state employee without pay.

**2. Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions.

**3. Credit union.** "Credit union" has the same meaning as "credit union authorized to do business in this State" in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 12-A.

**4. Eligible affected employee.** "Eligible affected employee" means an affected employee who is eligible to receive a loan as determined pursuant to section 1100-JJ, subsection 1.

**5. Eligible financial institution.** "Eligible financial institution" means a credit union or financial institution that is in good standing as determined by the bureau pursuant to section 1100-II, subsection 2.

**6. Financial institution.** "Financial institution" has the same meaning as "financial institution authorized to do business in this State" in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 17-A.

**7. Good standing.** "Good standing," with respect to a credit union or financial institution, means that the credit union or financial institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.

**8. Grace period.** "Grace period" means the period beginning with the disbursement of a loan under this subchapter and ending 90 days after an eligible affected employee receives disbursement of the loan or at the end of the shutdown during which the loan was made, whichever is later.

**9. Loan.** "Loan" means an extension of credit made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to this subchapter.

**10. Loan guarantee payment.** "Loan guarantee payment" means the amount paid by the Treasurer of State in satisfaction of a claim filed by an eligible financial institution pursuant to section 1100-KK.

**11. Program.** "Program" means the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established in section 1100-II.

**12. Shutdown.** "Shutdown" means a full or partial shutdown of the Federal Government or the State Government that lasts longer than 7 consecutive calendar days. Each shutdown is considered a separate shutdown for purposes of the program.

**§1100-II. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established**

**1. Establishment; purpose.** The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program is established within and administered by the authority. The authority shall guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to section 1100-JJ. The authority shall submit all approved claims pursuant to section

1100-KK to the Treasurer of State, who shall pay from the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund, established in Title 5, section 160, any claims submitted by the authority pursuant to the program.

**2. Process for credit unions and financial institutions.** A credit union or financial institution may submit a request to the bureau to participate in the program. Not later than 5 business days after receiving the request to participate, the bureau shall determine whether the credit union or financial institution is an eligible financial institution and immediately notify the credit union or financial institution and the authority of that determination. An eligible financial institution may make loans to an eligible affected employee in accordance with section 1100-JJ.

**3. Notification of loan and borrower information.** An eligible financial institution that makes a loan to an eligible affected employee pursuant to section 1100-JJ shall notify the authority in writing not later than 5 business days after making the loan, specifying such information about the eligible affected employee borrower as the authority may request.

**§1100-JJ. Eligibility of affected employees; loan terms; process**

**1. Determination of eligibility of affected employee.** An eligible financial institution may make a loan to an affected employee who meets the following eligibility requirements.

A. An affected employee shall provide to the eligible financial institution proof of the affected employee's employment status, income and residence in this State. An affected employee may meet the requirements of this paragraph by providing to the eligible financial institution proof such as a pay stub or bank statement, a federal employee identification card or the federal tax identification number of the affected employee's employer.

B. In addition to the proof required in paragraph A, an affected employee shall submit to the eligible financial institution a sworn affidavit from the affected employee stating:

- (1) That the affected employee is currently a federal or state employee residing in this State;
- (2) That the affected employee is eligible to receive back pay when a shutdown ends;
- (3) That the affected employee is not receiving a loan from any other eligible financial institution pursuant to this subchapter; and
- (4) The amount per week of unemployment compensation benefits pursuant to Title 26, chapter 13:

(a) Received by the affected employee, if any, during a shutdown; and

(b) The affected employee is eligible to receive, if any, during a shutdown.

**2. Determination of loan amount.** The maximum amount of a loan is the lesser of \$6,000 and the affected employee's most recent monthly after-tax pay, offset by any unemployment benefits, as determined pursuant to this subsection.

A. Offsetting unemployment benefits are determined by multiplying by 4 the greater of the amount per week of unemployment benefits pursuant to Title 26, chapter 13, as reported pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (4):

- (1) Actually received by the affected employee during the shutdown; and
- (2) The affected employee is eligible to receive during the shutdown.

B. The amount of offsetting unemployment benefits, if any, as determined pursuant to paragraph A is subtracted from the lesser of \$6,000 and the affected employee's most recent monthly after-tax pay.

C. The amount of the loan is the lesser of \$6,000 and the amount determined following the calculation in paragraph B.

**3. Creditworthiness.** An eligible financial institution may not use an affected employee's creditworthiness as a factor for the purposes of determining eligibility for a loan under this subchapter.

**4. Terms of loan agreement.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the following terms apply to a loan issued pursuant to this subchapter.

A. A loan agreement may not:

- (1) Require repayment during the grace period;
- (2) Charge interest on the principal amount before or during the grace period or for 180 days after the grace period; or
- (3) Contain a fee or penalty for the prepayment or early payment of the loan.

B. The loan agreement must require that the affected employee repay the loan in full not later than 180 days after the end of the grace period and permit repayment to be made in installments. An affected employee who chooses to repay the loan in installments must be allowed to make at least 3 and no more than 6 equal installment payments.

C. After 180 days have elapsed following the grace period, the eligible financial institution may charge interest or fees in accordance with the eligible financial institution's lending policy and the terms of the loan agreement.

**5. Multiple loans to same eligible affected employee during same shutdown.** An eligible affected employee who has received a loan pursuant to this section may apply to the same eligible financial institution for an additional loan for each 30-day period beyond the first that the affected employee remains an eligible affected employee, except that an eligible affected employee may not receive more than 3 loans under the program during a shutdown. An eligible affected employee who applies for an additional loan shall provide the eligible financial institution with updated information as required under subsection 1, including the amount of unemployment compensation benefits the affected employee has been determined eligible to receive or has received during the shutdown. Each additional loan must be made in accordance with this section.

**6. Treatment of deferred interest.** Notwithstanding any provision of Title 36, Part 8 to the contrary, any interest deferred or not charged related to a loan issued pursuant to this section is exempt from all state taxes that may be applicable to such interest amounts as they relate to an affected employee. An eligible financial institution shall disclose to eligible affected employee borrowers in the signed affidavit or loan documents that there may be federal tax consequences to the program loans and that loan information may be shared with the authority.

#### **§1100-KK. Loan guarantee**

**1. Claims.** No sooner than the 180th day following the end of the grace period and no later than the 300th day following the end of the grace period, an eligible financial institution that has made a good faith effort to collect the outstanding principal of a loan issued pursuant to section 1100-JJ and has been unsuccessful may make a claim to the authority for recovery of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of that loan.

An eligible financial institution shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the authority that the eligible financial institution has made a good faith effort to collect the outstanding principal from the eligible affected employee in accordance with the eligible financial institution's loan servicing and collection policies and has been unsuccessful.

**2. Loan guarantee payment.** The authority, upon receipt of a properly documented claim submitted by an eligible financial institution pursuant to subsection 1, shall submit the claim immediately to the Treasurer of State for payment. The Treasurer of State immediately shall pay to the authority from the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund, established in Title 5, section 160, any claims submitted by the authority pursuant to the program. The authority shall distribute the loan guarantee payment to the eligible financial institution.

**3. Effect of payment of claim.** After payment of a loan guarantee payment to an eligible financial institution pursuant to subsection 2:

A. The loan must be assigned by the eligible financial institution to the authority on behalf of the State; and

B. The duty of the authority to continue collection efforts on the loan pursuant to section 1100-LL, subsection 4 applies.

#### **§1100-LL. Duties and powers of authority**

**1. Maintenance and review of records.** The authority shall maintain records in the regular course of administration of the program, including a record of loans issued pursuant to section 1100-JJ and loan guarantee payments issued pursuant to section 1100-KK, subsection 2 to honor claims on defaulted loans. The authority shall regularly review these records to monitor all the loans issued and identify duplicate applications.

**2. Termination of loan recovery guarantee based on misrepresentation or failure to comply by eligible financial institution.** The authority may terminate any agreement to pay the claim of an eligible financial institution pursuant to section 1100-KK if the eligible financial institution misrepresents any information pertaining to the loan or fails to comply with any requirements of this section or section 1100-KK in connection with the claim for the loan.

**3. Termination of loan recovery guarantee based on excess claims.** If the amount expended for loan guarantee payments under section 1100-KK equals or exceeds 10% of the total of all loans issued, the authority shall immediately cease to approve claims and shall notify the Treasurer of State and each eligible financial institution of the total amount of loan guarantee payments made and that the authority has ceased honoring loan claims.

**4. Recovery of defaulted loans.** The authority, on its own or by contracting with a private entity, shall make reasonable efforts to recover the amount of loan guarantee payments made pursuant to section 1100-KK, subsection 2. Any funds recovered pursuant to this subsection, less reasonable administrative costs, must be deposited in the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund established in Title 5, section 160.

#### **§1100-MM. New loans prohibited after shutdown**

An affected employee may not apply for a loan under the program after a shutdown ends. A financial institution may not approve a loan under the program after a shutdown ends.

#### **§1100-NN. Review of funding needs**

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, in consultation with the joint standing committee

of the Legislature having jurisdiction over financial services matters, may report out legislation to address any funding needs of the program.

**Sec. 3. Transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$250,000 from the Financial Institutions - Bureau of program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund, established within the Office of the Treasurer of State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 160, no later than 14 days following the effective date of this Act to be used to guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.

**Sec. 4. Additional transfer and allocation.** The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, after consultation with the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature to address any funding needs of the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF**

**Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund N296**

Initiative: Establishes the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$250,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 495  
H.P. 789 - L.D. 1184**

**An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3241, sub-§2, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. The office shall assist a municipality with 4,000 or more residents in meeting the requirements of subsection 5. The assistance must include reimbursement of 90% of actual expenses incurred by a municipality if collection or reporting of data as required by subsection 5 is a modification or expansion of municipal activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3241, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Municipal housing data reporting.** By January 31st of each year, a municipality with 4,000 or more residents shall provide to the office for use in administering the program an annual report of:

A. Residential building permit applications, including the number of applications submitted, approved and denied, categorized into single-family, single-family with accessory dwelling unit, 2-to-4-family and more-than-4-family homes;

B. The number of dwelling units permitted and demolished; and

C. The number of certificates of occupancy or other final approvals of housing units issued, the number of those housing units affordable to persons or families whose incomes are 80% or less of the area median income as determined by the Maine State Housing Authority and the number of those housing units affordable to persons or families whose incomes are from 81% to 120% of the area median income as determined by the Maine State Housing Authority.

As used in this subsection, "accessory dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 1-C.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Reimbursement - Municipal Housing Data Reporting N533**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to reimburse municipalities with 4,000 or more residents for the cost of preparing an annual report on certain housing data, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished, certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued, as well as certain affordability data.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 496  
H.P. 794 - L.D. 1189

An Act to Allow an Attorney  
for the State to Determine  
Whether to Charge Certain  
Class E Crimes as Civil  
Violations

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §19-A is enacted to read:

**§19-A. Election to charge Class E crime as civil violation**

1. For purposes of this section, "eligible Class E crime" means any Class E crime, except a Class E crime:

A. In Title 21-A; or

B. For which the defendant, if convicted, would be eligible for probation or subject to a mandatory driver's license suspension.

2. The attorney for the State may elect to charge a defendant alleged to have committed an eligible Class E crime with a civil violation instead of the eligible Class E crime unless the defendant was arrested and objects to the substitution of a civil violation charge. In deciding whether to make this election, the attorney for the State shall consider the severity of the defendant's conduct, the impact of the conduct on the victim, any prior convictions or adjudications entered against the defendant and any other factor relevant to whether a criminal or civil sanction will best accomplish the purposes of the general sentencing provisions in that particular case.

3. The determination by the attorney for the State under this section is not subject to judicial review. For a person who is charged with and adjudicated as having committed a civil violation under this section, a penalty of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged. The court shall inform the Secretary of State of any Class E crime under Title 29-A, including the relevant statutory section, that was reduced to a civil violation when a person is adjudicated of a civil violation under this section.

4. If the attorney for the State elects to charge a defendant with a civil violation instead of a Class E crime under Title 29-A and the defendant is adjudicated as having committed the civil violation, the court shall include in the abstract transmitted pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2607 information on the Class E crime, including the statutory citation, that the attorney for the State elected not to charge.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding associated with programming costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$3,900	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,900	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 497

S.P. 506 - L.D. 1217

An Act Regarding the New  
Markets Tax Credit and the  
Maine New Markets Capital  
Investment Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1100-Z, sub-§3, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. A qualified community development entity that is a Maine fund that seeks an allocation of tax credit authority shall submit an application to the authority on a form that the authority provides.

(1) In addition to the requirements specified in paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (4), the applicant shall include in the application evidence that the applicant is a qualified community development entity with its principal business operation in the State for at least 60 months.

(2) As used in this paragraph, "Maine fund" means a qualified community development entity as defined in Section 45D(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that has its principal place of business in the State.

A Maine fund that meets the requirements of this paragraph is qualified as a community development entity.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1100-Z, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. Q, §1 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

F. Within 24 months with respect to program 1 tax credit authority and 12 months with respect to program 2 tax credit authority, after receipt of the notice of the allocation of tax credit authority, the qualified community development entity shall issue the qualified equity investments or long-term debt securities and receive cash in the amount of

the total amount of tax credit authority that the qualified community development entity was allocated. The qualified community development entity shall provide the authority with evidence of the entity's receipt of the cash investment within 10 business days after receipt. If the qualified community development entity does not issue the qualified equity investment or long-term debt security and receive the cash purchase price within 24 months with respect to program 1 tax credit authority and 12 months with respect to program 2 tax credit authority following receipt of the tax credit authority notice for any portion of its allocation, such unused allocation of tax credit authority lapses and the qualified community development entity may not issue the qualified equity investments or long-term debt securities without reapplying to the authority for additional tax credit authority. Any tax credit authority that lapses reverts back to the authority and may be reissued only in accordance with the application process outlined in this section.

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1100-Z, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 548, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**4. Limit on amount of tax credits authorized.** Tax credits issued by the authority are limited as provided in this subsection.

A. With respect to program 1 tax credit authority, the maximum aggregate amount of qualified equity investments for which the authority may issue tax credit authority under this section is \$250,000,000; a tax credit claim may not exceed \$20,000,000 in any one state fiscal year over the 7 years of the tax credit allowance dates as described in Title 36, section 5219-HH, subsection 1, paragraph A.

B. With respect to program 2 tax credit authority, the maximum aggregate amount of qualified equity investments for which the authority may issue tax credit authority under this section is \$250,000,000; a tax credit claim may not exceed \$20,000,000 in any one state fiscal year over the 7 years of the tax credit allowance dates as described in Title 36, section 5219-HH, subsection 1, paragraph A.

**Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1100-Z, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. Q, §1 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

**6. Report.** The authority shall report no later than January 1, ~~2015~~ 2030 with respect to program 2 tax credit authority to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters on the activities of the program, including, but not limited to, the amount of private investment received and the total number of jobs created or retained.

The report must include for the report period the number of employees in the State, the payroll for those employees and the annual spending on goods and services in the State for each ultimate recipient of the qualified equity investment.

**Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1100-Z, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. Q, §1 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

**7. Rules.** By December 30, 2011, the authority shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. By December 31, 2025, the authority shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section with respect to program 2 tax credit authority. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §5219-HH, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

E-1. "Program 1 tax credit authority" means tax credit authority allocated by the authority before January 1, 2026.

**Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5219-HH, sub-§1, ¶E-2** is enacted to read:

E-2. "Program 2 tax credit authority" means tax credit authority allocated by the authority on or after January 1, 2026.

**Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §5219-HH, sub-§1, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 548, §33 and affected by §35, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

H. "Qualified community development entity" means an entity that:

- (1) Is a Maine fund, as defined in Title 10, section 1100-Z, subsection 3, paragraph B-1; or
- (2) If not a Maine fund, is a qualified community development entity as defined in the Code, Section 45D(c), except that the entity must have entered into an allocation agreement with the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the United States Department of the Treasury with respect to credits authorized by the Code, Section 45D.

**Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §5219-HH, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 548, §33 and affected by §35, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) Has at least 85% of its cash purchase price used by the issuer to make qualified low-income community investments in qualified active low-income community businesses located in the State by the 2nd anniversary of the initial credit allowance date for program 1 tax credit authority and the first anniversary of the initial credit allowance date for program 2 tax credit authority;

**Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §5219-HH, sub-§7, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 548, §33 and affected by §35, is amended to read:

C. The qualified community development entity fails to invest at least 85% of the purchase price of the qualified equity investment in qualified low-income community investments in qualified active low-income community businesses located in the State within 24 months of the issuance of the qualified equity investment with respect to program 1 tax credit authority and within 12 months of the issuance of the qualified equity investment with respect to program 2 tax credit authority and maintain this level of investment in qualified low-income community investments in qualified active low-income community businesses located in the State until the last credit allowance date for the qualified equity investment. For purposes of calculating the amount of qualified low-income community investments held by a qualified community development entity, an investment is considered held by the qualified community development entity even if the investment has been sold or repaid as long as the qualified community development entity reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned to or recovered from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in another qualified active low-income community business in this State within 12 months of the receipt of the capital. A qualified community development entity may not be required to reinvest capital returned from qualified low-income community investments after the 6th anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment, the proceeds of which were used to make the qualified low-income community investment, and the qualified low-income community investment is considered to be held by the issuer through the qualified equity investment's final credit allowance date.

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**CHAPTER 498**

**S.P. 516 - L.D. 1287**

**An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 201, sub-c. 3-D** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 3-D**

**HOUSING STABILITY SUPPORT**

**§4768. Housing Stability Support Program**

The Housing Stability Support Program, referred to in this subchapter as "the program," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority.

**1. Program.** The program provides assistance to prevent eviction of renters with household incomes of less than 30% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended.

**2. Administration.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall delegate administration of the program and provide appropriate funding to one or more of the following: a designated community action agency as described by Title 22, section 5324; a municipal housing authority; or any other qualified entity as determined by the Maine State Housing Authority, including but not limited to a community-based organization. An entity delegated to administer the program must demonstrate experience as an administrator of similar programs and have the ability to provide job-seeking assistance to renters who benefit from the program. An entity delegated to administer the program shall develop a method of verifying a person's eligibility for rental assistance every 6 months after initial approval. An entity delegated to administer the program shall limit administrative costs to 10% or less of an allocation received from the fund and keep the total cost of program delivery and administrative costs to 25% or less of an allocation received from the fund.

**3. Program delivery and operations.** The program must include funding and capacity for adequate staffing to support program delivery and operations, facilitate wraparound and navigation services and provide essential stability and case management critical to the success of program participants. An entity delegated to administer the program must be capable of serving a diverse population, including persons with limited proficiency in the English language and from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, and must possess demonstrated experience administering similar programs, including supplemental rental assistance and housing navigation programs. Staff members must substantially participate in ensuring equitable access and program compliance and in connecting renters with broader supports that promote long-term housing stability and workforce participation.

**4. Form and amount of assistance.** Assistance provided under the program is limited to \$3,000 per household per calendar year. Assistance must be paid directly to the program participant's landlord in an amount not to exceed \$300 per month, except when the assistance payment is for a security deposit required for a new lease or rental agreement.

**5. Eligibility.** A person eligible for assistance under the program must:

A. At the time of application, earn less than 30% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended;

B. At the time of application, not be using a federal housing voucher to pay rent or live in a subsidized housing unit;

C. Provide proof of a current landlord-tenant relationship, such as a lease or other documentation sufficient to demonstrate a landlord-tenant relationship, to an entity delegated to administer the program; and

D. Have a rental payment within the standard rental payment amount as determined by the housing authority of jurisdiction.

**§4769. Housing Stability Fund**

**1. Establishment.** The Housing Stability Fund, referred to in this subchapter as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority for the purpose of supporting the program.

**2. Sources of fund.** The fund may receive money from any available state, federal or private source. The fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 559, Pt. I, §4 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

**3. Disposition of funds.** Each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay over to the State Tax Assessor 90% of the tax collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 10% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the county in collecting the tax, except that, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay over to the State Tax Assessor 90.8% of the tax collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 9.2% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the county in collecting the tax. If the tax collected is not paid over by the 10th day of the month, the State Tax Assessor may impose interest pursuant to section 186.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE  
Housing Stability Fund N517

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Housing Stability Support Program to provide support for eviction prevention.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

**Housing Stability Fund N517**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation for use if outside funds are received from private sources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$1,000,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,000,500</b></u>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 499**

**H.P. 1173 - L.D. 1755**

**An Act to Increase the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit in Rural Areas**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§1,** ¶E is enacted to read:

E. "Rural area" means an unorganized territory of the State or a municipality that has a population of less than 12,500 inhabitants as determined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census based on the latest decennial census of the United States.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Increased credit for certified qualified rehabilitation expenditures in rural areas with housing component.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the credit allowed under this section is increased to 35% of certified qualified rehabilitation ex-

penditures for which a tax credit is claimed under Section 47 of the Code for a certified historic structure located in a rural area of the State as long as not less than 33% of the aggregate square feet of that structure constitutes apartments, dwellings or other living accommodations. If the rehabilitation of the certified historic structure is also a certified affordable housing project, then the credit allowed under this section is increased by a further 10 percentage points.

**Sec. 3. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
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CHAPTER 1  
H.P. 79 - L.D. 114

**An Act to Amend the Charter  
of the Lewiston-Auburn Water  
Pollution Control Authority**

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §1**, as amended by P&SL 2023, c. 3, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 1. Incorporation and purposes.** There is hereby created a nonprofit body corporate and politic to be known as The Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority, hereinafter called "the authority." The authority may also operate under the assumed name of The Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority. The purposes of the authority are to operate, maintain and improve a sewage treatment plant or plants and other facilities necessarily incident thereto and to receive and treat and dispose of the wastewaters discharged by the sewage systems of the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District. The authority has all such powers, rights, privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the aforesaid purposes, whether or not such powers are hereinafter specifically given.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §14, first ¶**, as amended by P&SL 2015, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 14. ~~Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Board of the authority.~~** The authority is under the management and direction of a board of directors, which is known as the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Board, ~~also referred to as hereinafter called "the board" or "the board of the authority."~~ The board consists of 7 members. The director of the Lewiston Department of Public Works, the City Administrator or acting City Administrator of the City of Lewiston or another employee of the City of Lewiston designated by the City Administrator, the superintendent and the president of the Auburn Sewerage District and the City Manager or acting City Manager of the City of Auburn or another employee of the City of Auburn designated by the City Manager are members of the board by virtue of their respective offices. If the president of the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees declines to serve or resigns as a member of the board of the authority, the president shall select, subject to confirmation by the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees, another trustee or resident of

Auburn to serve for the remainder of the term. Notice of the appointment must be given in writing by the clerk of the Auburn Sewerage District to the board of the authority. The Mayor of Lewiston shall appoint, subject to confirmation of the city council, a qualified voter of the City of Lewiston to serve for a 2-year term on the board of the authority and thereafter until a successor takes office. In the event that either the Lewiston resident so selected or the appointee of the president of the Auburn Sewerage District ceases to be a resident of that person's respective city, or dies, becomes incapacitated, or otherwise ceases to be a member of the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees, or if the president of the Auburn Sewerage District dies or becomes incapacitated while serving on the board of the authority, a successor must be elected to serve out the remainder of the term by the Mayor and City Council of Lewiston or the Auburn Sewerage District Trustees, as the case may be.

**Sec. 3. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §17, last ¶**, as enacted by P&SL 1993, c. 28, §5, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding other civil or criminal penalties provided by and imposed under federal or state law, except penalties sought by the authority pursuant to Title 38, section ~~1252 1046~~, subsection ~~¶ 1~~, the ~~Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Board~~ board may assess administrative penalties of not more than \$1,000 per day for each violation by an industrial user of any pretreatment standard or requirement administered by the authority. In assessing any penalties under this paragraph, the board must conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~IV 4~~. A person aggrieved by any action by the board under this paragraph is entitled to judicial review in the Superior Court in the manner provided in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~VH 7~~. The authority may by rule provide for assessment and collection of the administrative penalties as well as procedures for notification to industrial users of the penalties and enforcement of the administrative penalties ~~provided that as long as~~ these rules are in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act as specified in this paragraph. The authority may not seek civil monetary penalties under Title 38, section ~~1252 1046~~, subsection ~~¶ 1~~ if the board has assessed administrative penalties under this section. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the authority from seeking injunctive relief pursuant to Title 38, section ~~1252 1046~~, subsection ~~¶ 1~~ in addition to administrative penalties imposed pursuant to this paragraph.

See title page for effective date.

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CHAPTER 2  
H.P. 193 - L.D. 293

An Act to Increase the Debt  
Limit of the Boothbay Region  
Water District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 2001, c. 15, §6 is amended to read:

Sec. 6. **Borrowing.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6412, subsections 1 and 2 and section 6413, the district, in order to accomplish the purpose of this Act, by vote of its board of trustees and without district vote, is authorized to borrow money, including temporary borrowing, for the purposes of acquisition and renovation of the Boothbay Harbor Water System and the East Boothbay Water District system, of renewing and refunding the indebtedness of water-related notes or bonds of the Town of Boothbay Harbor and the East Boothbay Water District, of paying necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this Act, and of acquiring properties; paying damages; laying pipes, mains, sewers, drains and conduits; purchasing, constructing, maintaining and operating a water system; and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to that system, and is authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates and having such terms and provisions as the trustees determine. In the case of a vote by the trustees after acquisition and renovation of the Boothbay Harbor Water System and the East Boothbay Water District system to authorize bonds or notes to pay for the acquisition of property, the cost of a water system or part of a water system, renewals or additions or for other improvements in the nature of capital costs, the estimated cost of which singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing is \$500,000 or more, but not for renewing or refunding existing indebtedness or to pay for maintenance, repairs or current expenses, notice of the proposed debt and of the general purpose or purposes for which it was authorized must be given by the district by publication at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the towns of Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay. The total indebtedness outstanding of the district may not exceed the sum of ~~\$12,000,000~~ \$19,000,000 at any one time or such other amount as may be established pursuant to this section.

Notwithstanding the limitation on total indebtedness established in this section, the trustees of the district may propose a different debt limit and submit that debt limit for districtwide approval in a referendum held in accordance with this section. The referendum must be called, advertised and conducted according to the

law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare nor the clerk to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registering voters, the registrar of voters must be in session on the regular workday preceding the election. The question presented must conform to the following form:

"Do you favor changing the debt limit of the Boothbay Region Water District from (insert current debt limit) to (insert proposed debt limit)?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion on the question.

The results must be declared by the trustees and entered upon the district's records. Due certificate of the results must be filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

A debt limit proposal becomes effective upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters within the district voting at the referendum. Failure of approval by the majority of voters voting at the referendum does not prevent subsequent referenda from being held for the same purpose. The costs of referenda are borne by the district.

The total indebtedness of the district at any one time outstanding may not exceed the sum approved by referendum.

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CHAPTER 3  
S.P. 293 - L.D. 678

An Act to Provide for the 2025  
and 2026 Allocations of the  
State Ceiling on Private  
Activity Bonds

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363 and Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 18 make a partial allocation of the state ceiling on private activity bonds to some issuers for calendar year 2025 but leave a portion of the state ceiling unallocated and do not provide sufficient allocations for certain types of private activity bonds that may require an allocation prior to the effective date of this Act if it is not enacted on an emergency basis; and

**Whereas,** if these bond issues must be delayed due to the lack of available state ceiling, the rates and terms under which these bonds may be issued may be

adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries or even unavailability of financing for certain projects; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Allocation to Treasurer of State.** The \$5,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Treasurer of State remains allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5 for calendar year 2025. Five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. Allocation to Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to Maine Educational Loan Authority.** The \$195,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority, remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2025. An additional \$75,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously unallocated is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2025. Two hundred thirty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8.

**Sec. 3. Allocation to Maine Municipal Bond Bank.** The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 2025. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

**Sec. 4. Allocation to Maine State Housing Authority.** The \$100,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority remains allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be

used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 for calendar year 2025. One hundred million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

**Sec. 5. Unallocated state ceiling.** Three million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws. Thirty-eight million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 25, 2025.

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CHAPTER 4

H.P. 787 - L.D. 1182

**An Act to Grant the Rockland Port District an Increase in Its Borrowing Capacity and Include Sustainable Aquaculture and Marine Industries in Its Charter**

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §1**, as amended by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 1. Rockland Port District, incorporated.** The inhabitants of and the territory within the city of Rockland, in the county of Knox, are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name of "Rockland Port District" for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and operating within said district wharves, landing places and all other appurtenances necessary for the operation of an adequate passenger and freight transportation service by water and of sustainable aquaculture and marine industries.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §4**, as amended by P&SL 2003, c. 7, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 4. How financed.** To procure funds for the purposes of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds or notes therefor, but ~~shall~~ may not incur a total indebtedness at any one time outstanding exceeding the sum of \$600,000

\$6,000,000. Said bonds may be issued to mature serially or for such periods as the trustees may determine. If the former, provisions ~~shall~~ **must** be made for the retirement of not less than 7 1/2% of the total issue annually after the first 2 years. If the latter, a sinking fund equal to at least 7 1/2% of the total issue ~~shall~~ **must** be set up annually after the first 2 years. Each bond and note ~~shall~~ **must** have inscribed upon its face the words "Rockland Port District," ~~shall~~ **must** bear interest at such rates as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine, payable semiannually, and ~~shall be~~ is subject to such other provisions as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine. Bonds and notes issued by said district may be made callable with or without premium on any interest date. All notes or bonds issued by said district ~~shall~~ **must** be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of said district and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon ~~shall~~ **must** be attested by the facsimile signature of the treasurer printed thereon. Said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section 136 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, and all the provisions of said section ~~shall be~~ **are** applicable thereto. The said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal investments for trust companies and savings banks.

**Sec. 3. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §5**, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §3, is amended to read:

**Sec. 5. Powers.** The district, through its trustees, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, lease or take by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, as hereinafter provided, or otherwise, and hold any land or real estate or easement therein or wharf or dock and to do all that is necessary or desirable to establish, maintain and operate in the district adequate commercial docking and wharf facilities in the district and any facilities considered necessary to support sustainable aquaculture and marine industries. All of such property, wherever located, ~~shall be~~ **is** exempt from taxation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained ~~shall~~ **may** be construed as authorizing said district to take by right of eminent domain any of the property or facilities of the city of Rockland or of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for further use by the owner thereof in performance of a public duty unless expressly authorized thereto by subsequent act of the Legislature.

**Sec. 4. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §6-A**, as enacted by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §5, is amended to read:

**Sec. 6-A. Authority to receive property from the city of Rockland.** The city of Rockland is hereby authorized to sell and convey to said district any property, real, personal or mixed, now or hereafter owned or held by said city of Rockland for commercial docking and wharf facilities used in connection with passenger and freight transportation service by water or

for facilities capable of supporting sustainable aquaculture or marine industries and any sum or sums of money ~~which that~~ the city of Rockland may raise either by taxation or otherwise to be used for such purposes by said district.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 5  
H.P. 528 - L.D. 821**

**An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026**

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

**Sec. 1. Allocation.** Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	2026
<b>Administration</b>	
Personal Services	\$1,412,303
All Other	1,787,882
TOTAL	\$3,200,185
<b>Accounts and Controls</b>	
Personal Services	\$4,663,444
All Other	2,103,293
TOTAL	\$6,766,737
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>	
Personal Services	\$7,930,364
All Other	5,029,148
TOTAL	\$12,959,512
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	
Personal Services	\$1,919,744
All Other	3,439,711
TOTAL	\$5,359,455
<b>Fare Collection</b>	
Personal Services	\$11,455,497
All Other	4,892,710
TOTAL	\$16,348,207

**Public Safety and Special Services**

Personal Services	\$707,267
All Other	9,059,728
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,766,995</b>

**Building Maintenance**

Personal Services	\$932,178
All Other	799,637
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,731,815</b>

Subtotal of Line Items Budgeted \$56,132,905

General Contingency - 5% of line items budgeted for 2026 (10% allowed) \$2,806,645

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**  
**TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS** **\$58,939,550**

**Sec. 2. Transfer of allocations.** Any balance of the allocation for “General Contingency” made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year. Any balance of any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority that at any time is not required for the purpose named in the allocation or subdivision may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. Financial statements describing the transfer, other than a transfer from “General Contingency,” must be submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the committee. These financial statements must include information specifying the accounts that are affected, amounts to be transferred, a description of the transfer and a detailed explanation as to why the transfer is needed.

**Sec. 3. Encumbered balance at year-end.** At the end of each calendar year, encumbered balances may be carried to the next calendar year.

**Sec. 4. Supplemental information.** As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6, the following statement of the revenues in 2026 that are necessary for capital expenditures and reserves and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority during 2026, including debt service and the

maintenance of reserves for debt service and reserve maintenance, is submitted.

**Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution Adopted April 18, 1991; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsections 1 and 2-A** **2026**

Debt Service Fund \$44,392,528

Reserve Maintenance Fund 42,000,000

General Reserve Fund, to be applied as follows:

Capital Improvements 43,441,746

Debt Service Fund under the General 2,442,800

Special Obligation Bond Resolution Adopted May 15, 1996; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 2-A

**TOTAL** **\$132,277,074**

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 6**

**S.P. 601 - L.D. 1483**

**An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the City of South Portland is authorized pursuant to state law and its charter to borrow money and to issue its general obligation bonds and notes in furtherance of its municipal purposes; and

**Whereas,** at a city referendum held November 5, 2024, the voters of the city ratified and approved 2 bond ordinances, the first for \$1,000,000 for school maintenance and improvements and the second for \$3,000,000 for school safety improvements, all as described in the bond ordinances submitted to a referendum vote; and

**Whereas,** at the same city referendum held November 5, 2024, the voters of the city ratified and approved a charter amendment regarding the disposition of certain city-owned property; and

**Whereas,** each bond ordinance was approved by the voters of the city as follows: Question 1, school maintenance and improvements: 11,165 in favor and 3,431 against, with 608 blank ballots; and Question 2,

school safety improvements: 10,584 in favor and 4,002 against, with 624 blank ballots; and

**Whereas**, the charter amendment was approved by the voters of the city as follows: 11,807 in favor and 2,370 against, with 801 blank ballots; and

**Whereas**, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A requires that any question submitted to the electors for ratification of a general obligation bond be accompanied by a statement signed by the treasurer of the municipality setting forth certain information about the municipality's outstanding and unpaid bonds, its authorized and unissued bonds and the total principal amount and the interest cost of the proposed bonds that are the subject of the referendum vote; and

**Whereas**, Title 21-A, section 622-A requires that the notice of election contain the referendum questions for that election; and

**Whereas**, due to inadvertent oversight, although the 2 bond ordinances submitted to the voters were accompanied by a statement setting forth the required information about the city's bonded debt, the statement was not signed by the treasurer of the city as required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A; and

**Whereas**, prior to the referendum, the South Portland city council held a first reading, a public hearing and a second reading on the 2 bond ordinances, a summary of the 2 bond ordinances was posted in the city hall 7 days prior to the public hearing, the South Portland school department held a public hearing on the 2 bond ordinances, the municipal clerk posted the bond ordinances and the specimen ballots setting forth the referendum questions on the bond ordinances in public and conspicuous places in each voting district in the city at least 7 days prior to the referendum, and posted this information at each voting place on election day, and the municipal clerk published a summary of the 2 bond ordinances in the Portland Press Herald not less than 10 days nor more than 15 days prior to the referendum; and

**Whereas**, the failure to include the signed statement required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A and the failure to include the 2 bond ordinance questions in the notice of election create a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds or notes to be issued by the city in connection with the projects; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Validation and authorization.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes or the charter of the City of South Portland to the contrary, the City of South Portland referendum conducted on November 5, 2024 with respect to the 2 bond ordinance questions and the charter amendment question and the proceedings related to that referendum are validated and made effective. The City of South Portland is authorized to enter into contracts and to issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance school maintenance and improvements and \$3,000,000 to finance school safety improvements, all as set forth in the respective bond ordinances. The City of South Portland's charter is amended to reflect the approved changes as set forth in the charter amendment question.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 7**

**H.P. 1274 - L.D. 1913**

**An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that Matinicus Isle Plantation can replace an essential part of its electric power generating facility before it fails; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1975, c. 25, §4** is amended to read:

**Sec. 4.** The plantation is also authorized to issue general obligation bonds, not to exceed the general law, to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction, ~~re-~~reconstruction, improvement, extension and enlargement of, and equipment for, the electric power generating facility. ~~Schedules for the payment of~~

~~the principal and interest on the bonds shall be established in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.~~

**Sec. 2.** P&SL 1975, c. 25, §5 is amended to read:

**Sec. 5.** The plantation is also authorized, after it has issued general obligation bonds for the electric power generating facility, to raise by taxation and appropriate a sum ~~not to exceed 50% of~~ sufficient to pay the cost of the principal and interest payments on the general obligation bonds in any year ~~and 50% of the current operating costs for that year.~~

**Sec. 3.** P&SL 1975, c. 25, §6 is amended to read:

**Sec. 6.** The municipal officers are authorized to issue revenue bonds and to fix by regulation and revise from time to time and to collect rates, fees and other charges for the use of or for the services and facilities furnished or to be furnished by the electric power generating facility; and they are further authorized to appoint a person to collect the rates, fees and other charges, who may be required by the municipal officers to be bonded according to Title 30-A, section 5601, before assuming the duties of collection.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 8  
H.P. 1165 - L.D. 1747**

**An Act to Repeal and Replace  
the Charter of the Yarmouth  
Water District**

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

**Sec. 1.** P&SL 1923, c. 72, as amended by P&SL 2011, c. 8, §§1 and 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 1. Territorial limits, corporate name and purposes.** This Act may be known and cited as "the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District." The territory and the people constituting the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the Yarmouth Water District, referred to in this Act as "the district," subject to adoption by the people in the territory as provided in this Act. The purpose of the district is to supply the inhabitants of the district with potable water for domestic, agricultural, commercial, industrial, sanitary and municipal purposes and to protect the watershed of

the district's water supply for the benefit of the inhabitants within the district.

**Sec. 2. Source of supply; authorized to erect dams, lay pipes, provide power and communications, etc.; may hold or purchase real estate; contracts.** For any of the purposes set forth in this Act, or for the preservation and potability of its water, the district is authorized to take and use water from the Royal River; from any spring, pond, brook, aquifer or other source of water in the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of New Gloucester, except that the use of any source of water in the Town of New Gloucester by the district is allowed only after approval by a joint body of an equal number of representatives from both the district's board of trustees and the municipal officers of the Town of New Gloucester; or from any spring, brook, pond or aquifer or other source of water in the Town of North Yarmouth or the Town of Cumberland and to purchase water from any other water district or company. The district is authorized to conduct and distribute water through the Town of Cumberland and to conduct and distribute water into and through the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth; to survey for, locate, construct, lay, erect and maintain suitable dams, wells, reservoirs, pumping stations, treatment plants and machinery, pipes, mains, aqueducts, conduits, communications, cables, wires and other necessary structures, equipment, fixtures and appurtenances; and to carry its pipes or aqueducts under, in and over the Royal River or under, in, along, over or through any water course or body of water, bridge, street, railroad, highway or other way. The district is authorized to enter upon and excavate any street, highway or other way, in such manner as to least disturb that way, and shall leave those ways in as safe and passable condition as before the excavation; to enter, pass over and excavate any lands and to take and hold by purchase or otherwise any real estate, personal property and rights-of-way or of water; and in general to do any acts necessary, convenient or proper for carrying out any of the purposes specified in this section. The district is further authorized, for the purpose of making all needed repairs or extensions or service connections, to lay its pipes through any public or private lands or ways, with the right to enter upon the same or dig therein and to communicate with any structure and equipment. The district may not render service in territory served or authorized to be served by any other water utility unless consent to such service is first obtained from the Public Utilities Commission. The district may supply water to any other water utility for resale or any other lawful purposes. The district may contract to accomplish anything described in this section. The district, through its trustees, in order to carry out the purposes of its incorporation, may contract with persons, districts, municipalities, utilities, corporations or other lawful entities. All incidental powers, rights and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the objectives set forth in this Act are granted to the district, including without limitation the

right to receive grants or other aid from state and federal agencies for any purpose set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 3. Right of eminent domain conferred.**

For effecting and carrying out the purposes of its incorporation, the district is authorized to take and hold as for public uses, by purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise, any land or interest therein or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, plants and works; for flowage, power, pumping and supplying its water supply through its mains; for reservoirs and standpipes; for preserving and protecting the potability of the water and related watershed; for laying and maintaining aqueducts and other structures; for taking, distributing, discharging and disposing of water; and for rights-of-way or roadways to its sources of supply, dams, power stations, reservoirs, mains, aqueducts, structures and lands. It is further authorized to erect, construct and maintain dams, power stations, reservoirs, mains, aqueducts, structures and roadways necessary and convenient for its purposes. Except as otherwise provided by law, the district may not take by right of eminent domain any property or facilities of any other public utility used or acquired for future use in the performance of a public duty.

**Sec. 4. Adjustments of damages.** The district is liable to pay all damages that are sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, water or other property or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and aqueducts or building any reservoir, standpipe or other structure authorized to be built pursuant to this Act and also damages for any injury resulting from those acts. If any person sustaining damages as described in this section and the district cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid for those damages, the damages may be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions and restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 3.

**Sec. 5. Title of certain property of Town of Yarmouth and of Town of North Yarmouth vested in district.** The title to the land, plant, property and franchises, rights and privileges, including all lands, waters, water rights, dams, reservoirs, pipes, standpipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools, apparatus and appliances, bills receivable and accounts receivable owned by the Town of Yarmouth and used or capable of being used for the purpose of maintaining a public water supply, became vested in the Yarmouth Water District and became the property of the district on March 22, 1923, the effective date of Private and Special Law 1923, chapter 72. The district acquired all of the plant, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the North Yarmouth Water District, including, without limitation, all lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures,

hydrants, meters, services, tools, equipment and appliances used and useful or capable in supplying water for domestic, sanitary, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes on August 7, 1990, which is the later of the date of a referendum vote by a majority of the legal voters of North Yarmouth accepting dissolution of the North Yarmouth Water District and the acquisition of its property by the district and the date of a ratification vote by the district's board of trustees, both held in accordance with Private and Special Law 1989, chapter 111.

**Sec. 6. Procedure as to crossing of public utility.** If the district, in constructing, maintaining or replacing any of its facilities, must cross any property of another public utility, the district must obtain the consent of the other public utility and undertake the work in accordance with conditions established by agreement. If, within 30 days after requesting consent, the district fails to reach an agreement with the public utility, the district may petition the Public Utilities Commission to determine the time, place and manner of the crossing. All work done on the property of the public utility must be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the public utility or as prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission. All work must be done at the expense of the district.

**Sec. 7. Board of trustees.** All the affairs of the Yarmouth Water District are managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 trustees, 4 of whom are elected by the lawful voters of the district who are qualified to vote at any regular meeting of the Town of Yarmouth and one of whom is elected by the lawful voters of the district who are qualified to vote at any regular meeting of the Town of North Yarmouth. The number of trustees must be adjusted after each federal census is completed and apportioned between the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth to correspond to the percent of metered services in each town, except that each town must have at least one trustee.

**Sec. 8. Trustees: how elected; terms; vacancies; general powers and duties.** There must be a total of 5 trustees from the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth, apportioned as provided in section 7, except that those trustees who are serving on the effective date of this Act continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. The trustees shall serve for staggered terms of 3 years.

1. Nominations and elections of trustees are conducted in accordance with the laws relating to municipal elections that apply to secret ballot elections under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528, notwithstanding a town's failure to accept the secret ballot method of voting. When the term of office of a trustee expires, the trustee's successor is elected at large by a plurality vote of the voters of the town represented by that trustee. The election must be called by the trustees of the district in the same manner as town meetings are

called and, for this purpose, the trustees are vested with the powers of municipal officers of towns. A vacancy by death, resignation or removal is filled in the same manner for the unexpired term as set forth above, except that, if the remaining unexpired term is less than 15 months, a successor trustee must be appointed by the municipal officers of the town represented by the vacating trustee.

The trustees shall appoint a registrar of voters for each town in the district, who may also be the registrar of voters for any town within the district, and fix the registrar's salary. It is the registrar's duty to make and keep a complete list of all the registered voters residing in each town in the district. The list prepared by the registrar governs the eligibility of any voter. Voters who are residing outside the territorial limits of the district are not eligible voters, and the registrar of voters shall exclude those voters from the registrar's lists. All warrants issued for elections by the trustees must show that only the voters residing within the territorial limits of either or both the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth in the district are entitled to vote.

2. When a trustee ceases to be a resident of the town in the district that the trustee was elected to represent, the trustee shall vacate the office of trustee and the vacancy must be filled as provided in this section. Upon election as trustee, that trustee is immediately ineligible to serve in any elected municipal office. All trustees are eligible for reelection or reappointment, but a person holding municipal office is not eligible for election as trustee. For the purposes of this subsection, "a person holding municipal office" means a municipal officer as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2001, subsection 10.

3. The trustees shall elect a chair, a treasurer and a clerk together with such other officers and agents as they consider necessary for the proper conduct of their affairs. The trustees may elect an employee of the district to serve as clerk or treasurer, but not as chair. The trustees, from time to time, may choose and employ and fix the compensation of any other necessary officers and agents, who serve at the pleasure of the trustees. The treasurer shall furnish bond in the sum and with sureties approved by the trustees. The district shall pay the cost of the bond.

4. The trustees may adopt and establish bylaws consistent with the laws of this State and necessary for the convenience and the proper management of the affairs of the district and perform other acts within the powers delegated by law to the trustees.

5. The trustees shall determine the times and places of their regular meetings, which must be held within the district, and may have special or emergency meetings at any time as called by the chair or by a majority of the trustees.

6. The trustees must be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, including the duties of a member who serves as clerk or clerk pro tem. The trustees shall publish an annual report that includes a report of the treasurer.

7. Business of the district must be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Freedom of Access Act.

8. A quorum of the board of trustees consists of the total number of authorized trustees divided by 2 and, if necessary to obtain a whole number, the resulting number rounded up to the next whole number. All decisions of the board of trustees must be made by a majority of those trustees present and voting at that meeting.

9. The trustees receive such compensation, if any, as the district at any regular or special meeting determines, as long as notice of that purpose is included in the call for the meeting; notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6401, subsection 2, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 7 does not apply to the district's determination of trustee compensation.

10. Persons who were not trustees prior to January 1, 1987 and who are not full-time employees of the district are not eligible to become members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as a result of their selection as trustees. For purposes of determining a trustee's eligibility to be a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System prior to January 1, 1987, the provisions of the appropriate governing private and special law in effect at the time of the trustee's application for membership controls.

11. The trustees may obtain an office and incur necessary expenses.

12. For a period of 18 months following the conclusion of a trustee's term on the board, the former trustee is not eligible to hold a compensated or appointed position of the district, including the position of general manager.

**Sec. 9. General manager.** The board of trustees shall appoint a general manager, who is responsible for the execution of the orders of the board of trustees and the administration of all district entities, services and functions. The general manager shall present to the board of trustees the full annual district budget for the board's review, oversight and endorsement prior to a public presentation. The general manager's presentation to the board of trustees must include the review of all budgetary requests including personnel compensation and final budgetary determinations and appropriations for all district operations and functions. Notwithstanding section 8, subsection 8, ratification of the budget requires a majority vote of the full board.

**Sec. 10. Contracts of town to be assumed by district; district is quasi-municipal corporation.**

All valid contracts and obligations of the Town of Yarmouth issued for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town with water must be assumed and carried out by the district, and all contracts between the North Yarmouth Water District and any person, firm or corporation relating to supplying water that were in effect on the date of the transfer by the North Yarmouth Water District to the district under Private and Special Law 1989, chapter 111 are assumed and carried out by the district. The district is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2351, and the property of the district is exempt from taxation. All incidental powers, rights and privileges necessary for the accomplishment of this section are granted to the district.

**Sec. 11. Authority to borrow money.** For accomplishing the purposes of this Act, the district, through its trustees, without district vote, is authorized to borrow money from time to time, temporarily or for long terms, and to issue for that borrowing the interest-bearing negotiable bonds and notes of the district, maturing serially or otherwise, and to make subsequent renewals of the same in whole or in part to pay necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in accordance with those purposes, including, but not limited to, refunding any bond, note or other debt of the district and for the purpose of establishing a fund or funds for those purposes. For the purpose of obtaining or providing money to pay any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in the creation of the district, or for a required municipally subsidized expansion, in securing sources of supply and taking water and land, in paying damages, laying pipes, mains, aqueducts and conduits and in constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant or system and making renewals, extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the district through its trustees may from time to time issue negotiable notes and bonds of the district. Notes and bonds under this section must be in an amount necessary in the judgment of the trustees, maturing at one time or in uniform or varying installments, with or without provisions for calling the same for payment before maturity, and in case of such call provisions with or without providing for the payment of a premium not exceeding 5% of the principal upon such call. The notes and bonds are legal obligations of the district, and the notes and bonds are legal investments for savings banks.

**Sec. 12. Payment of rates; purposes for which revenue used; sinking fund.** All individuals, firms and corporations, whether public, private or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of the district the rates established by the board of trustees for the water service used with respect to their real estate, and the rates must be established in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 61 and must be uniform within the district. The rates must be established to be sufficient to provide revenue to the district

to carry out the purposes of its incorporation without the need for any financial assistance from either the Town of Yarmouth or the Town of North Yarmouth other than the normal payment of water charges for services rendered, including, but not limited to, the following purposes:

1. To pay the current running expenses for operating and maintaining the water system and provide for such extensions and renewals as may become necessary, except when such extensions have been provided for by an issue of bonds. The trustees may use the revenue from rates to make extensions unless it has done so by an issue of bonds;

2. To provide for payment of interest on the indebtedness of the district; and

3. To provide each year a sum equal to not less than 1% and not more than 4% of the entire indebtedness of the district, which sum must be turned into a sinking fund to provide for the final extinguishment of the funded debt. The money set aside for the sinking fund must be devoted to the retirement of the obligations of the district or invested in such securities as provided for in this Act or otherwise authorized under state law, except that the trustees may, in their discretion and in lieu of the establishment of a sinking fund, issue the bonds of the district so that not less than 1% of the amount of the bonds so issued matures and is retired each year.

If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be turned into the sinking fund.

The district may lien real estate, foreclose and collect unpaid rates in accordance with Title 35-A, chapter 61.

**Sec. 2. Existing rights not affected; rights conferred subject to Maine Revised Statutes.**

Nothing in this Act is intended to affect any rights under existing law; however, upon approval by the voters of the district at a referendum as provided in section 3 of this Act, section 1 of this Act repeals and replaces Private and Special Law 1923, chapter 72, as amended. All the rights and duties under this Act must be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes.

**Sec. 3. Referendum; effective date.** This Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth at elections called for that purpose and held within 2 years of the effective date of this Act. The elections must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, including, notwithstanding a municipality's failure to adopt secret ballot voting, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528, and excepting that the registrars of the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth are not re-

quired to prepare or the clerks to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrars of voters must be in session the secular day preceding the election. The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

"Do you favor repealing and replacing the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

The results must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of North Yarmouth and due certificate of the results filed by the clerks with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect for all other purposes immediately upon its approval by a majority of the legal voters voting at each election. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with this section, as long as the referenda are held within 2 years of the effective date of this Act.

Effective pending referendum.

**CHAPTER 9**

**H.P. 350 - L.D. 531**

**An Act to Establish the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the current owner of the dam on Toddy Pond has petitioned the Department of Environmental Protection for release from ownership of that dam and all property rights necessary to maintain and operate that dam under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 5, subchapter 1, article 6; and

**Whereas,** pursuant to Title 38, chapter 5, subchapter 1, article 6, a dam owner petitioning for release from ownership is required to consult with the persons listed in Title 38, section 902, subsection 3 to determine if any of those persons wish to assume ownership of the dam; and

**Whereas,** the municipalities in which a dam is located are included in the mandatory consultation procedure under Title 38, section 902, and the consultation period for a municipality is significantly time-limited to 180 days after the date a petition for release from dam

ownership is filed by the dam owner, with the opportunity for one extension of 180 days following that initial period; and

**Whereas,** the watershed management district established in this legislation is designed to assume ownership of the dam on Toddy Pond and to subsequently maintain and operate that dam, including coordinating water level management, on Toddy Pond; and

**Whereas,** the watershed management district must therefore be established prior to the expiration of the statutory period in Title 38, section 902 to effectuate and implement the municipal consultation procedure; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. District established; general provisions.** The Toddy Pond Watershed Management District, referred to in this Act as "the district," is established as a quasi-municipal corporation, incorporated for the purposes described in this Act.

For the purposes of this Act, "participating town" means the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot or the Town of Surry, except that any town whose legal voters do not approve participation in the district by a majority vote at referendum pursuant to section 8, and any town that has withdrawn from the district pursuant to section 6, may not be considered a participating town for the purposes of this Act.

**1. Tax exemption.** The property, both real and personal, rights and franchises of the district held within the boundaries of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry are forever exempt from taxation.

**2. Liability.** The district is a governmental entity for the purposes of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

**3. Funding eligibility.** The district qualifies for any grants, loans or other funding in the same manner as a municipality.

**4. Watershed district.** The district is eligible for state agency assistance for watershed districts as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2012.

**5. Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the district is from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

**Sec. 2. Governance.** The affairs of the district are managed by a board of trustees, referred to in this Act as "the board," made up of a combination of trustees appointed by the municipal officers of the participating

towns and trustees elected by the owners of the waterfront properties abutting Toddy Pond, referred to in this Act as "the waterfront property owners."

**1. Membership.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board consists of 9 trustees as follows:

- A. Two trustees appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland;
- B. One trustee appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Penobscot;
- C. One trustee appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Surry;
- D. One trustee appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill; and
- E. Four trustees elected by the waterfront property owners as provided in this section.

If the legal voters of any town do not approve participation in the district by a majority vote at referendum pursuant to section 8, the trustees under this section must be adjusted in the same manner as under subsection 7 as if the town was a participating town that had withdrawn from the district in accordance with section 6.

**2. Nominations for election.** Candidates for election by the waterfront property owners must be nominated by a lake or pond association representing at least 20% of the waterfront properties abutting Toddy Pond. If no such association is in existence, the nomination process is as adopted by the board.

**3. Conduct of elections.** Upon the establishment of the district, the trustees appointed by the participating towns shall conduct the initial election of the trustees for the waterfront property owners. The full board shall conduct elections subsequent to the initial election. The election ballot must list the names of each trustee candidate and whether the candidates are seeking a full term or to complete the remaining term for a vacant board seat and must include any write-in candidates. Regardless of the number of actual or beneficial owners of a waterfront property, a duly authorized representative of each waterfront property owner may cast one vote for each open board seat listed on the election ballot. The candidate or, in the event that more than one board seat is listed on the election ballot, candidates who receive the most votes cast must be declared elected.

**4. Staggered terms.** The initial terms of the trustees appointed by the participating towns and the trustees for the waterfront property owners must be staggered, as determined by lot, with as closely as possible equal numbers of trustees serving initial terms of one year, 2 years and 3 years. Subsequently appointed or elected trustees serve 3-year terms.

**5. Vacancies.** In the event a board seat occupied by a trustee appointed by the municipal officers of a participating town under subsection 1 becomes vacant,

the municipal officers of the participating town that made the appointment to that seat may appoint a replacement trustee to complete the term for that seat. In the event a board seat occupied by a trustee elected by the waterfront property owners under this section becomes vacant, a lake or pond association representing the greatest percentage of waterfront properties abutting Toddy Pond may appoint an interim trustee to that seat until a replacement trustee is elected at the next regular annual election of trustees. If the association fails to appoint an interim trustee or if no such association is in existence, the seat remains vacant until the next regular annual election.

**6. Quorum; voting.** A majority of the trustees appointed and elected to the board must be present at a meeting of the board to constitute a quorum. The board may take an action requiring a vote only upon the affirmative vote of:

- A. A majority of the trustees appointed and elected, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting at a meeting; and
- B. At least one trustee appointed by the participating towns and at least one trustee elected by the waterfront property owners.

**7. Effect of withdrawal.** If a participating town withdraws from the district in accordance with section 6, the trustees appointed to represent that town must be removed from the board, and the number of trustees for the waterfront property owners must be reduced as necessary to ensure that, of the total number of trustees remaining, a majority are town-appointed trustees, except that:

- A. The number of trustees for the Town of Orland may not be less than one;
- B. The number of trustees for the waterfront property owners may not be less than 2; and
- C. If all participating towns have withdrawn from the district, the number of trustees for the waterfront property owners must be 3, with any additional board seats for the waterfront property owners to be filled in the same manner as a vacancy for a board seat for the waterfront property owners under subsection 5.

Any required reduction in the number of trustees for the Town of Orland or for the waterfront property owners pursuant to this section must be determined by lot.

**Sec. 3. Powers; responsibilities.** The district may sue; make contracts; apply for and accept grant or loan funds; accept gifts; purchase, lease, devise or otherwise acquire, hold or dispose of real or personal property; disburse money; contract debt; adopt rules; and do such other acts as necessary to carry out the powers and responsibilities described in this section.

**1. Powers.** The district may:

A. Develop operational rules for the management of the district, including developing topic-specific committees with outside experts when necessary;

B. Deliver an annual request to each participating town, subject to voter approval, to fund a portion of the district's operating and other costs;

C. Levy and collect an assessment on the waterfront property owners to fund a portion of the district's operating and other costs and establish a lien on a waterfront property in the event the waterfront property owner does not pay in full the assessed amount by the date the payment is due; and

D. Enter into cooperative agreements with other watershed management districts, municipalities and entities for the purposes of planning, operations and maintenance and watershed improvement and for other purposes determined by the district.

**2. Responsibilities.** The district is responsible for:

A. Acquiring ownership of, owning, maintaining and operating the dam, the land under the dam, the equipment and other personal property necessary to maintain and operate the dam and flowage and access rights associated with the dam on Toddy Pond, including general operations, managing water levels and flow, managing inspections, planning for upgrades or repairs and other dam management activities;

B. Preparing an annual operating and capital budget as described in this Act;

C. Holding at least one public meeting to discuss the district's annual proposed budget as described in this Act, which must be held at least 2 weeks prior to a vote by the legislative body of a participating town on an article requesting the annual municipal contribution;

D. Conducting elections of trustees for the waterfront property owners;

E. Electing trustees as officers of the board;

F. Administering the affairs of the district, including, but not limited to, financial management activities, record keeping, public communications and contract management; and

G. Proactively assessing watershed improvements and developing policies and practices to enhance the Toddy Pond watershed, including seeking funding opportunities for watershed improvements such as fish passage improvements, courtesy boat inspections and water quality and invasive species monitoring activities.

**Sec. 4. Annual operating and capital budget.** The board shall develop an annual operating budget, which must include proposed appropriations

into reserves for any capital expenditure purpose or capital expenditure appropriations as described in this section.

**1. Budget hearing; board approval.** Prior to January 15th of each year and with sufficient time to incorporate any public input, the board shall hold a public budget hearing. At the budget hearing, the board shall explain the proposed budget, and residents of the participating towns and the waterfront property owners must be given an opportunity to be heard. At the budget hearing, only those items concerning the expenses necessary to operate the district, appropriations for a reserve fund and capital expenditure are subject to public input. A proposed annual budget may not be finalized and submitted for appropriation to the participating towns unless approved by the board as follows:

A. A proposed annual budget of less than \$100,000 may be finalized and approved only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the trustees appointed and elected to the board, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting, if at least one such affirmative vote is provided by a trustee appointed by the participating towns under section 2, subsection 1 and at least one such affirmative vote is provided by a trustee elected by the waterfront property owners under section 2; and

B. A proposed annual budget of \$100,000 or more may be finalized and approved only by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the trustees appointed and elected to the board, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting.

The \$100,000 budget figure in paragraphs A and B must be adjusted annually for cumulative price inflation since December 31, 2024, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Annual City Average, for the Northeast Region, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or, if that statistic is no longer published or available, by an alternative measure of price inflation as determined by the board.

The board shall ensure that the final annual budget is finalized for approval no later than January 15th.

**2. Budget approval process.** Upon finalization of the annual budget by the board, each participating town, for consideration at a town meeting, shall incorporate a warrant article as described in this section to allow the voters of the town to approve or reject the budget. During the initial funding period for the district, any requests for appropriation from the district may include only those amounts in excess of the amounts already appropriated by a participating town at the time the district was formed.

The district shall provide information in print or electronic format regarding the annual budget and appropriation request to each participating town prior to and at the town's annual town meeting, which must include the

total amounts proposed by the district for each cost center summary budget category, the amount approved by the board after public input gathered at the budget hearing and a summary of the total authorized expenditures for the district.

The board shall prepare the warrant article for this purpose and shall deliver the article to the municipal clerk of each participating town no later than February 1st of each year. The warrant article must be in substantially the following form:

"Do you favor the town raising and appropriating from property tax \$ (insert amount) to pay the town's municipal contribution to the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District?"

**3. Failure to approve municipal contribution.**

Each participating town's vote on the warrant article determines that town's obligation to pay the municipal contribution for the budgeted fiscal year. If a town fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution, the amount not appropriated must be included in the assessment on the waterfront property owners whose property is located in that town.

**Sec. 5. Contributions; assessments.** The annual budget for the district as described in this Act must reflect all expected expenditures and additions to capital reserves, net of any grants, donations, loans or other anticipated sources of funds. To the extent that additional funds are required to balance the budget, referred to in this Act as "the aggregate funds required," the participating towns and the waterfront property owners shall provide funding for the aggregate funds required as follows.

**1. Municipal contributions.** If approved by the voters of the participating towns pursuant to section 4, the participating towns shall provide funding for 50% of the aggregate funds required, which must be determined by the board in the manner described in section 4 and which must be apportioned amongst the participating towns based on the following percentages: Town of Blue Hill, 6%; Town of Orland, 43%; Town of Penobscot, 24%; and Town of Surry, 27%. A participating town's appropriated municipal contribution must be paid to the district prior to August 1st of each year.

**2. Waterfront property owners.** The waterfront property owners shall provide funding for the aggregate funds required that are not provided pursuant to subsection 1, which must be determined by the board as described in section 4. If a participating town, or a town that has not voted to participate in the district or has withdrawn from the district, fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution, the amount not appropriated must be included in the assessment on the waterfront property owners whose property is located in that town.

A. Each waterfront property owner shall pay an assessment proportionate to the amount of shoreline frontage along Toddy Pond on that waterfront property owner's lot or parcel. For the purposes of calculating this assessment, the shoreline frontage is the amount used for the purposes of property tax assessment, up to a maximum of 250 feet of shoreline frontage, and a lot or parcel with more than 250 feet of shoreline frontage must be deemed to have only 250 feet of shoreline frontage.

B. The district shall mail an invoice for the assessment amount due to each waterfront property owner on a schedule and with a specified payment due date as determined by the board. Failure to pay the assessment amount by the specified payment due date incurs interest as determined by the board in a manner consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 505. The district may place a lien on the lot or parcel of a waterfront property owner that fails to pay the assessment amount by the specified payment due date.

**Sec. 6. Withdrawal; dissolution.** The legislative body of a participating town may by majority vote elect to withdraw from the district, and the board must approve the withdrawal, subject to conditions and requirements reasonably necessary for the continued operation of the district as may be directed by the board. If a participating town fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution in accordance with the requirements of this Act for 2 consecutive years, the town is considered to have withdrawn from the district, subject to conditions and requirements reasonably necessary for the continued operation of the district as may be directed by the board. The district may be dissolved upon the disposition of all of its assets and settlement of any liabilities and by an affirmative vote on dissolution by a majority of the trustees of the board.

**Sec. 7. Authorized activities prior to referendum.** Notwithstanding the referendum requirement of section 8, the municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry shall prepare an estimated budget for the district for its first year of operation and shall determine the aggregate funds required for that year. The municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry shall determine the required municipal contributions for each town, which must represent 50% of those aggregate funds required, and which must be apportioned amongst the towns based on the following percentages: Town of Blue Hill, 6%; Town of Orland, 43%; Town of Penobscot, 24%; and Town of Surry, 27%. The municipal contribution amount determined for each town pursuant to this section must be used for the purposes of the referendum required in section 8.

**Sec. 8. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the

preamble, this Act takes effect when approved only for the purposes of allowing the municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry to prepare an estimated budget and determine the aggregate funds required and required municipal contribution pursuant to section 7 and for permitting the Act's submission to the legal voters of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry at a referendum called for that purpose and held after June 1, 2025 but within 2 years after the effective date of this Act. Each referendum must be called by the municipal officers of the respective towns and must be held at the regular voting places. The referendum must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrars of voters must be in session the regular workday preceding the referendum. The subject matter of this Act must be reduced to a question in substantially the following form:

"Do you favor the establishment of and the town's participation in the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District and the appropriation of \$ (insert amount) to provide the town's share of the estimated budget for the first year of operation of the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

The results must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill, the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot and the Town of Surry and due certificate of the results filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect for all other purposes immediately upon its approval by a majority of the legal voters of one or more of the towns voting at the referendum. A town that fails to achieve the necessary approval in any referendum pursuant to this section may not be considered a participating town for the purposes of this Act but is not prohibited from conducting subsequent referenda consistent with this section as long as the referenda are held within 2 years after the effective date of this Act.

For any period that a town is not considered a participating town for the purposes of this Act as a result of a failure to achieve the necessary approval in any referendum pursuant to this section, the municipal contribution required for that town must be assessed on the waterfront property owners whose property is located in that town in accordance with section 5, subsection 2.

Effective June 18, 2025, pending referendum.

**CHAPTER 10**

**H.P. 348 - L.D. 529**

**An Act to Establish the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the current owner of the dam on Alamoosook Lake has petitioned the Department of Environmental Protection for release from ownership of that dam and all property rights necessary to maintain and operate that dam under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 5, subchapter 1, article 6; and

**Whereas,** pursuant to Title 38, chapter 5, subchapter 1, article 6, a dam owner petitioning for release from ownership is required to consult with the persons listed in Title 38, section 902, subsection 3 to determine if any of those persons wish to assume ownership of the dam; and

**Whereas,** the municipalities in which a dam is located are included in the mandatory consultation procedure under Title 38, section 902, and the consultation period for a municipality is significantly time-limited to 180 days after the date a petition for release from dam ownership is filed by the dam owner, with the opportunity for one extension of 180 days following that initial period; and

**Whereas,** the watershed management district established in this legislation is designed to assume ownership of the dam on Alamoosook Lake and to subsequently maintain and operate that dam, including coordinating water level management, on Alamoosook Lake; and

**Whereas,** the watershed management district must therefore be established prior to the expiration of the statutory period in Title 38, section 902 to effectuate and implement the municipal consultation procedure; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. District established; general provisions.** The Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District, referred to in this Act as "the district," is established as a quasi-municipal corporation, incorporated for the purposes described in this Act.

**1. Tax exemption.** The property, both real and personal, rights and franchises of the district held within the boundaries of the Town of Orland are forever exempt from taxation.

**2. Liability.** The district is a governmental entity for the purposes of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

**3. Funding eligibility.** The district qualifies for any grants, loans or other funding in the same manner as a municipality.

**4. Watershed district.** The district is eligible for state agency assistance for watershed districts as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2012.

**5. Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the district is from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

**Sec. 2. Governance.** The affairs of the district are managed by a board of trustees, referred to in this Act as "the board," made up of a combination of trustees appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland and trustees elected by the owners of the waterfront properties abutting Alamoosook Lake, referred to in this Act as "the waterfront property owners."

**1. Membership.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board consists of 5 trustees as follows:

- A. Three trustees appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland; and
- B. Two trustees elected by the waterfront property owners as provided in this section.

**2. Nominations for election.** Candidates for election by the waterfront property owners must be nominated by a lake or pond association representing at least 20% of the waterfront properties abutting Alamoosook Lake. If no such association is in existence, the nomination process is as adopted by the board.

**3. Conduct of elections.** Upon the establishment of the district, the trustees appointed by the Town of Orland shall conduct the initial election of the trustees for the waterfront property owners. The full board shall conduct elections subsequent to the initial election. The election ballot must list the names of each trustee candidate and whether the candidates are seeking a full term or to complete the remaining term for a vacant board seat and must include any write-in candidates. Regardless of the number of actual or beneficial owners of a waterfront property, a duly authorized representative of each waterfront property owner may cast one vote for each open board seat listed on the election ballot. The candidate or, in the event that more than one board seat is listed on the election ballot, candidates who receive the most votes cast must be declared elected.

**4. Staggered terms.** The initial terms of the trustees appointed by the Town of Orland and the trustees for the waterfront property owners must be staggered,

as determined by lot, with as closely as possible equal numbers of trustees serving initial terms of one year, 2 years and 3 years. Subsequently appointed or elected trustees serve 3-year terms.

**5. Vacancies.** In the event a board seat occupied by a trustee appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland under subsection 1, paragraph A becomes vacant, the municipal officers of the Town of Orland may appoint a replacement trustee to complete the term for that seat. In the event a board seat occupied by a trustee elected by the waterfront property owners under this section becomes vacant, a lake or pond association representing the greatest percentage of waterfront properties abutting Alamoosook Lake may appoint an interim trustee to that seat until a replacement trustee is elected at the next regular annual election of trustees. If the association fails to appoint an interim trustee or if no such association is in existence, the seat remains vacant until the next regular annual election.

**6. Quorum; voting.** A majority of the trustees appointed and elected to the board must be present at a meeting of the board to constitute a quorum. The board may take an action requiring a vote only upon the affirmative vote of:

- A. A majority of the trustees appointed and elected, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting at a meeting; and
- B. At least one trustee appointed by the Town of Orland and at least one trustee elected by the waterfront property owners.

**7. Effect of withdrawal.** If the Town of Orland withdraws from the district in accordance with section 6, the trustees appointed to represent the Town of Orland must be reduced to one, with that reduction determined by lot, and the number of trustees for the waterfront property owners must be increased to 4, with the additional seats to be filled in the same manner as a vacancy for a board seat for the waterfront property owners under subsection 5.

**Sec. 3. Powers; responsibilities.** The district may sue; make contracts; apply for and accept grant or loan funds; accept gifts; purchase, lease, devise or otherwise acquire, hold or dispose of real or personal property; disburse money; contract debt; adopt rules; and do such other acts as necessary to carry out the powers and responsibilities described in this section.

**1. Powers.** The district may:

- A. Develop operational rules for the management of the district, including developing topic-specific committees with outside experts when necessary;
- B. Deliver an annual request to the Town of Orland, subject to voter approval, to fund a portion of the district's operating and other costs;

C. Levy and collect an assessment on the waterfront property owners to fund a portion of the district's operating and other costs and establish a lien on a waterfront property in the event the waterfront property owner does not pay in full the assessed amount by the date the payment is due; and

D. Enter into cooperative agreements with other watershed management districts, municipalities and entities for the purposes of planning, operations and maintenance and watershed improvement and for other purposes determined by the district.

**2. Responsibilities.** The district is responsible for:

A. Acquiring ownership of, owning, maintaining and operating the dam, the land under the dam, the equipment and other personal property necessary to maintain and operate the dam and flowage and access rights associated with the dam on Alamoosook Lake, including general operations, managing water levels and flow, managing inspections, planning for upgrades or repairs and other dam management activities;

B. Preparing an annual operating and capital budget as described in this Act;

C. Holding at least one public meeting to discuss the district's annual proposed budget as described in this Act, which must be held at least 2 weeks prior to a vote by the legislative body of the Town of Orland on an article requesting the annual municipal contribution;

D. Conducting elections of trustees for the waterfront property owners;

E. Electing trustees as officers of the board;

F. Administering the affairs of the district, including, but not limited to, financial management activities, record keeping, public communications and contract management; and

G. Proactively assessing watershed improvements and developing policies and practices to enhance the Alamoosook Lake watershed, including seeking funding opportunities for watershed improvements such as fish passage improvements, courtesy boat inspections and water quality and invasive species monitoring activities.

**Sec. 4. Annual operating and capital budget.** The board shall develop an annual operating budget, which must include proposed appropriations into reserves for any capital expenditure purpose or capital expenditure appropriations as described in this section.

**1. Budget hearing; board approval.** Prior to January 15th of each year and with sufficient time to incorporate any public input, the board shall hold a public budget hearing. At the budget hearing, the board shall explain the proposed budget, and residents of the Town

of Orland and the waterfront property owners must be given an opportunity to be heard. At the budget hearing, only those items concerning the expenses necessary to operate the district, appropriations for a reserve fund and capital expenditure are subject to public input. A proposed annual budget may not be finalized and submitted for appropriation to the Town of Orland unless approved by the board as follows:

A. A proposed annual budget of less than \$100,000 may be finalized and approved only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the trustees appointed and elected to the board, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting, if at least one such affirmative vote is provided by a trustee appointed by the Town of Orland under section 2, subsection 1, paragraph A and at least one such affirmative vote is provided by a trustee elected by the waterfront property owners under section 2; and

B. A proposed annual budget of \$100,000 or more may be finalized and approved only by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the trustees appointed and elected to the board, regardless of the number of trustees present and voting.

The \$100,000 budget figure in paragraphs A and B must be adjusted annually for cumulative price inflation since December 31, 2024, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Annual City Average, for the Northeast Region, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or, if that statistic is no longer published or available, by an alternative measure of price inflation as determined by the board.

The board shall ensure that the final annual budget is finalized for approval no later than January 15th.

**2. Budget approval process.** Upon finalization of the annual budget by the board, the Town of Orland, for consideration at a town meeting, shall incorporate a warrant article as described in this section to allow the voters of the town to approve or reject the budget. During the initial funding period for the district, any requests for appropriation from the district may include only those amounts in excess of the amounts already appropriated by the Town of Orland at the time the district was formed.

The district shall provide information in print or electronic format regarding the annual budget and appropriation request to the Town of Orland prior to and at the town's annual town meeting, which must include the total amounts proposed by the district for each cost center summary budget category, the amount approved by the board after public input gathered at the budget hearing and a summary of the total authorized expenditures for the district.

The board shall prepare the warrant article for this purpose and shall deliver the article to the municipal clerk of the Town of Orland no later than February 1st of each

year. The warrant article must be in substantially the following form:

"Do you favor the Town of Orland raising and appropriating from property tax \$ (insert amount) to pay the Town of Orland's municipal contribution to the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District?"

**3. Failure to approve municipal contribution.** The Town of Orland's vote on the warrant article determines its obligation to pay the municipal contribution for the budgeted fiscal year. If the Town of Orland fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution, the amount not appropriated must be included in the assessment on the waterfront property owners.

**Sec. 5. Contributions; assessments.** The annual budget for the district as described in this Act must reflect all expected expenditures and additions to capital reserves, net of any grants, donations, loans or other anticipated sources of funds. To the extent that additional funds are required to balance the budget, referred to in this Act as "the aggregate funds required," the Town of Orland and the waterfront property owners shall provide funding for the aggregate funds required as follows.

**1. Municipal contributions.** If approved by the voters of the Town of Orland pursuant to section 4, the Town of Orland shall provide funding for 50% of the aggregate funds required, which must be determined by the board in the manner described in section 4. The Town of Orland's appropriated municipal contribution must be paid to the district prior to August 1st of each year.

**2. Waterfront property owners.** The waterfront property owners shall provide funding for the aggregate funds required that are not provided pursuant to subsection 1, which must be determined by the board as described in section 4. If the Town of Orland fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution, the amount not appropriated must be included in the assessment on the waterfront property owners.

A. Each waterfront property owner shall pay an assessment proportionate to the amount of shoreline frontage along Alamoosook Lake on that waterfront property owner's lot or parcel. For the purposes of calculating this assessment, the shoreline frontage is the amount used for the purposes of property tax assessment, up to a maximum of 300 feet of shoreline frontage, and a lot or parcel with more than 300 feet of shoreline frontage must be deemed to have only 300 feet of shoreline frontage.

B. The district shall mail an invoice for the assessment amount due to each waterfront property owner on a schedule and with a specified payment due date as determined by the board. Failure to pay the assessment amount by the specified payment

due date incurs interest as determined by the board in a manner consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 505. The district may place a lien on the lot or parcel of a waterfront property owner that fails to pay the assessment amount by the specified payment due date.

**Sec. 6. Withdrawal; dissolution.** The legislative body of the Town of Orland may by majority vote elect to withdraw from the district, and the board must approve the withdrawal, subject to conditions and requirements reasonably necessary for the continued operation of the district as may be directed by the board. If the Town of Orland fails to appropriate funds for its municipal contribution in accordance with the requirements of this Act for 2 consecutive years, it is considered to have withdrawn from the district, subject to conditions and requirements reasonably necessary for the continued operation of the district as may be directed by the board. The district may be dissolved upon the disposition of all of its assets and settlement of any liabilities and by an affirmative vote on dissolution by a majority of the trustees of the board.

**Sec. 7. Authorized activities prior to referendum.** Notwithstanding the referendum requirement of section 8, the municipal officers of the Town of Orland shall prepare an estimated budget for the district for its first year of operation and shall determine the aggregate funds required for that year. The municipal officers shall determine the required municipal contribution for the Town of Orland, which must represent 50% of those aggregate funds required. The municipal contribution amount determined pursuant to this section must be used for the purposes of the referendum required in section 8.

**Sec. 8. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved only for the purposes of allowing the municipal officers of the Town of Orland to prepare an estimated budget and determine the aggregate funds required and required municipal contribution pursuant to section 7 and for permitting the Act's submission to the legal voters of the Town of Orland at a referendum called for that purpose and held after June 1, 2025 but within 2 years after the effective date of this Act. The referendum must be called by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland and must be held at the regular voting places. The referendum must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrar of voters must be in session the regular workday preceding the referendum. The subject matter of this Act must be reduced to a question in substantially the following form:

"Do you favor the establishment of and the Town of Orland's participa-

tion in the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District and the appropriation of \$ (insert amount) to provide the Town of Orland's share of the estimated budget for the first year of operation of the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

The results must be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Orland and due certificate of the results filed by the clerk with the Secretary of State.

This Act takes effect for all other purposes immediately upon its approval by a majority of the legal voters of the Town of Orland voting at the referendum. Failure to achieve the necessary approval in any referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda consistent with this section as long as the referenda are held within 2 years after the effective date of this Act.

Effective June 18, 2025, pending referendum.

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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**CHAPTER 12  
S.P. 303 - L.D. 686**

**Resolve, to Rename the Kezar  
Falls Bridge Between Porter  
and Parsonsfield the Kezar  
Falls Veterans Memorial  
Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Porter and Parsonsfield renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2432 on Federal Road between the Town of Porter and the Town of Parsonsfield, which crosses the Ossipee River and is currently known as the Kezar Falls Bridge, the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 13  
S.P. 109 - L.D. 243**

**Resolve, to Name a Railroad  
Crossing in Wiscasset the  
James Weldon Johnson  
Crossing**

**Sec. 1. Railroad crossing in Wiscasset named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall permanently designate the crossing at railroad mile marker 49.10 on Main Street in the Town of Wiscasset, also known as Federal Crossing 364974N, as the James Weldon Johnson Crossing.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 14  
S.P. 249 - L.D. 569**

**Resolve, to Rename the  
Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh  
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Shapleigh renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3637 on Route 11 in the Town of Shapleigh, which crosses Pump Box Brook and is

currently known as the Shapleigh Bridge, the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 15  
S.P. 285 - L.D. 672**

**Resolve, to Rename the Salmon  
Falls Bridge Between Buxton  
and Hollis the Salmon Falls  
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge between Buxton and Hollis renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3708 on Route 202, which crosses the Saco River between the Town of Buxton and the Town of Hollis and is currently known as the Salmon Falls Bridge, the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 16  
S.P. 302 - L.D. 685**

**Resolve, to Rename the Mill  
Pond Bridge the Sebago  
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Sebago renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 6230 on Sebago Road in the Town of Sebago, which crosses the Northwest River and is currently known as the Mill Pond Bridge, the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 17  
H.P. 548 - L.D. 862**

**Resolve, to Honor Scarborough  
Veterans by Renaming the Pine  
Point Crossing Bridge the  
Scarborough Veterans  
Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Scarborough renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation

shall designate Bridge 5260 on Pine Point Road, which crosses the Boston and Maine Railroad and Snow Canning Road in the Town of Scarborough and is currently known as the Pine Point Crossing Bridge, the Scarborough Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 18**

**H.P. 385 - L.D. 617**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Waterboro renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3830 on Main Street in the Town of Waterboro, which crosses Hamilton Brook and is currently known as the School Bridge, the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 19**

**H.P. 492 - L.D. 750**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 27: Standards for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities Within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 27: Standards for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities Within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized as long as the effective date of the rule is January 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 20**

**S.P. 362 - L.D. 796**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Windham and Gorham re-named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2787 on Route 202, which crosses the Presumpscot River between the Town of Windham and the Town of Gorham and is currently known as the South Windham Bridge, the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 21**

**H.P. 54 - L.D. 90**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered

Professional Nurses, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 30, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 22  
S.P. 39 - L.D. 24**

**Resolve, Authorizing the  
Director of the Bureau of Parks  
and Lands to Convey Public  
Land Parcels in Lincoln  
Plantation and Sandy River  
Plantation**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House; and

**Whereas,** certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

**Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1851; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey certain land in Lincoln Plantation. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed convey without covenant, on other terms and conditions as the director may direct, the State's interest in 47 leased lots and 14 adjacent vacant lots in Lincoln Plantation. A survey must be completed to determine the boundaries of the lots to be conveyed. The cost of a survey of the property boundaries may be paid by the bureau and factored into the purchase price, but the recording costs may not be paid by the bureau.

**Sec. 2. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to exchange certain land in Sandy River Plantation. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is

authorized to exchange a small leased parcel and additional land up to 0.25 acres in Sandy River Plantation in a value-for-value transaction for a deeded right-of-way across an adjacent parcel.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 23  
H.P. 174 - L.D. 271**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative  
Review of Chapter 12: Fees for  
Kickboxing Contests and  
Authorized Participants, a  
Major Substantive Rule of the  
Combat Sports Authority of  
Maine**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 2, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 24  
H.P. 320 - L.D. 491**

**Resolve, Requiring the  
Director of the Bureau of Parks  
and Lands to Convey Certain  
Real Property in the Town of  
Richmond**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House; and

**Whereas,** certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

**Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell, lease or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands directed to convey certain land in Town of Richmond. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall by quitclaim deed and without covenant convey the State's interest in property described in section 2 to Wilhelmine Dennis Oakes or the estate of Wilhelmine Dennis Oakes. Any legal or closing costs of the conveyance may not be paid by the bureau.

**Sec. 2. Property interests to be conveyed. Resolved:** That the property required to be conveyed pursuant to section 1 is a parcel of land of approximately 7 acres with improvements thereon, located in the Town of Richmond and shown as Lot 67 on Map R6 of the Town of Richmond tax assessor maps.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 25  
H.P. 175 - L.D. 272**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative  
Review of Chapter 2: Fees for  
Muay Thai Contests and  
Authorized Participants, a  
Major Substantive Rule of the  
Combat Sports Authority of  
Maine**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 2, 2025.

**CHAPTER 26  
H.P. 374 - L.D. 606**

**Resolve, to Study Barriers to  
Financial Assistance Programs  
for Farmers and Food  
Producers**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, farmers and food producers are facing increasing challenges when trying to access both state and federal grant programs; and

**Whereas**, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to study the bureau's financial assistance programs to identify barriers to and improve effectiveness of these programs as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to seek stakeholder input on lowering barriers to financial assistance programs. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall direct staff of the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to study the bureau's financial assistance programs for farmers and food producers to identify barriers to these programs and methods to eliminate those barriers and increase the effectiveness of the programs in addressing farmer and food producer needs. This study must be undertaken within existing resources and must include at least 2 listening sessions with farmers and food producers. The listening sessions must encompass topics, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Application materials, submission procedures and timelines for application retention by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
2. Contact procedures to inform applicants of new program opportunities;
3. Accessibility for beginning and emerging farmers and the expansion of education about department programs, partnerships with community organizations to reach new groups of farmers and identification of farmers who currently underuse department programs; and
4. Input on how the department can organize and consolidate its financial assistance offerings.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, 2026, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report detailing the results of the study under section 1 and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 13, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 27**

**H.P. 189 - L.D. 289**

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Bingham the Barry A. DeLong Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Bingham named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2027, which carries Route 201 over Austin Stream in the Town of Bingham and is currently known as the Austin Stream Bridge, the Barry A. DeLong Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 28**

**S.P. 45 - L.D. 28**

**Resolve, to Rename the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield the Duane Bickford Fire Training Facility**

**Sec. 1. Firefighter training facility in Fairfield renamed. Resolved:** That the Town of Fairfield shall designate the firefighter training facility in Fairfield, currently known as the Twin Rivers Fire Academy, the Duane Bickford Fire Training Facility.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 29**

**S.P. 498 - L.D. 1209**

**Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study the Safety and Use of Nonconforming Vehicles on Maine's Roads and Highways**

**Sec. 1. Nonconforming vehicle working group. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to study the feasibility of allowing registration and use by motorists of vehicles currently prohibited from operation on the State's roads and highways, referred to in this resolve as "nonconforming vehicles," including, but not limited to, mini trucks, antique military vehicles and any other vehicle under 10,000 pounds and operated by a holder of a Class C license, and to review the systems and laws in place for antique vehicles. The working group consists of 7 members as follows:

1. The deputy secretary of state for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the deputy secretary's designee;

2. One member from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, traffic safety unit who is an expert in vehicle safety and emissions standards, appointed by the Secretary of State;

3. One member who is a representative of a motor vehicle insurance company, appointed by the Secretary of State;

4. One member who is a representative of a motor vehicle inspection business, appointed by the Secretary of State;

5. One member who is a representative of a business that imports foreign cars for sale in the State, appointed by the Secretary of State;

6. One member who is a representative of municipalities, appointed by the Secretary of State; and

7. One member who is a representative of a transportation museum with a focus on nonconforming vehicles, appointed by the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Identify the operating standards that prohibit nonconforming vehicles from being operated on the State's roads and highways;

2. Identify the risks of allowing nonconforming vehicles on the State's roads and highways;

3. Review and analyze the safety of allowing the use of nonconforming vehicles on the State's roads and highways, including but not limited to crash safety, vehicle emissions and speed capabilities, and a comparison of the safety of nonconforming vehicles to the safety of vehicles already allowed on the State's roads and highways, including antique vehicles and motorcycles;

4. Review and analyze laws in other states that allow the use of nonconforming vehicles and how the allowance of these vehicles has affected motor vehicle safety in those states;

5. Review and analyze any reports or studies from other states that have considered the subjects of study described in section 1 and how the results of those reports or studies could relate to the State's roads and highways and motor vehicle systems;

6. Consider the most effective way to allow for nonconforming vehicles to be used on the State's roads and highways while protecting the safety of those driving them and other drivers and consider any restrictions on location, annual mileage or driving speed and how to most effectively register those vehicles to indicate such restrictions, including through the use of a system similar to those systems used for antique and farm vehicles;

7. Consider how to implement an inspection system that would ensure that nonconforming vehicles are safe to drive on the State's roads and highways and how such a system might be similar to or different from the State's current inspection systems for motor vehicles and antique vehicles; and

8. Recommend whether to implement the registration, inspection and use of nonconforming vehicles on the State's roads and highways and recommend any related legislation.

**Sec. 3. Compensation. Resolved:** That members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group.

**Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group within existing resources.

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall provide a report by February 6, 2026 containing the findings and recommendations of the working group, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The joint standing committee may introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the recommendations in the report.

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## CHAPTER 30

### S.P. 212 - L.D. 472

#### **Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal**

**Sec. 1. Passenger rail from Boston to Montreal. Resolved:** That the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission shall examine restoring passenger rail from Boston, Massachusetts to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The commissions shall submit a report with their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 3, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 31  
H.P. 173 - L.D. 270**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made:

1. The rule is amended in Section 8(G)(1)(c)(i) to remove the requirement that a written adverse health care treatment decision include the name and title of the person or persons evaluating the appeal and replace it with a requirement that the decision attest to the credentials of the person or persons evaluating the appeal and that the person or persons evaluating the appeal were not involved in the initial decision and a requirement that the carrier identify a point of contact by name, address and telephone number to answer specific questions from the enrollee; and

2. The rule is amended in Section 9(B)(2)(b)(i) to remove the requirement that a written adverse benefit determination that does not involve a health care treatment decision include the name and title of the person or persons participating in the grievance review process

and replace it with a requirement that the determination attest to the credentials of the person or persons participating in the grievance review process and that the person or persons participating in the grievance review process were not involved in the initial determination and a requirement that the carrier identify a point of contact by name, address and telephone number to answer specific questions from the enrollee.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 23, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 32  
S.P. 75 - L.D. 139**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Establishing a Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer**

**Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study establishing program for electronic tagging of deer. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall study and establish a plan for the implementation of a program for the electronic tagging of harvested deer. The department shall submit a report, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 14, 2026. The report must include information on the projected costs, programming and staffing requirements of developing and implementing an electronic tagging program and how the department would recoup lost money, if applicable. To the extent practicable, the department shall consult with local business owners in the study who contract as registered agents of the department for the tagging of deer to gauge how a transition to an electronic tagging program may impact these agents, especially in more rural areas of the State. The report must also include information related to anticipated effects on biological data collection and relevant compliance and enforcement issues. Finally, the report must outline a plan for program implementation, including suggested time frames, and a plan for how the department would raise awareness of an electronic tagging program across the State. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 33  
H.P. 261 - L.D. 407**

**Resolve, to Ensure the Removal  
of Aqueous Film-forming Foam  
from the Former Brunswick  
Naval Air Station**

**Sec. 1. Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority; activities regarding removal of aqueous film-forming foam. Resolved:** That the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13083-G and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall take all necessary steps to ensure that:

1. No later than December 31, 2025, all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority are shut off or otherwise made incapable of dispensing or releasing aqueous film-forming foam;

2. No later than December 31, 2025, all aqueous film-forming foam or aqueous film-forming foam concentrate not contained in a fire suppression system or other system that is located on any property leased or owned by the authority is removed from that property;

3. No later than July 1, 2026, funding is acquired by the authority sufficient to cover the anticipated costs of completely purging all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam as provided in subsection 4; and

4. No later than December 31, 2026, all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority are completely purged so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam.

As used in this resolve, "aqueous film-forming foam" means a fire suppressant foam containing fluorinated surfactants intended for extinguishing flammable liquid fires.

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**CHAPTER 34  
H.P. 461 - L.D. 722**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Public Safety,  
Emergency Medical Services'  
Board to Report to the Joint  
Standing Committee on  
Education and Cultural Affairs  
on the Status of Funds in the  
Emergency Medical Services  
Stabilization and Sustainability  
Program**

**Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on program grant funding. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the status of funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 98, no later than January 15, 2026. The report must include the amount of funding received by emergency medical services training centers in the Maine Community College System and the status of any remaining funds not yet awarded to emergency medical services training centers. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature related to the contents of the report.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 35  
H.P. 502 - L.D. 777**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife to Study  
Lengthening the Muzzle-  
loading Season for Deer in  
Certain Wildlife Management  
Districts**

**Sec. 1. Study of muzzle-loading season for deer and expanding season in certain wildlife management districts. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall study lengthening the muzzle-loading season for deer beyond the 6-day season currently established in department rule in additional wildlife management districts in the State where winter conditions are less severe.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

that includes an overview of the study findings pursuant to section 1 and any recommendations to identify additional wildlife management districts where the length of the special muzzle-loading season on deer could be extended. The report must include a map identifying the muzzle-loading season for deer in each wildlife management district in the State and highlight on the map wildlife management districts that are currently permitted by rule to have a longer season than 6 days, wildlife management districts that the department determines could have an extended season and wildlife management districts that the department determines should continue to have a 6-day season. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 36**

**H.P. 839 - L.D. 1264**

**Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

**Whereas,** the land authorized for transfer by this resolve is within the designations in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

**Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell, lease or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands directed to modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, consisting of historic site land, improvements, structures and historical collections, to the Friends of Montpelier. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, including 4.2 acres, more or less, of historic site land and related improvements, structures and historical collections, in the

Town of Thomaston, Knox County, to the Friends of Montpelier, a nonprofit corporation, to remove the requirement that Montpelier be used for historic preservation and remove any requirement that Montpelier be preserved, rehabilitated or restored in a manner as required by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

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**CHAPTER 37**

**H.P. 66 - L.D. 101**

**Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Examine the Classification of and Access to Public Records Maintained by Certain State Agencies**

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That, as used in this resolve, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Department" means the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

2. "Right to Know Advisory Committee" means the Right to Know Advisory Committee established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411.

**Sec. 2. Working group established. Resolved:** That the department, in consultation with the Right to Know Advisory Committee, shall convene a working group to examine the classification and accessibility of public records maintained by the state agencies identified in section 3 and the associated fees that may be charged for those public records, referred to in this resolve as "the working group." The department shall provide administrative support to the working group as needed.

**Sec. 3. Working group members. Resolved:** That the working group consists of the following members:

1. One member from the department, appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, who serves as chair;

2. Two members from the Right to Know Advisory Committee who are not Legislators, one of whom must be the member appointed to represent law enforcement interests pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 2, paragraph F, appointed by the chair of the Right to Know Advisory Committee;

3. One member from the office of the Secretary of State, appointed by the Secretary of State;

4. One member from the Department of Marine Resources, appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources; and

5. One member from the Department of Public Safety, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

The chair of the working group may appoint additional members as determined necessary by a majority of the working group's members. The working group shall consult with a representative from the Office of the Attorney General, designated by the Attorney General, to assist the working group in its deliberations as needed.

**Sec. 4. Selection of members. Resolved:** That, no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve, the Right to Know Advisory Committee and the state agencies identified in section 3 shall notify the department of the member or members selected for participation in the working group.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Determine the classification and accessibility of public records by:

A. Reviewing the current provisions of the Freedom of Access Act;

B. Determining which records in the possession of the state agencies identified in section 3 are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Access Act and which records are not; and

C. Identifying categories of information that the state agencies identified in section 3 should have the ability to designate as confidential and not subject to public disclosure;

2. Evaluate fees for public records requests by:

A. Examining and recommending appropriate fees for processing large-scale requests for public records; and

B. Considering a reasonable cost structure that balances public access with administrative burdens; and

3. Consider additional areas for review by identifying any other issues related to public records management, retention and disclosure as appropriate.

**Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 14, 2026, the working group shall submit a report that includes the working group's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary; the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources; and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Each committee that receives a report may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 38**

**S.P. 78 - L.D. 142**

**Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Financial Institutions to Issue Guidance Related to the Charging of Multiple Fees for Attempted Withdrawals Involving Insufficient Funds**

**Sec. 1. Guidance related to charging multiple fees for attempted withdrawals involving insufficient funds. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2026, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions shall issue written guidance to state-chartered financial institutions and credit unions on the charging of multiple fees for attempted withdrawals involving insufficient funds. Before developing the written guidance required by this section, the bureau shall review any guidance issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Administration related to overdraft and insufficient funds fees and consult with statewide associations representing state-chartered financial institutions and credit unions.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 39**

**H.P. 200 - L.D. 300**

**Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State**

**Sec. 1. Governor's Energy Office to conduct studies. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall conduct studies as directed by this resolve in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to support the development of a balanced portfolio of energy sources in the State.

**Sec. 2. Study; hydroelectric power facilities and energy storage. Resolved:** That the office shall conduct a study reviewing the current operation of and opportunities for the expansion of hydroelectric power and energy storage in the State for the purpose of evaluating methods to revitalize the hydroelectric power industry while taking into consideration the greenhouse gas emissions associated with such generation and storage. In conducting this study, the office shall:

1. Review the findings of any previous studies of hydroelectric power facilities in the State, including, but not limited to, the February 2015 report prepared for the office and titled "Maine Hydropower Study," to identify dam sites within the State that have the greatest potential to be efficiently expanded or upgraded;

2. Review new technologies being used in hydroelectric power facilities in other states and evaluate whether those technologies could be used in this State to improve or expand the hydroelectric power industry through the expansion or upgrading of the dam sites identified under subsection 1. In carrying out this review, the office shall consult with at least one hydroelectric power facility in Alaska and at least one hydroelectric power facility in each of 2 other states that the office determines has similar geographic and topographical characteristics to Maine; and

3. Identify locations within the State that may be suitable for the development of pumped storage hydropower systems because of geographic, technical and economic factors and evaluate the existing barriers to establishing such hydroelectric energy storage systems.

**Sec. 3. Study; geothermal systems. Resolved:** That the office shall conduct a study for the purpose of evaluating the potential for the development of a geothermal power plant or other geothermal power plant generation system or space heating and cooling system in this State based on an assessment of geographic, technical and economic factors. For the purposes of this resolve, "geothermal power plant" means a power plant that uses heat from the earth to generate electricity or thermal energy for heating or cooling. The study must summarize research and analysis of opportunities for the development of geothermal systems in the State while taking into consideration the greenhouse gas emissions associated with such systems. The office is not required to include specific cost data or a technical economic assessment of individual sites in the study. In conducting this study, the office shall:

1. Consult with persons with expertise in the geologic engineering field, including persons employed by State Government or Federal Government, regarding the feasibility of establishing a geothermal power plant in the State. Using the existing resources of the office, the office may seek a formal opinion or report from such persons. If the office concludes, as a result of the office's consultation, that a geothermal power plant could be developed in the State in a cost-effective way, as determined by the office, the office shall develop recommendations for the development of a geothermal power plant in the State; and

2. Assess the potential for developing district geothermal systems:

A. On brownfield sites in the State, as determined by the office in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection; and

B. At state-owned facilities or on state-owned properties.

**Sec. 4. Reports. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2027, the office shall submit a report based on each study under this resolve, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the reports to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 40**

**H.P. 475 - L.D. 733**

**Resolve, to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Submit a Report on the Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals**

**Sec. 1. Report. Resolved:** That, by June 30, 2026, the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development with details on the authority's pilot project to facilitate rent payment history reporting to credit reporting agencies for purposes of establishing or improving the credit ratings of low-income residential tenants through voluntary participation of residential landlords and tenants in the State in submitting rent payment histories of tenants. The report must include details on the effectiveness of collecting and reporting rent payment histories, an analysis of any improvement in the credit ratings of tenant participants and recommended legislation to make the pilot project permanent. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters may report out legislation based upon the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 41**

**S.P. 487 - L.D. 1198**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess Its Current Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Maine's meat and poultry inspection programs exist to protect the health and welfare of consumers by ensuring that livestock and poultry used in the production of meat and poultry products, respectively, are humanely handled and disease-free and the resulting products are wholesome, not adulterated and correctly labeled and packaged; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to begin its review of Maine's meat and poultry inspection programs as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Meat and poultry inspection study. Resolved:** That, within existing budgeted resources, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall conduct a review of programs and processes related to meat and poultry inspections, including processes related to exemptions from inspections, to determine areas for possible improvements, efficiencies and enhanced flexibility to benefit agricultural producers, processors and retail and public customers. In conducting the review under this section, the department shall consult with livestock and poultry producers and processors, the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and other stakeholders that the department determines necessary to assess existing programs' statutory authorities, rules, regulations, policies and practices, including those involving investigations, enforcement and staff training. As part of the review under this section, the department shall conduct a survey of meat and poultry producers and processors to obtain feedback on rules, regulations, policies and practices affecting the regulated community. The department shall also review the existing exemptions that relate to poultry processors that process certain numbers of poultry per year and the department's existing cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service and that agreement's related requirements. The department shall develop strategies to ensure uniform interpretation of the United States Department of Agriculture's regulations and exemptions.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, 2026, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report based on its review in section 1 describing strategies, findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation

related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 42**  
**S.P. 291 - L.D. 758**

**Resolve, to Conduct a Study to Update Flood Hazard Data in the Sandy River Watershed**

**Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Geological Survey to conduct Sandy River watershed geomorphic study. Resolved:** That, in coordination with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Maine Office of Community Affairs; the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency; and other relevant state agencies, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey shall contract for a geomorphic study within the Sandy River watershed to update flood hazard data within the watershed. The study must include an assessment of river movement, erosion and sedimentation and the impacts of those factors on flood risk and river health. The study must also provide individuals who reside within the Sandy River watershed and individuals who reside within the watershed of similar river systems with information about flood risks and options to manage those risks. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in collaboration with relevant state agencies, shall seek funding to support the costs of the study.

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**CHAPTER 43**  
**H.P. 753 - L.D. 1148**

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Study Providing Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections to Uniformed Service Voters or Overseas Voters in the Same Manner as Absentee Ballots for Statewide Elections**

**Sec. 1. Department of Secretary of State to study providing access to absentee ballots for municipal elections to uniformed service voters or overseas voters in same manner as absentee ballots for statewide elections. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall study the feasibility of and methods for providing digital access to and receipt of local absentee ballots for uniformed service voters or overseas voters from a municipality holding an election on the same date as a statewide election. In conducting this study, the Department of the Secretary of State may consult with members of an association representing town and city clerks.

**Sec. 2. Department of Secretary of State to update information provided to uniformed service voters or overseas voters regarding access to and return of local absentee ballots. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall update its publicly accessible website or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act absentee ballot retrieval service portal, as applicable, to include clearly and conspicuously that local absentee ballots must be obtained from the uniformed service voter's or overseas voter's municipality of residence and that the process for applying for, receiving and returning absentee ballots through the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act absentee ballot retrieval service portal applies only to statewide and federal elections. The Secretary of State shall make easily accessible the contact information for each municipality in the State.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the Secretary of State shall submit a report based upon the study in section 1, including an update on the information required under section 2, along with any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 44**  
**H.P. 857 - L.D. 1322**

**Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Enhance Youth Hunting Participation**

**Sec. 1. Youth participation in hunting pilot program. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, shall establish through rulemaking a 2-year pilot program to run for calendar years 2026 and 2027 to increase youth participation in hunting. The program must include expanded youth hunting seasons and outreach initiatives.

**Sec. 2. Program components. Resolved:** That the 2-year pilot program under section 1 consists of the following components.

1. The department shall schedule the youth spring wild turkey hunting day pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11701, subsection 3 during a period with increased availability for youth hunters, such as a long weekend, or the department may establish a 2-day season on a Friday and Saturday.

2. The department shall establish a 2-day youth bear hunting season on a Friday and Saturday during a time when youth are more likely to be able to participate, such as late summer or early fall.

3. The department shall establish a day for youth hunting with dogs prior to the start of the regular season for hunting with dogs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11251, subsection 1.

4. The pilot program must include a robust public relations and social media campaign aimed at increasing awareness of youth hunting opportunities and promoting responsible and safe hunting practices.

5. The pilot program must include collaboration with community organizations, schools and outdoor retailers to host informational and educational events.

6. The department must invite the participation of hunting organizations, local communities and conservation groups to ensure the pilot program meets community and environmental standards.

**Sec. 3. Rules. Resolved:** That the department, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, shall adopt rules to implement the 2-year pilot program under section 1, including but not limited to setting specific dates for the pilot program and establishing participation guidelines and reporting requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall report by January 6, 2027 and by January 5, 2028 on the implementation of the 2-year pilot program under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters. The report must include:

1. Participation data and demographic trends;
2. Feedback from participants and stakeholders;
3. The pilot program's impact on youth engagement and conservation awareness; and
4. Recommendations for pilot program continuation, modification or termination.

**Sec. 5. Legislation. Resolved:** That in the report submitted pursuant to section 4 in 2028, the department may include suggested legislation based on department findings during the 2-year pilot program under section 1. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 45

### S.P. 634 - L.D. 1550

#### Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That, as used in this resolve, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. "Disposal field" means an individual subsurface wastewater disposal system component consisting of a closed excavation made within soil or fill material to contain disposal field stone and distribution pipes or approved proprietary devices for the disposal of septic tank effluent. The excavation is typically in the form of trenches or beds with either stone or proprietary devices included in the design.
3. "Horizon" means a layer within a soil profile differing from the soil above or below the layer in one or more soil morphological characteristics. The characteristics of the layer include the color, texture, rock-fragment content and consistency of each parent soil material.

4. "Proprietary disposal device" means a device used in disposal fields as an alternative to a bedding of stone and one or more distribution pipes.

5. "Septic tank effluent" means primary treated wastewater discharged through the outlet of a septic tank or an approved sand, peat or similar filter.

6. "Short circuiting" means a process by which nutrients from subsurface wastewater disposal systems enter groundwater or surface waters relatively untreated due to a lack of cation exchange capacity and biologic activity in the soil as a result of very coarse textured horizons or bedrock fractures.

**Sec. 2. Amendment of subsurface wastewater disposal rule. Resolved:** That the department shall amend its rule Chapter 241 in the section that governs the requirements for disposal field design for subsurface wastewater disposal systems. The amendments must include the following:

1. Amending the design standards for disposal fields to add a requirement to address short circuiting by reducing nutrient loading from septic tank effluent through natural processes;
2. Applying the amended design standards under subsection 1 only to soil profiles that pose a high risk of short circuiting due to the presence of sand or gravel layers in lower horizons or bedrock fractures; and
3. Providing that an area of land suitable for the installation of a disposal field may not be rendered unsuitable due to any changes in the rules adopted pursuant to this resolve.

**Sec. 3. Administration, enforcement and rulemaking. Resolved:** That the department shall administer and enforce this resolve and shall adopt rules as necessary to implement, administer and enforce this resolve. The department shall solicit input from interested parties in the development of any draft rules to implement this resolve and shall hold a public hearing on the draft rules in accordance with the process described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8052.

**Sec. 4. Resources. Resolved:** That the department shall complete the amendment of the subsurface wastewater disposal rule under section 2 within existing resources and may seek staffing and financial support from other state agencies and private entities to accomplish the required amendment.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 46**  
**S.P. 170 - L.D. 375**

**Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Distance Learning Programs at the University of Maine School of Law**

**Sec. 1. University of Maine System to study feasibility of distance learning courses at University of Maine School of Law. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System shall study the feasibility of expanding the current juris doctor degree program at the University of Maine School of Law to offer distance learning courses and examine providing a new juris doctor degree program that provides 100% distance learning. The feasibility study must include the following:

1. The costs of operating the current juris doctor degree program with distance learning courses and the anticipated effect the offering of distance learning courses will have on student enrollment in the program;
2. The costs of operating a new juris doctor degree program that provides 100% distance learning courses and the anticipated enrollment of students in such a program;
3. The process and costs of the University of Maine School of Law to apply to the American Bar Association for acquiescence, as necessary, to offer a juris doctor degree program with distance learning, whether by expanding the current juris doctor degree program to offer distance learning courses or by providing a new juris doctor degree program that provides 100% distance learning; and
4. The anticipated benefits and disadvantages of expanding and operating the current juris doctor degree program to offer distance learning courses and of providing a new juris doctor degree program providing 100% distance learning courses.

The University of Maine System shall submit a report detailing its findings, including any suggested legislation, no later than November 4, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the contents of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 47**  
**S.P. 142 - L.D. 356**

**Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings**

**Sec. 1. Board of Pesticides Control to prohibit use of rodenticides. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control shall prohibit the use of rodenticides, including rodenticidal baits, in outdoor residential settings. A certified applicator as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-C, subsection 4 is exempt from the prohibition under this section. The board shall submit a report with an update on the prohibition under this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2026. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 48**  
**H.P. 365 - L.D. 546**

**Resolve, to Require the Preparation of Preapproved Building Types**

**Sec. 1. Preapproved building types. Resolved:** That the Maine Office of Community Affairs, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall contract with an appropriate consultant to establish a set of building types that municipalities may adopt as preapproved building types in order to reduce the cost and time associated with processing building permit applications.

The office shall:

1. Require the consultant to develop no fewer than 5 and no more than 8 preapproved building types. Preapproved building types may include, but are not limited to, single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and mixed-use residential and retail buildings. Each preapproved building type must include no fewer than 8 and no more than 10 design options for building components. For purposes of this section, "building components" include dormers, rear and side additions, windows, porches, stoops, cross gables and other elements that add volume to a building. For each preapproved building type, multiple design options must be prepared to reflect the vernacular architecture in the State, with a range of building components that allow for permitted modifications for each preapproved

building type. For purposes of this section, "vernacular architecture" means an architectural style that is designed based on local needs, availability of construction materials and local traditions. Preapproved building types must be designed to fit on lots with dimensions that commonly exist in the State and that allow for efficient use of private and public infrastructure. Preapproved building types must be designed to meet any applicable state or federal building and energy codes and have prototypical site plans for each preapproved building type in order to identify the location of the building on the lot, location of parking on the lot, access to parking on the lot, setbacks and build-to lines;

2. Determine the area median income for each county in the State and require the consultant to develop preapproved building types that include units that can be rented at a cost that does not exceed 30% of the area median income in the county where the building may be used as a preapproved building type;

3. Ensure a process of public engagement with the consultant as the consultant develops the preapproved building types, including, but not limited to, in-person focus groups, online crowdsourced visual preference surveys and at least 2 rounds of public crowdsourced feedback on draft preapproved building types and prototypical site plans;

4. Require the consultant to work with the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to determine compliance of each preapproved building type with the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code adopted by the office;

5. Require the consultant to create a final proposed work product that includes a catalog of preapproved building types and prototypical site plans, including a publicly accessible website with information and forms relating to preapproved building types; and

6. Seek input from a postsecondary institution in the State with a program that uses new technologies in developing methods to produce materials and develop building methods designed to make housing more efficient and affordable.

**Sec. 2. Maine Office of Community Affairs to provide report. Resolved:** That the office shall submit a report no later than November 4, 2026 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters with findings and recommendations relating to preapproved building types established under section 1. The report must include recommended legislation to ensure that when a municipality adopts preapproved building types, applications for permits to develop a preapproved building type must be deemed administratively approved when the preapproved building types are located along existing streets or within designated growth areas served by a public, special district or other centrally managed water system and a public, special district or other comparable sewer

system. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters may report out legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Maine Office of Community Affairs Z396**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with a consultant to establish a set of building types that municipalities may adopt as preapproved building types in order to reduce the cost and time associated with processing building permit applications.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 49**

**S.P. 556 - L.D. 1341**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish for Lobsters or Scallops from a Single Vessel**

**Sec. 1. Operation from single vessel review; lobster fishery. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a valid Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license and who are fishing concurrently from the same vessel may fish for or take lobsters from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. In completing its review, the department may consult with and seek input from the Lobster Advisory Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6462-A and lobster management policy councils established pursuant to Title 12, section 6447.

**Sec. 2. Operation from single vessel review; scallop fishery. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a scallop dragging license and who are fishing concurrently from the same vessel may fish for or take scallops from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. In completing its review, the department may consult with and seek input from the Scallop Advisory Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6729-B.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by March 1, 2026 describing the review process in sections 1 and 2.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 50**

**S.P. 387 - L.D. 898**

**Resolve, to Support Rural Health Care Workforce Recruitment**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the State is experiencing a serious shortage of health care providers, particularly in rural communities; and

**Whereas,** the changes to the Department of Labor's rules relating to equal pay provided for in this legislation are designed to alleviate that health care provider shortage; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Department of Labor; rulemaking. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall initiate rulemaking to amend its Bureau of Labor Standards rule Chapter 12: Rules Relating to Equal Pay, as follows:

1. The rule must be amended in Section I(G) to clarify, for the purposes of the definition of "establishment," that different entities or facilities operated by a hospital or health care entity at different physical locations are not considered a single establishment; and

2. The rule must be amended in Section I(K) to clarify, for the purposes of the definition of "seniority system," that preference under a seniority system must be given to workers based on years of service or based on pertinent experience or credentials.

The rule changes directed under this section must be finally adopted by the department no later than October 1, 2025. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 51**

**H.P. 1320 - L.D. 1976**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2025.

**CHAPTER 52**

**S.P. 248 - L.D. 568**

**Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Evaluate Different Procurement Methods for Standard-offer Service**

**Sec. 1. Evaluation of standard-offer service procurement methods. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall evaluate differing methods to procure standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, including, but not limited to, establishing supply contracts of varying lengths that may include soliciting bids for the procurement of standard-offer service more frequently than once per year. The commission shall consider methods to procure standard-offer service that are likely to result in:

1. Improved bid quality and quantity;
2. Lower electricity rates for customers; and
3. Electricity rate stability.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 2, 2026, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology a report that:

1. Details the commission's evaluation under section 1;
2. Identifies whether the commission changed its procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026 and whether any of the results identified in section 1 were achieved or are likely to be achieved;
3. Provides the commission's rationale if the commission did not change the procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026; and
4. Includes other relevant information.

The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 53**

**H.P. 611 - L.D. 946**

**Resolve, to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Programs by Low-income and Moderate-income Residents**

**Sec. 1. Electric vehicle rebates. Resolved:** That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall ensure at least 1/2

of all funding available for electric vehicle rebates during the period of the trust's 6th triennial plan developed by the trust in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104, subsection 4 is distributed to low-income and moderate-income residents of this State.

**Sec. 2. Energy efficiency programs. Resolved:** That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall ensure at least 1/2 of all funding available for incentives for weatherization and heat pumps for dwellings in the State during the period of the trust's 6th triennial plan developed by the trust in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104, subsection 4 is distributed for low-income and moderate-income residents of this State.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 54**

**S.P. 501 - L.D. 1212**

**Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating**

**Sec. 1. Modern wood heating. Resolved:** That the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Governor's Energy Office, shall work with representatives of the modern wood heating system industry to study and make recommendations relating to programs and incentives encouraging the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The Efficiency Maine Trust shall submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025. The report must include recommendations for Efficiency Maine Trust programs and incentives supporting the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 55**

**H.P. 1151 - L.D. 1724**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Baxter State Park Authority to Convey Certain Land in Cumberland County**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State

for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

**Whereas**, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

**Whereas**, the State of Maine, through the former Maine Forest Authority, acquired fee title to an approximately 228-acre parcel of land known as the Austin Cary Lot in the Town of Harpswell in Cumberland County through 2 conveyances; and

**Whereas**, the first conveyance occurred in 1973 and gifted to the State by deed recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Book 3496, Page 215 a 5/6 common and undivided interest subject to deed restrictions; and

**Whereas**, the 2nd conveyance occurred in 1974 and transferred to the State by deed recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Book 3524, Page 171 the remaining 1/6 common and undivided interest subject to deed restrictions; and

**Whereas**, the deed restrictions on the property require that the Austin Cary Lot be used for a demonstration forest, wildlife management area or other educational and scientific uses for 99 years from the dates of the conveyances in 1973 and 1974; and

**Whereas**, the Maine Forest Authority paid for the 1/6 common and undivided interest in 1974 using funds from the inter vivos trust of Percival Proctor Baxter, which were designated for acquisition of additional lands for Baxter State Park and additional lands, not for inclusion in Baxter State Park for recreational and reforestation or scientific forestry purposes, or as wildlife sanctuaries; and

**Whereas**, in 1984 the Maine Forest Authority was abolished, and ownership and management responsibilities of the Austin Cary Lot were legislatively transferred first to the Bureau of Public Lands and then later in 1984 to the Baxter State Park Authority, which retains ownership and management responsibilities to the present day; and

**Whereas**, the Austin Cary Lot is located more than 220 miles driving distance from the Scientific Forest Management Area in Baxter State Park in Piscataquis County, and 180 miles driving distance from Baxter State Park's headquarters and only physical office in Millinocket, and Baxter State Park has no staff presence in or near Cumberland County; and

**Whereas**, the geographic distance of the Austin Cary Lot from Baxter State Park's headquarters and the Scientific Forest Management Area has for many years presented a challenge for Baxter State Park staff to manage the Austin Cary Lot; and

**Whereas**, the Baxter State Park Authority manages the Austin Cary Lot primarily for the purpose of demonstrating sustainable forestry with the assistance of a contracted licensed forester and in the past has relied on other state agencies to perform land management activities at the Austin Cary Lot to demonstrate sustainable forestry; and

**Whereas**, it will benefit the people of Maine to convey the Austin Cary Lot to an entity that has the presence to uphold the same management responsibilities that the Baxter State Park Authority is committed by deed to uphold. If the interest in the parcel is sold for cash, it will benefit the people of Maine to purchase alternative lands within Cumberland County that can be managed for the same purposes as dictated by the parcel's deed as a demonstration forest, wildlife management area or for other educational and scientific uses; and

**Whereas**, the Baxter State Park Authority requests legislative approval to convey the Austin Cary Lot; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Baxter State Park Authority authorized to convey State's interest in Austin Cary Lot in Town of Harpswell in Cumberland County. Resolved:** That the Baxter State Park Authority may, upon a majority vote and contingent upon receiving any necessary court approval, authorize the Baxter State Park Director to convey by quitclaim deed without covenants, a parcel of land totaling approximately 228 acres in the Town of Harpswell in Cumberland County, which is known as the Austin Cary Lot or Austin Cary Forest, together with all appurtenant rights and easements located on that property.

**Sec. 2. Restrictions. Resolved:** That the property described in section 1 must be conveyed to a person or entity capable of managing the property subject to the following perpetual deed restrictions for the benefit of the people of this State. The property must be used for the primary purposes of sustainable forestry or wildlife management. The property may be used for other scientific and educational uses that are related to these primary purposes and must allow for public recreational use that is compatible with these primary purposes.

**Sec. 3. Consideration. Resolved:** That consideration for the sale of the Austin Cary Lot described in section 1 may be for appraised fair market value of the land as determined by an independent assessment of the timber and other values or for an amount that the Baxter State Park Authority, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the public interest. All money received from the sale of the Austin Cary Lot must be deposited in the Public Reserved Lands Acquisition Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1850, subsection 2, and must be used by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands exclusively for the purchase of additional real estate in Cumberland County for the

primary purposes of sustainable forestry or wildlife management and may be used for other scientific and educational uses that are related to, and must allow for public recreational use that is compatible with, these primary purposes.

**Sec. 4. Notification. Resolved:** That the Baxter State Park Director shall notify owners of property on Long Reach Lane in the Town of Harpswell abutting the parcel described in section 1 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters at least 14 days in advance of any public meeting at which the Baxter State Park Authority will consider a proposed conveyance of the Austin Cary Lot described in section 1.

**Sec. 5. Opportunity for review by legislative committee. Resolved:** That a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters who receives notification under section 4 may notify the Baxter State Park Director of concerns and may in writing request review of the proposed conveyance by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters. A member who requests review under this section shall notify the chairs of the joint standing committee of the request.

When a request for legislative review is received under this section, the director may not finalize the conveyance until the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters has held a public meeting to review the proposed conveyance.

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**CHAPTER 56**

**H.P. 1258 - L.D. 1887**

**Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools**

**Sec. 1. Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1 is amended to read:

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to amend rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall amend its rules Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all newly constructed public schools, including schools with mechanical and nonmechanical ventilation systems. These standards must apply to all newly constructed public schools and must apply ~~no earlier than July 1, 2022~~ and no later than July 1, 2026. The rules

adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, and the department shall submit the provisionally adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 4, ~~2022~~ 9, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 57**

**S.P. 84 - L.D. 197**

**Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State**

**Sec. 1. Study of future electric transmission infrastructure needs. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall conduct a study of matters related to the State's future electric transmission infrastructure needs. The study must include a review of:

1. Existing processes for the siting and permitting of new and upgraded electric transmission infrastructure in the State, including opportunities for public engagement and methods for efficiently meeting permitting or regulatory requirements;
2. Best practices related to electric transmission planning, siting, permitting and community engagement from other states or regions, including consideration of different types of state siting authorities and consideration of the potential for the sharing of electric transmission infrastructure costs with other states;
3. Existing analyses of future electric transmission needs in the State necessary to integrate new renewable resources as well as to ensure reliability, improve market efficiency or support the achievement of the State's policy goals, including the goals established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 1-A; Title 35-A, section 3404; Title 35-A, chapter 38; and Title 38, section 576-A;
4. Types of existing rights-of-way and opportunities for potential use of those rights-of-way for siting of electric transmission infrastructure in the State, including colocation with transportation, electric transmission and railway rights-of-way; and
5. Existing and emerging technology and construction methods, such as grid-enhancing technologies, advanced conductors and so-called strategic undergrounding, including a cost-benefit analysis comparing buried high-voltage direct current lines with aerial high-voltage alternating current lines and aerial high-voltage direct current lines.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder coordination. Resolved:** That the office shall coordinate with state agencies involved in the siting, permitting and regulation of electric transmission infrastructure and solicit information from a stakeholder group to assist in conducting the study under section 1. The office shall hold at least 3 meetings to solicit information and comments from the stakeholder group. Each meeting must allow stakeholder group members to participate remotely. The office shall hold the first meeting with the stakeholder group prior to commencing the study required by section 1 and, if the office issues a request for proposals for consulting services to assist in conducting the study, the first meeting must be before the issuance of the request for proposals. At the first meeting, the office shall provide to the stakeholder group a description of the scope and anticipated timeline for the completion of the study. The office shall provide an opportunity for the stakeholder group members to provide comments on any request for proposals the office develops in connection with the study and the office shall consider such comments when finalizing a request for proposals. The office shall hold at least 2 meetings with the stakeholder group during the course of the study to solicit information and comments from the stakeholder group. The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to:

1. A representative of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future;
2. A representative of the Public Utilities Commission;
3. A representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development;
4. A representative of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
5. A representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
6. A representative of the Department of Environmental Protection;
7. An individual who is a licensed engineer employed by the Department of Transportation;
8. An individual who is a licensed engineer employed in the private sector;
9. An individual who is a licensed real estate appraiser employed in the private sector;
10. An individual representing the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator;
11. An individual representing the equity subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A;
12. An individual representing the interests of private landowners in the State;

13. Two individuals representing each of the 2 investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State;

14. An individual representing consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State;

15. An individual representing an electric transmission line developer; and

16. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by September 1, 2026, the office shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes an overview of the study findings pursuant to section 1 along with any recommendations. The office shall include any comments provided by the stakeholder group as an appendix to the report. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 58**

**H.P. 172 - L.D. 269**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made:

1. The rule must be amended to remove Section 15-A(B)(1)(b); and

2. The rule must be amended to remove Section 15-A(B)(3)(e).

The rule may be amended as necessary to incorporate, through formatting and numbering and other technical, nonsubstantive revisions, the changes described in subsections 1 and 2.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

## CHAPTER 59

H.P. 378 - L.D. 610

### Resolve, to Designate a Portion of Route 234 in the Town of New Vineyard and the Town of Anson in Honor of Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins

**Sec. 1. Designate portion of Route 234 the Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins Way. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 234 from its intersection with Route 27 in the Town of New Vineyard to its intersection with Route 201A in the Town of Anson the Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins Way.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 60

H.P. 389 - L.D. 621

### Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Mattawamkeag the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Mattawamkeag renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2522 on Main Street, which crosses the Mattawamkeag River in the Town of

Mattawamkeag and is currently known as the Mattawamkeag Bridge, the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 61

H.P. 469 - L.D. 730

### Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 10, 2025.

**CHAPTER 62  
H.P. 619 - L.D. 960**

**Resolve, to Allow the  
Placement of Hospitalized  
Patients in Nursing Facilities in  
Alternative Locations Under  
Certain Circumstances**

**Sec. 1. Alternative nursing facility locations.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, to allow for the placement of a MaineCare member, when the member is being discharged from a hospital to a nursing facility placement, in a nursing facility that is greater than 60 miles from the member's residence under the following conditions.

1. For placements that are beyond 60 miles from the member's residence but not more than 100 miles from the member's residence, the hospital must have attempted to find a placement that is within a 60-mile radius of the member's residence and those efforts, including refusals by facilities, must be documented.

2. For placements beyond 60 miles of the member's residence, the member must be provided with information, including written materials and contact information, about the long-term care ombudsman program in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A for use by the member if the member determines, at any point, that a closer placement is desired.

3. For placements beyond 100 miles from the member's residence, the member or member's guardian must consent to the placement.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 63  
H.P. 796 - L.D. 1221**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Labor to Study  
Protection of Paid Family and  
Medical Leave Benefits  
Program Funds**

**Sec. 1. Department of Labor to study methods of protecting paid family and medical leave benefits program funds. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall study methods to protect all revenues derived from taxes, fees, premiums, fines and penalties relating to the paid family and medical leave benefits program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 6-C from being expended for any purpose other than the paid family and medical leave benefits program. The department shall submit its report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint

Standing Committee on Labor no later than January 15, 2026. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 64  
S.P. 569 - L.D. 1375**

**Resolve, to Establish a  
Working Group to Address  
Regulatory Barriers to Housing  
Construction**

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Office of Policy, Innovation and the Future, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall within existing resources convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in this State. The working group must be administered by the office and must include, but is not limited to, individuals and representatives of organizations with building and engineering expertise and state and local building code experience. The office shall designate a chair of the working group.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, on or before December 31, 2025, the office shall submit a report, including the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, as well as any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 65  
H.P. 1019 - L.D. 1561**

**Resolve, Regarding the  
Percentage of a Lobster and  
Crab Fishing Licensee's  
Lobster Traps That May Be  
Fished in a Lobster  
Management Zone Listed on  
the License as a Secondary  
Zone**

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That for the purposes of this resolve, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Department" means the Department of Marine Resources.

2. "Lobster management policy council" or "council" means a council established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6447, subsection 1.

3. "Secondary zone" means a lobster management zone listed on a lobster and crab fishing license, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6446, subsection 1-A, as a zone in which the licensee intends to fish some, but not the majority, of the licensee's lobster traps.

**Sec. 2. Input from lobster management policy councils; report. Resolved:** That the department shall seek input from the lobster management policy councils to obtain feedback regarding what percentage of a lobster and crab fishing licensee's lobster traps a licensee may fish in a secondary zone. The department shall develop recommendations regarding the percentage based on the input received from the councils. By December 3, 2025, the department shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources a report that includes the department's recommendations. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 66**

**H.P. 1193 - L.D. 1782**

**Resolve, Regarding Host Community Compensation for the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town**

**Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to initiate negotiation regarding host community compensation agreement for Juniper Ridge Landfill. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall work with the contract operator of the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill and the City of Old Town to initiate a negotiation with those parties for further amendment of the Host Community Compensation and Facility Oversight Agreement dated December 8, 2005 and signed by the State of Maine, the City of Old Town and Casella Waste Systems, Inc. to ensure that the City of Old Town is fairly and adequately compensated for the burden of hosting the Juniper Ridge Landfill, taking into account changes in circumstances since the execution of that agreement; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed capacity expansion at the landfill; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed extension of the operating services agreement for the operation of the landfill; and any other factors determined by the parties.

The bureau shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any negotiation for further amendment of the Host Community Compensation and Facility Oversight Agreement described in this section is conducted concurrently with any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed capacity expansion at the landfill and any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed extension of the operating services agreement for the operation of the landfill.

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**CHAPTER 67**

**H.P. 1073 - L.D. 1619**

**Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Solicit Information Regarding the Creation of a Thermal Energy Networks Program in Maine**

**Sec. 1. Request for information. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office shall, within existing resources, issue a request for information regarding the creation of a thermal energy networks program in the State. For the purposes of this resolve, "thermal energy network" means a system of interconnected piping that circulates thermal transfer water for the purpose of providing low-emissions heating and cooling to 2 or more buildings through the use of water source heat pumps at each building connected to the system. The primary thermal energy source for such a network may include, but is not limited to, geothermal resources or recovered thermal energy, such as waste heat captured from buildings or wastewater systems. When issuing the request for information, the office shall solicit information from stakeholders regarding:

1. Any relevant available research, framework, pilot projects and other information on the total cost, cost savings and efficiencies realized in thermal energy networks across the country;
2. The feasibility and applicability of thermal energy networks for residential, commercial and industrial sectors in the State, which may include information related to:
  - A. Geophysical considerations;
  - B. Compatibility with incumbent air source heat pumps and other heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems;
  - C. Permitting and right-of-way considerations;
  - D. Constraints around geographic density; and
  - E. Other considerations that demonstrate the total building heating and cooling load potential of thermal energy networks;

3. Recommended processes for facilitating and encouraging thermal energy networks pilot projects, including ownership structures and cost recovery mechanisms;

4. Life-cycle costs and benefits of thermal energy networks, including comparisons to incumbent heating and cooling technologies;

5. Potential electric grid impacts, such as smoothing winter and summer peaks and lowering system costs by avoiding or deferring investments in additional electrical generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure;

6. The suitability of thermal energy network technology for helping to meet the State's statutory emissions reduction goals;

7. Labor and workforce needs associated with developing thermal energy networks in the State, including consideration of job quality, supplying a skilled and ready workforce, licensing and registered apprenticeship and certified preapprenticeship programs;

8. Funding opportunities and cost recovery mechanisms, including, but not limited to:

A. Leveraging applicable tax credits available under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and other federal assistance;

B. Funding from the New England Heat Pump Accelerator;

C. The Thermal Energy Investment Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10128; and

D. Rebates for heat pumps through the Efficiency Maine Trust; and

9. The role thermal energy networks can play in increasing the affordability of housing, development and energy.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office shall prepare, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Public Advocate, a summary report regarding the information received by the office in accordance with section 1 and, by January 15, 2026, submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The office may develop and include in the report recommendations regarding the development of a thermal energy networks program in the State. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

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**CHAPTER 68**  
**H.P. 768 - L.D. 1163**

**Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Its Educator Credentialing Rules to Create a Pathway for an Industrial Arts Endorsement**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that educators in the State may take advantage of the industrial arts endorsement provided for in this legislation as soon as possible;

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. State Board of Education rule; industrial arts endorsement. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements to create a pathway for an industrial arts endorsement for a teacher certificate. Components of industrial arts for which a teacher may obtain an endorsement must include, but are not limited to, automotive body repair, diagnostics and mechanics, welding, electrical, carpentry and computer-aided design. Eligibility requirements for obtaining the endorsement must include, but are not limited to, completion of a registered apprenticeship; completion of a 2-year certificate from an accredited technical institution; and completion of a minimum number of hours of experience learning and paid applied employment or teaching in the trade for which an endorsement is sought.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

**CHAPTER 69  
H.P. 858 - L.D. 1323**

**Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Evaluate the Impact of Neonicotinoids on Pollinators, Humans and the Environment**

**Sec. 1. Board of Pesticides Control to study neonicotinoids. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, referred to in this resolve as "the board," shall study:

1. The impacts of neonicotinoids, including neonicotinoid-treated seeds, on pollinators;
2. The costs and benefits of neonicotinoid-treated seeds compared to untreated seeds, including the market availability of neonicotinoid-treated seeds compared to untreated seeds;
3. The impact of neonicotinoids on the environment, including, but not limited to, soil, water and plant tissues;
4. The toxicity of neonicotinoids to humans;
5. Alternatives to neonicotinoid seed treatments for the protection of crops from damaging pests and disease;
6. The toxicity of effective alternatives to neonicotinoids and neonicotinoid-treated seeds that may be used for the protection of crops from damaging pests and disease; and
7. Methods of application of alternatives to neonicotinoids and neonicotinoid-treated seeds and the required number of applications for effectiveness.

In conducting the study under this section, the board shall give special consideration to effects on potato crops and corn crops.

**Sec. 2. Request for information. Resolved:** That the board shall solicit feedback regarding ideas and insights on the topic of the study, pursuant to section 1, from the public, stakeholders and interested parties through either a public hearing or a request for information document.

**Sec. 3. Reports. Resolved:** That the board shall submit a preliminary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2026 and shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations relating to the subject matter of the study under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than January 15, 2027. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 relating to the subject matter of the final report.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF Pesticides Control - Board of 0287**

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual services to research the effects of neonicotinoids.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$156,500	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$156,500	\$0

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**CHAPTER 70  
H.P. 978 - L.D. 1494**

**Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan**

**Sec. 1. Adapting procurement program to climate action plan. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions, referred to in this resolve as "agencies," to study adapting the State's procurement program to the state climate action plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577, referred to in this resolve as "the climate action plan." The office shall exclude from the study procurements conducted by the Public Utilities Commission for energy or transmission infrastructure pursuant to Title 35-A. The office shall survey the past 3 fiscal years of requests for proposals.

The office shall include in its survey:

1. An assessment of the volume and percentage of procurements for goods and services that provide an opportunity to consider the climate change impact of the deliverables of the requests for proposals and the volume and percentage of procurements that provide no such opportunity;
2. A determination and quantification of the extent to which agencies have already adapted the deliverables of their requests for proposals over the past 3 fiscal years to the climate action plan;
3. A review of agencies identifying the opportunities they may have missed to consider the greenhouse

gas emissions reduction goals under the climate action plan when initiating bids for goods and services; and

4. A review of agencies identifying potential issues based upon their experience with the procurement process and knowledge of what goods and services they commonly contract for.

Using the results of its survey, the office shall develop a report and recommendations, including recommendations to change the State's procurement laws, for how best to incorporate the goals of the climate action plan as priorities in the State's procurement program, allowing for exceptions or waivers as are reasonable and appropriate.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the office shall report on its findings and recommendations under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 71**

**S.P. 656 - L.D. 1648**

**Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall Collection**

**Sec. 1. Replacement of statues in National Statuary Hall with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain. Resolved:** That, by October 1, 2025, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine State Museum Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsections 7-B, 7-C and 7-D, respectively, in accordance with 2 United States Code, Section 2132, shall request that the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library approve the replacement of the statue of Hannibal Hamlin and the statue of William King that are currently located in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Margaret Chase Smith and a statue of Joshua Chamberlain. Within one year of the approval of the replacement of the statues, the commissions shall begin to replace the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain that meet all applicable federal requirements. The commissions shall relocate the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King to the State and place them within public view within the State House, if feasible, or on the grounds of the State House. The commissions shall accept private gifts, grants and donations from individuals and organizations to fund the costs of replacing the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and

William King in the National Statuary Hall Collection with the statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain and to transport and display those statues within public view within the State House or, if feasible, on the grounds of the State House. The commissions are authorized to contract with one or more entities to complete their duties under this section.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE**

**National Statuary Hall - Statue Replacement N544**

Initiative: Provides ongoing base allocations to authorize the expenditure of funds in the event that money is received from private or public sources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 72**

**H.P. 134 - L.D. 211**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Communicate to School Administrative Units and Private Schools the Importance of Adopting Seizure Action Plans**

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to communicate importance of adoption of seizure action plans to school administrative units and approved private schools. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall communicate the importance of the adoption of seizure action plans to school administrative units, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26, and approved private schools as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 2. The department shall provide information and assistance, if requested, to a school administrative unit or approved private school if the school administrative unit or approved private school requests information or assistance from the department on the adoption of seizure action plans.

For the purposes of this resolve, "seizure action plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder.

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**CHAPTER 73  
H.P. 458 - L.D. 719**

**Resolve, to Direct the County  
Corrections Professional  
Standards Council to Examine  
Funding of and Compliance by  
County and Regional Jails**

**Sec. 1. County Corrections Professional Standards Council report. Resolved:** That the County Corrections Professional Standards Council, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D, referred to in this resolve as "the council," shall review information regarding the share of state funding for the County Jail Operations Fund established in Title 34-A, section 1210-E and county and regional jail compliance with certain statutory requirements or rules. In conducting this review, the council shall:

1. Review the status of county and regional jail compliance with audit requirements pursuant to Title 30-A, section 1662, subsection 2 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with these requirements;
2. Review the status of county and regional jail reporting to the Department of Corrections for expenses associated with operating county and regional jails pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1208-B, subsection 5 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with these requirements;
3. Review any unfunded mandates related to county and regional jails;
4. Examine improvements to the operations of the council; and
5. Examine future needs for state support for county and regional jail operations.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2026, the council shall submit a report based on the study under section 1, including any recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 74  
H.P. 552 - L.D. 866**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife to Implement a  
Landowner Antlerless Deer  
Permit Gift Program**

**Sec. 1. Program established. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish and implement a landowner antlerless deer permit gift program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," under which a person may purchase an antlerless deer permit for a landowner for \$12 as a gesture of appreciation for a landowner that allows hunting on the landowner's land.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes an overview of the program and any suggested recommendations for legislative changes. The report must also include a description of the ways the department has engaged with and shown appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties and the outreach conducted by the department to encourage hunters to show appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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**CHAPTER 75  
H.P. 634 - L.D. 974**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Education to  
Convene a Stakeholder Group  
to Improve High School  
Graduation Rates and Review  
Policies Related to Graduation  
Rate Data**

**Sec. 1. Definition and policy updates; plan. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall develop a plan to implement certain recommendations outlined in the 2025 report on high school graduation rates published by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, including, but not limited to, updating demographic definitions and data suppression policies related to high school graduation rates in the State.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall convene a stake-

holder group to participate in 2 meetings. The stakeholder group shall review current strategies in the Department of Education to improve high school graduation rates and develop actionable graduation rate interventions based on the 2025 report on high school graduation rates published by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. The department shall, by January 15, 2026, submit a report summarizing the stakeholder group's discussions and the plan developed pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 76**

**H.P. 1136 - L.D. 1701**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Study the Maine Learning Results**

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to convene working group to study Maine learning results; membership. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall convene a working group to study the system of learning results established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, referred to in this resolve as "the Maine learning results." Membership of the working group must include, but is not limited to:

1. Educators working with grade levels and subject matter included in the Maine learning results;
2. Education experts from the cultures, communities and traditions represented in Maine's classrooms; and
3. Representation from a statewide curriculum leaders' organization.

**Sec. 2. Study requirements. Resolved:** That the study performed by the working group pursuant to section 1 must include, but is not limited to:

1. A review of the purpose of the Maine learning results and an evaluation of its efficacy in achieving that purpose;
2. An examination of the overall structure, organization and accessibility of the Maine learning results, including how its format supports coherence and interdisciplinary learning;
3. An assessment of the inclusion, accuracy and representation of diverse cultures, communities and traditions across all content areas, including, but not limited to, Wabanaki studies, African American studies

and Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander studies;

4. A review of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 to assess whether statutory revisions are necessary; and

5. The findings and recommendations of the working group, including any suggested legislation necessary to support the implementation of the working group's recommendations.

**Sec. 3. Interim report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall, no later than February 1, 2026, submit an interim report of the working group's activities, progress and initial findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out a bill related to the interim report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 4. Final report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall, no later than February 1, 2027, submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The final report must include the working group's findings related to each component of the review described in section 2 and any recommendations related to revisions to the Maine learning results, including any recommendations to amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209. If revisions to the Maine learning results are recommended, the report must include a detailed plan and proposed timeline for implementing those revisions. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the final report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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**CHAPTER 77**

**S.P. 572 - L.D. 1377**

**Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Evaluate Potential Regulation of the Vehicle Towing Industry and the Impact on State Agencies and Industries**

**Preamble. Whereas,** motor vehicles are an essential part of everyday life for many people residing in Maine; and

**Whereas,** deceptive, irresponsible and predatory towing practices impose financial burdens and logistical hardships on those who rely on their vehicles for everyday use; and

**Whereas,** the towing industry affects many different industries and state agencies because of the differing ways the industry conducts its business; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to evaluate potential solutions regarding regulation and enforcement of regulation of the towing industry.

**Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That the working group membership is as follows:

1. One member representing the light vehicle towing industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
2. One member representing the heavy vehicle towing and recovery industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
3. One member representing the trucking industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
4. One member representing credit unions, appointed by the Secretary of State;
5. One member representing large financial institutions, appointed by the Secretary of State;
6. One member representing the insurance industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
7. One member representing the legal interests of people earning low income in the State, appointed by the Secretary of State;
8. One member representing a State Police traffic division, appointed by the Chief of the State Police;
9. One member representing the consumer protection division of the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;
10. The deputy secretary of state having oversight over the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the deputy secretary's designee; and
11. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Identify and examine potential methods for regulating the towing industry to protect drivers from deceptive, predatory or irresponsible practices;
2. Identify and examine how identified regulations under subsection 1 could be most efficiently and comprehensively enforced;
3. Consider how any identified regulations under subsection 1 would impact the agencies, industries and citizen groups represented on the working group and any potential further impacts to agencies, industries and citizen groups not represented;

4. Examine the issue regarding disposition of the vehicle when the owner is involuntarily hospitalized, paying particular attention to the length of holding before a vehicle is considered "abandoned" as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1852 and the total storage charges;

5. Examine the laws governing notification to vehicle owners and lienholders, if any, when a vehicle is towed or left without permission on a residential or business property, including, but not limited to, the time required for notification and storage fees; and

6. Make recommendations based on the findings of the working group.

**Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than February 3, 2026, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 78**

**H.P. 912 - L.D. 1390**

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Develop Recommendations for a Multiyear Registration System for National Car Rental Companies**

**Preamble. Whereas,** a multiyear registration system simplifies the registration, renewal and management process for entities that own and rent large numbers of motor vehicles; and

**Whereas,** the Secretary of State previously developed and implemented a successful long-term registration program for trailers and semitrailers nationwide pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 512 that has generated significant income for the State; and

**Whereas,** other states have implemented a multi-year registration system for motor vehicles that has simplified the registration and management of motor vehicle rentals for national car rental companies in those states and in turn has generated funds in registration fees and excise taxes; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Recommendations for multiyear registration system. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with input from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, shall consider and develop recommendations on how to implement a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies in the State.

**Sec. 2. Submission of report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall submit a report detailing how a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies may be implemented in the State pursuant to section 1 along with legislation necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 3, 2025. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 79**

**H.P. 929 - L.D. 1407**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Report the Findings of the Indoor Air Quality Advisory Group**

**Sec. 1. Indoor air quality advisory group report. Resolved:** That, on or before December 3, 2025, the Department of Labor shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor a report containing the findings of the indoor air quality advisory group, which was convened in 2024 by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to advise the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health on indoor air quality matters that are beyond the standards set by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 80**

**S.P. 390 - L.D. 901**

**Resolve, Directing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to Take Appropriate Actions to Identify Opportunities for the Beneficial Reuse of the Buildings and Land Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall**

**Sec. 1. Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority. Resolved:** That the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 7-G and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall work with the City of Bangor to identify opportunities for the beneficial reuse of the property located in the City of Bangor commonly known as the Bangor Mall and the surrounding infrastructure, collectively referred to in this resolve as "the Bangor Mall." The authority shall develop a comprehensive plan that supports the City of Bangor with the potential redevelopment of the Bangor Mall. The comprehensive plan must include a mix of uses that promotes the economic revitalization of the Bangor Mall as a vital hub in the City of Bangor and surrounding regions and creates affordable housing for the city and surrounding regions.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the authority shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by January 15, 2026 with the details of the comprehensive plan, including the cost to implement the plan and possible funding sources. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 81**

**H.P. 1322 - L.D. 1979**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Convene a Working Group to Examine the Establishment of a Program to Award Earned Time Credit for Educational Achievement to Persons Who Are Incarcerated**

**Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to examine the

establishment of a program to award earned time credit for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated. The working group must include relevant stakeholders and interested parties.

**Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Analyze programs to award earned time credit for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated implemented in states the department identifies as having correctional systems and programming opportunities similar to this State;
2. Examine data on the amount of time typically deducted from the sentence of a person who is incarcerated under the programs analyzed under subsection 1;
3. Collect any available data on rates of return to custody, recidivism or program impact or successes in other states;
4. Gather information comparing types of sentence deductions other than the award of earned time credit made available in the states analyzed under subsection 1;
5. Perform any other relevant analysis or collect any other relevant data; and
6. Recommend steps for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to advance the development of a program to award earned time credits for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated in this State.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 82  
S.P. 538 - L.D. 1308**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife and the  
Department of Agriculture,  
Conservation and Forestry to  
Examine Issues Related to  
Public Access to Privately  
Owned Lands**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** a majority of land in the State is privately owned; and

**Whereas,** the ability of residents to access these lands is in jeopardy as more and more landowners are closing off access to their land; and

**Whereas,** urgent action is needed to ensure this trend is reversed; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to convene a working group to explore opportunities to increase access and address these issues; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, jointly referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall convene a working group to examine issues related to public access to privately owned land in the State and opportunities to expand this access.

**Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That the working group established under section 1 must be as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible, must be geographically representative of the different regions of the State and consists of at least the following 12 members:

1. A representative of a statewide organization representing commercial forest landowners;
2. A representative of a statewide organization representing small woodland owners;
3. A representative of an organization managing recreational access to the North Maine Woods;
4. A representative of a conservation organization that manages land or conservation easements;
5. A representative of an agricultural organization;
6. A representative of a statewide organization representing Maine guides;
7. A representative of the tourism and outdoor recreation industry focused on hiking, wildlife watching, biking, paddling or other popular outdoor pursuits;
8. A representative of a statewide association representing hunters and anglers;
9. A representative of a statewide association representing recreational vehicle users;

10. A representative from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands;

11. A representative from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's landowner relations program; and

12. A representative from the Department of Economic and Community Development.

**Sec. 3. Working group chairs. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee serve as cochairs of the working group under section 1 and shall make appointments to the working group as outlined in section 2. The cochairs shall serve as nonvoting members of the working group.

**Sec. 4. Working group duties. Resolved:** That the working group under section 1 shall:

1. Solicit and explore strategies to provide private landowners with financial incentives to maintain and expand recreational access to important corridors and destinations;

2. Solicit input from a broad range of individuals and businesses involved in outdoor and traditional recreational activities, landowners, outdoor recreation and public access policy experts and the general public to understand the history and value of and issues associated with the State's tradition of public access to public and private property;

3. Develop an assessment of the current and future status of public access to public and private property, with particular attention to current and future outdoor and traditional recreational activities;

4. Bring forth additional discussion points as agreed upon by the working group;

5. Recommend actions and policies that may be implemented to better support public access to public and private property in both municipalities and the unorganized territory; and

6. Evaluate enforcement of existing laws and rules on designated state trail systems.

**Sec. 5. Working group staff assistance. Resolved:** That the departments shall provide staffing to the working group under section 1 within existing resources and may seek staffing and financial support from other state agencies and private entities to accomplish the working group's work.

**Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the departments shall report any findings and recommendations resulting from meetings of the working group under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Con-

servation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 15, 2026. Each of the committees may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 2025.

**CHAPTER 83**

**H.P. 1294 - L.D. 1933**

**Resolve, to Study Pathways for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers to Receive a Waiver for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirement**

**Sec. 1. Maine Criminal Justice Academy to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2804-A, shall convene a working group that includes representatives from each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State that employs tribal law enforcement officers. The working group shall study the eligibility of tribal law enforcement officers who have received training from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Police Academy to receive a waiver for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's basic law enforcement training requirements under Title 25, section 2804-C.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2026, the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 84**  
**H.P. 218 - L.D. 318**

**Resolve, Directing the Maine  
Education Policy Research  
Institute and the Department  
of Education to Recommend  
Changes to the Essential  
Programs and Services  
Funding Formula**

**Sec. 1. Maine Education Policy Research Institute to review certain essential programs and services components; report. Resolved:** That the Maine Education Policy Research Institute shall:

1. No later than October 1, 2025, identify updated cost model parameters for the Department of Education to use in simulating projected impacts on school funding. Parameters must include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Transitional recommendations for moderating the special education component's expenditure-based adjustment;
- B. A minimum index value for the regional adjustment;
- C. A recommendation for calculating a regional index based on a valid and reliable cost-of-living measure;
- D. An updated per-pupil amount to more adequately fund instructional staff support;
- E. A variable student weight for determining economic disadvantage, with higher-poverty units receiving a progressively higher weight;
- F. Alternative parameters and implementation guidelines for the transportation model; and
- G. One or more options for incorporating a student economic disadvantage factor into the method for determining the amount of state subsidy provided to each municipality, including, but not limited to, adjusting the local required share of the essential programs and services cost estimate based on the proportion of economically disadvantaged resident students;

2. No later than October 1, 2025, identify additional information needed from school administrative units, to be collected by the Department of Education in fall 2025, to examine the per-pupil costs of certain high-cost in-district special education programs and services; and

3. Solicit stakeholder input on the results of simulations generated by the Department of Education pursuant to section 2, subsection 2 and submit a report to

the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs summarizing the recommended parameters and results of stakeholder input no later than January 15, 2026.

**Sec. 2. Department of Education to collect data and conduct simulations of updated parameters for certain essential programs and services components; report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall:

1. Collect data identified by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute pursuant to section 1, subsection 2;

2. Simulate the impacts that the parameters proposed by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute pursuant to section 1 would have had on fiscal year 2026 school funding allocations, including the impact of all parameters combined, on the following:

- A. Total statewide cost of education;
- B. Statewide mill rate expectation; and
- C. Local and state shares and state share percentage of the essential programs and services estimated cost of education in each school administrative unit;

3. Provide the results of the simulations pursuant to subsection 2 to the Maine Education Policy Research Institute no later than October 15, 2025; and

4. Submit a report summarizing the results of the simulations pursuant to subsection 2, as well as any other simulations the Commissioner of Education may recommend, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2026. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

The Maine Education Policy Research Institute shall conduct the work under section 1 within existing contracted resources. The Department of Education shall conduct the work under this section within existing resources.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 85**  
**H.P. 821 - L.D. 1246**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Economic and  
Community Development to  
Convene a Working Group to  
Review the Process of Setting  
Impact Fees**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the State is facing a housing crisis that harms the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Maine residents that needs to be addressed as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, to address this crisis, an additional 84,000 new housing units must be built by 2030; and

**Whereas**, a study on the barriers to addressing this crisis, completed in January 2025 by HR&A Advisors, found that unpredictable and overly burdensome costs and fees, including impact fees, were a deterrent to the construction of housing; and

**Whereas**, the HR&A Advisors report recommends the State establish a working group to review current local fees, including impact fees, and develop standards by which a municipality determines the local infrastructure costs and impact fees resulting from a housing development project, a transparent process by which municipalities establish those fees and a requirement that the fees be established at the beginning of the project approval process; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to study impact fees. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development, as the state agency responsible for overseeing the Housing Opportunity Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13056-J, or a successor agency, in collaboration with the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Maine Office of Community Affairs, shall convene a working group to study the process by which municipalities impose impact fees under Title 30-A, section 4354. The working group must include representatives of municipalities and developers associated with municipal infrastructure improvements and others with relevant experience. The study must include a review of the existing process by which municipalities establish and impose impact fees, guidance related to impact fees provided to developers and documentation municipalities use in establishing impact fees. For the purposes of this section, "impact fee" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 6-A. By December 3, 2025, the state agency responsible for overseeing the Housing Opportunity Program shall submit a report based on the study, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, and the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 18, 2025.

**CHAPTER 86**

**H.P. 1311 - L.D. 1967**

**Resolve, to Design a Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Pilot Program**

**Sec. 1. Maine home energy navigator and coaching pilot program. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, referred to in this resolve as "the offices," in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Maine Office of Community Affairs, shall design a Maine home energy navigator and coaching pilot program, referred to in this resolve as "the pilot program." The pilot program must be designed to:

1. Provide community-based energy coaching services to residential consumers;
2. Provide guidance to residential consumers, particularly those in low-income and underserved communities, to understand and navigate energy efficiency and clean energy investment options to affordably meet their home energy needs;
3. Advise residential consumers on accessing available grants, rebates, financing and other assistance programs and incentives to meet their home energy needs;
4. Assist residential consumers in prioritizing identified energy-saving opportunities, including through the integration of weatherization strategies to reduce heating and cooling loads that could minimize the need for the installation of new equipment and lower future electric demands on the grid;
5. Help residential consumers review and analyze contractor recommendations regarding cost, payment and other relevant factors;
6. Minimize potential liability risks for the pilot program; and
7. Use grant funds and private partnerships to support pilot program implementation.

For the purposes of this resolve, "residential consumers" includes homeowners and renters.

The offices shall consult with community-based organizations and tribal governments regarding pilot program design and implementation considerations.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the offices shall submit a report on the pilot program design to the Joint

Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026. The report must include a description of the design of the pilot program, a description of the technical assistance and educational materials to be developed as part of the pilot program, an estimate of pilot program costs, a target number of residential consumers to be served by the pilot program and a proposed timeline for implementation of the pilot program. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 87

### S.P. 463 - L.D. 1135

#### **Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters**

**Sec. 1. Bureau of Highway Safety to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," shall convene a working group consisting of a broad representation of stakeholders to study the use of oral fluid testing to determine the intoxication of drivers, aircraft operators and hunters.

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the working group convened under section 1, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," must consist of, at a minimum, the following members:

1. The director of the bureau or the director's designee;
2. A prosecutor within the bureau's traffic safety resource prosecutors program;
3. A representative of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles with experience in legal affairs and hearings;
4. The Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or the director's designee;
5. A representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory with experience in forensic chemistry;
6. A representative of a statewide association representing chiefs of police;
7. A representative of a statewide association representing sheriffs;
8. A representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors; and

9. A representative of a statewide association representing criminal defense attorneys.

The bureau may include in the working group any additional members it determines necessary to accomplish the goals of the study.

**Sec. 3. Working group duties. Resolved:** That, in conducting its study, the working group shall, at a minimum, review the following:

1. The State's need for and intended use of oral fluid testing, including whether oral fluid testing will be used to assist in establishing probable cause or whether it will be used for evidentiary purposes, or both;
2. Legal and regulatory changes required to allow the use of oral fluid testing in the State;
3. How the use of oral fluid testing may impact administrative license suspensions, including whether refusal to submit to oral fluid testing should result in an administrative license suspension and whether the results of oral fluid testing can be used as a basis for an administrative license suspension;
4. The necessary equipment required to implement the use of oral fluid testing, including potential laboratory equipment, and the associated costs and funding sources; and
5. Additional training requirements that may be needed to implement the use of oral fluid testing.

**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2026, the bureau shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 88

### H.P. 862 - L.D. 1327

#### **Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study Student Teacher Compensation**

**Sec. 1. Student teacher compensation study. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System, referred to in this resolve as "the system," shall convene a group of stakeholders to conduct a study related to the development of a compensation structure for student teachers. The group of stakeholders must have representation from, but is not limited to:

1. Preservice and in-service teachers;
2. Mentoring teachers;

- 3. School administrators;
- 4. Public and private postsecondary educator preparation programs in the State;
- 5. The Maine Education Association;
- 6. The Maine School Management Association;
- 7. The Maine Principals' Association; and
- 8. The Maine Municipal Association.

**Sec. 2. Study components. Resolved:** That the study under section 1 must include the following:

- 1. Examination of the barriers to student teaching and degree and certification attainment caused by the current status of student teaching as an unpaid requirement;
- 2. A proposed compensation structure, including, but not limited to, stipends for student and mentoring teachers and reimbursement of expenses such as mileage;
- 3. A proposed structure for administering compensation; and
- 4. Other policy options or innovative models for providing paid student teaching experience for preservice teachers, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships and residencies, to increase pathways to education careers in the State.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 6, 2025, the system shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the findings of the study under section 1. The report must include an overview of stakeholder discussions and recommendations. The committee must provide the system and stakeholders the opportunity to appear before the committee to present the report. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 89**

**H.P. 1008 - L.D. 1523**

**Resolve, to Develop MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services**

**Sec. 1. Rate determination for doula services. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall initiate a rate determination process according to the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J for the provision of doula services under the MaineCare program with a planned start for reimbursement, subject to sufficient appropriations from the Legislature, of January 1, 2028. For the purposes of this

resolve, "doula services" means the provision of services to a person by a nonclinical professional related to the physical, emotional and informational support of that person throughout pregnancy, labor, birth and the postpartum period, including, but not limited to, guidance and support concerning pregnancy health, childbirth, infant feeding and newborn care.

**Sec. 2. Doula council. Resolved:** That the department shall establish a multidisciplinary statewide doula council to provide advice and make recommendations to the department regarding doula services, including consulting in the rate determination process pursuant to section 1. The doula council must include practicing doulas. The doula council must provide advice to the department on topics, including, but not limited to, the scope of doula services that could become eligible for reimbursement under the MaineCare program, appropriate credentials for doulas, strategies for recruiting a diverse workforce of doulas to provide services in the State, reimbursement and billing issues and outreach to the public about how to access doula services.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall submit a report, no later than February 1, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with the department's progress on developing rates under section 1 and recommendations for reimbursement for doula services under the MaineCare program pursuant to section 2. The report must include recommendations on the appropriateness of MaineCare reimbursement for doula services, a timeline for implementation of rates and state plan amendments, the necessary budget requests to fund the provision of doula services under the MaineCare program and a permanent structure for a doula council. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 90**

**H.P. 1012 - L.D. 1554**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Report on Sexual Harassment**

**Sec. 1. Department of Labor to report to Legislature on sexual harassment. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall submit a report, using available data, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor detailing compliance and noncompliance by employers with sexual harassment policies in the workplace, including the requirements found in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 4-B. The department shall include any available data on

compliance or noncompliance by employers and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, for ways to strengthen employer compliance with sexual harassment policies and strengthen sexual harassment prevention efforts in the workplace. The report must be submitted no later than January 1, 2026. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out a bill related to the contents of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 91**

**H.P. 1225 - L.D. 1830**

**Resolve, to Expand the Recipients of the Report on the Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program and Authorize Legislation to Be Submitted in Response to the Report**

**Sec. 1. Report on public safety health and wellness grant pilot program. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety shall submit the report required by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part T, section 5 no later than January 10, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services in addition to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety as required by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part T, section 5. After reviewing the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services or the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 92**

**H.P. 639 - L.D. 979**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized only if:

1. In the rule in Part B: Residential Care Facilities, in Section 7.A, a new Section 7.A.3 is added that requires a facility's administrator to ensure that the following data is submitted to the division of licensing and certification, no less frequently than on a quarterly basis, beginning no later than 60 days after the written notice by the Department of Health and Human Services that a reporting system has been developed and is ready for facility data submission:

- A. The facility's daily number of staff for each shift who were present and working each day providing direct care to residents during each shift;
- B. The facility's number of staff who are working as temporary staff and were hired through a temporary nurse agency or other temporary staffing agency or Internet-based system, and the name of the agency;
- C. The facility's staff turnover rate for each quarter; and
- D. The facility's resident census for each day.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an annual report, beginning January 2, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, with the monthly average of data collected under Section 7.A. The report due January 2, 2027 must include a method to provide the data to the public on the department's publicly accessible website;

2. The requirement in the rule in Part B: Residential Care Facilities for minimum direct residential care

staff to occupied bed ratios in Section 14.B.1 that would be required after one year and 2 years of final adoption of the rule is removed and only the current ratios remain; and

3. The requirement in the rule in Part B: Residential Care Facilities for staffing requirements for memory care units in Section 17.I.2 and Section 17.I.3 that would be required after one year and 2 years of final adoption of the rule is removed.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder group to examine residential facility staffing. Resolved:** That the long-term care ombudsman under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A shall convene a stakeholder group to examine residential care facility staffing issues, referred to in this resolve as "the stakeholder group."

**1. Membership.** The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. A representative from the office of aging and disability services within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- B. A representative from the division of licensing and certification within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- C. A representative of a statewide organization representing residential care facilities;
- D. A representative of a residential care facility with a memory care unit;
- E. A representative of a residential care facility without a memory care unit;
- F. A representative of an assisted living provider;
- G. A representative from Legal Services for Maine Elders;
- H. A representative from a statewide association advocating on behalf of issues related to Alzheimer's disease;
- I. A representative from a statewide association advocating on behalf of the elderly;
- J. A representative who has a family with a member in residential care;
- K. Two employees with direct care experience working in residential care facilities who are not in facility management; and
- L. Additional representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

**2. Duties.** The stakeholder group shall examine issues of staffing in residential care facilities as governed by Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule. The stakeholder group shall:

- A. Examine appropriate staffing levels, including at different times of the day;
- B. Examine staffing ratios required to ensure residential care at different times of the day;
- C. Examine staffing levels and ratios sufficient to meet resident needs, including medical and other needs;
- D. Ensure that there is objective information about the impact of staffing ratios on access to care, including reimbursement and financial information; and
- E. Examine the connections between facility reimbursement and staffing and the transparency of those connections.

**3. Outside expertise; data.** The stakeholder group may consult with national experts within existing resources. The stakeholder group shall consider the following information:

- A. Survey and certification results from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the division of licensing and certification within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- B. The minimum data set tool from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services used by long-term care providers;
- C. Current reported staffing levels, including quarterly reporting on direct care staffing, submitted by providers to the Department of Health and Human Services;
- D. Surveys of direct care staff;
- E. Surveys submitted by residential care providers;
- F. Complaints received by the long-term care ombudsman program within the Department of Health and Human Services and by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- G. Steps taken by facilities to address workforce shortages;
- H. Projected workforce needs and staffing availability; and
- I. Current reimbursement rates for staffing.

**4. Meeting and reports.** The stakeholder group shall meet no later than September 30, 2025. The stakeholder group shall submit a preliminary report no later than January 30, 2026 and a final report no later than January 2, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the final report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 93  
S.P. 374 - L.D. 841**

**Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Unbridged Island Communities in the State**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** emergency medical services are essential services and failing to provide these essential services adversely affects public health; and

**Whereas,** addressing the delivery of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities will require input and collaboration from several stakeholders; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to address these issues; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall convene a working group to study the delivery of emergency medical services to and ferry service implications on unbridged island communities in the State. The study must include an evaluation of the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services to unbridged islands, legal and regulatory requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services needs and costs statewide.

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the working group under section 1 consists of the following members:

1. The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety, or the director's designee;
2. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is served by the

Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

3. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is not served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

4. A representative who provides emergency medical services on an unbridged island community served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

5. A representative of the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

6. A representative of an organization with experience in providing air ambulance critical care transport services in the State;

7. A representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services; and

8. A representative of a municipal fire department that provides marine emergency medical services that are not primarily facilitated through a ferry service to an unbridged island community.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Both committees may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 94  
H.P. 5 - L.D. 41**

**Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory**

**Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved:** That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, at least 90 days prior to listing property for sale, the State Tax Assessor shall send a written notice to the last known address of the former owner by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail of the sale process under Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

2. After 90 days, the State Tax Assessor shall list and sell the property with a real estate broker or agent licensed under Title 32, chapter 114 using the sale process described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

3. If, after 3 attempts, the State Tax Assessor is unable to contract with a real estate broker or agent for the sale of the property, or the broker or agent is unable to sell the property within 12 months after listing, the State Tax Assessor shall sell the property to the highest bidder for an amount not less than the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

4. Following the sale of any property under this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall pay the former owner any excess sale proceeds in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice of sale under subsection 3, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before August 1, 2026.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations and plan and lot references are identified in the 2022 Unorganized Territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

**2022 MATURED TAX LIENS**

E Township, Aroostook County

Map AR108, Plan 03, Lot 13.1

031600078-2

Durost, Charles E., Avis R. and Troy 10.00 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	\$95.64
2023	\$194.81
2024	\$295.50
2025 (estimated)	\$295.50

Estimated Total Taxes	\$881.45
Interest	\$20.20
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total \$958.65

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Bancroft Township, Aroostook County

Map AR110, Plan 03, Lot 14 030400196-1

McLaughlin, Jay R. 241.00 acres, 90% ownership

TAX LIABILITY

2022	\$321.10
2023	\$322.07
2024	\$426.97
2025 (estimated)	\$426.97

Estimated Total Taxes	\$1,497.11
Interest	\$32.15
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total \$1,586.26

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Albany Township, Oxford County

Map OX016, Plan 02, Lot 183.2 178022044-1

Savage, Michelle L. and Michael L. 1.54 acres

TAX LIABILITY

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2022	\$116.00
2023	\$118.00
2024	\$121.41
2025 (estimated)	\$121.41
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$476.82</u>
Interest	\$11.68
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$545.50</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Milton Township, Oxford County

Map OX018, Plan 04, Lot 2 178120109-3  
 Bennett, Michael 0.20 acre

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$50.27
2023	\$51.14
2024	\$52.08
2025 (estimated)	\$52.08
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$205.57</u>
Interest	\$5.07
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$267.64</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 03, Lot 48 and 52 198080150-6  
 Talarico, Massimo and Kristen Spaulding 1.36 acres

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$80.04
2023	\$87.11
2024	\$102.26
2025 (estimated)	\$102.26

Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$371.67</u>
Interest	\$8.28
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$436.95</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Grand Falls Township, Penobscot County

Map PE037, Plan 03, Lot 47 192500095-1  
 Oldenburg, Norman 0.23 acre

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$39.24
2023	\$42.70
2024	\$41.45
2025 (estimated)	\$41.45
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$164.84</u>
Interest	\$4.06
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$225.90</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Prentiss Township, Penobscot County

Map PE038, Plan 04, Lot 21 195400379-1  
 Currier, George 0.11 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$115.31
2023	\$125.50
2024	\$134.90
2025 (estimated)	\$134.90
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$510.61</u>
Interest	\$11.94
Costs	\$38.00

Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$579.55

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Greenfield Township, Penobscot County

Map PE039, Plan 04, Lot 14.11 192700148-1

Bergeron, Marguerite 1.00 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$238.88
2023	\$259.99
2024	\$243.52
2025 (estimated)	\$243.52
Estimated Total Taxes	\$985.91
Interest	\$24.73
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$1,067.64

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Orneville Township, Piscataquis County

Map PI082, Plan 01, Lot 54.1 218210477-2

Jaffee, David 2.00 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$95.82
2023	\$96.81
2024	\$97.62
2025 (estimated)	\$97.62
Estimated Total Taxes	\$387.87
Interest	\$9.62
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$454.49

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Long Pond Township, Somerset County

Map SO034, Plan 02, Lot 10 258330039-4

Rankin, Gregory K. 1.45 acres, 50% ownership

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$301.84
2023	\$314.90
2024	\$424.33
2025 (estimated)	\$424.33
Estimated Total Taxes	\$1,465.40
Interest	\$30.71
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$1,553.11

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Concord Township, Somerset County

Map SO081, Plan 01, Lot 46.2 258180037-1

Gozdek, Joseph, Jr. 0.39 acre

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$72.87
2023	\$76.02
2024	\$83.15
2025 (estimated)	\$83.15
Estimated Total Taxes	\$315.19
Interest	\$7.41
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$379.60



Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

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Brookton Township, Washington County

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Marion Township, Washington County

Map WA028, Plan 01, Lot 32 298010162-1  
 Kinney, Paul 7.50 acres with building

Map WA031, Plan 01, Lot 61 298100122-1  
 McMahan, Walter J. et al. 60.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$160.40
2023	\$386.93
2024	\$457.09
2025 (estimated)	\$457.09
Estimated Total Taxes	\$1,461.51
Interest	\$25.10
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$1,543.61

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$269.20
2023	\$279.33
2024	\$346.59
2025 (estimated)	\$346.59
Estimated Total Taxes	\$1,241.71
Interest	\$27.32
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$1,326.03

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

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Edmunds Township, Washington County

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Map WA029, Plan 01, Lot 66 298040121-3  
 Griffin, Michael 6.50 acres

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	\$71.32
2023	\$74.00
2024	\$79.51
2025 (estimated)	\$79.51
Estimated Total Taxes	\$304.34
Interest	\$7.24
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$368.58

**CHAPTER 95**  
**S.P. 46 - L.D. 29**

**Resolve, to Require the  
 Department of Transportation  
 to Implement the  
 Recommendations of the  
 Lower Road Rail Use Advisory  
 Council and the Calais Branch  
 Rail Use Advisory Council**

**Preamble.** Whereas, the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act requires the Department of Transportation to seek legislative approval for any conversion of a state-owned rail corridor in which the department controls the right-of-way to a nonrail recreational or nonrecreational transportation use; and

**Whereas**, Public Law 2021, chapter 239 enacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 75, which gives the Commissioner of Transportation the authority to establish a rail corridor use advisory council upon petition of one or more governmental entities; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Transportation received letters of support from communities along the section of the state-owned rail corridor known as the Lower Road from Rockland Junction in the Town of Brunswick to the City of Augusta requesting the formation of a rail corridor use advisory council; and

**Whereas**, the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council convened and met for 9 months in late 2022 and 2023; and

**Whereas**, 11 of the 14 members of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council voted to recommend the interim conversion of 33.5 miles of existing railroad track to a stone dust or paved bicycle and pedestrian trail; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Transportation received letters of support from communities along the section of the state-owned rail corridor known as the Calais Branch requesting the formation of a rail corridor use advisory council; and

**Whereas**, the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council convened and met over a period of 8 months in 2024; and

**Whereas**, 10 of the 11 Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council members, with one member abstaining, voted to recommend the interim conversion of the existing railroad track to a multi-use trail; and

**Whereas**, the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act further requires that, once the Commissioner of Transportation receives a report from a rail corridor use advisory council that includes a recommendation of track removal or other change for interim nonrail use and the commissioner concurs with that recommendation, the commissioner seek legislative approval of the recommendation by submitting legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to the track removal or other change for interim nonrail use; and

**Whereas**, any track removal or other change for nonrail use is considered interim in nature and rail corridors are to be preserved for future rail use as provided under the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Trail construction on Lower Road. Resolved:** That, based on the majority recommendation of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council and pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7107, the Department of Transportation shall, subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements, remove state-owned inactive existing railroad track along the section known as the Lower

Road between the Town of Brunswick and the City of Gardiner to the existing Kennebec River Rail Trail, and a portion of the rail line in the City of Hallowell, and replace the track with an interim bicycle and pedestrian trail surfaced with pavement or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

**Sec. 2. Calais Branch rail trail recommendation. Resolved:** That, consistent with the majority recommendation of the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council and pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7107, the Department of Transportation shall remove 12.26 miles of state-owned inactive existing railroad track along the section known as the Calais Branch from the Route 214 intersection in Ayers Junction in the Town of Pembroke to Route 1 in the City of Calais and replace the track with a multi-use trail on the existing rail bed. The completed multi-use trail is interim in nature, and the project to create the multi-use trail is subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements.

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**CHAPTER 96  
S.P. 47 - L.D. 30**

**Resolve, to Direct the  
Department of Transportation  
to Implement the  
Recommendations of the  
Portland to Auburn Rail Use  
Advisory Council**

**Preamble. Whereas**, the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act requires the Department of Transportation to seek legislative approval for any conversion of a state-owned rail corridor in which the department controls the right-of-way to a nonrail recreational or nonrecreational transportation use; and

**Whereas**, Public Law 2021, chapter 239 enacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 75, which gives the Commissioner of Transportation the authority to establish a rail corridor use advisory council upon petition of one or more governmental entities; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Transportation received letters of support from all communities along the section of the state-owned rail corridor known as the Berlin Subdivision from the City of Portland to the town line between the City of Auburn and the Town of New Gloucester requesting the formation of a rail corridor use advisory council; and

**Whereas**, the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council convened and met for 9 months in 2022 and early 2023; and

**Whereas**, the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council voted to recommend the interim conversion of the existing railroad track to a gravel, stone dust or paved bicycle and pedestrian trail; and

**Whereas**, the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act further requires that, once the Commissioner of Transportation receives a report from a rail corridor use advisory council that includes a recommendation of track removal or other change for interim non-rail use and the commissioner concurs with that recommendation, the commissioner seek legislative approval of the recommendation by submitting legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to the track removal or other change for interim nonrail use; and

**Whereas**, any track removal or other change for nonrail use is considered interim in nature and rail corridors are to be preserved for future rail use as provided under the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Trail construction on Berlin Subdivision. Resolved:** That, based on the majority recommendation of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council and pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7107, the Department of Transportation shall, subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements, remove state-owned inactive existing railroad track along the section known as the Berlin Subdivision between the City of Portland and the City of Auburn, from a point north of the swing bridge at Back Cove in Portland at or near mile marker 1.7 to mile marker 26.5 in Auburn, and replace the track with an interim bicycle and pedestrian trail surfaced with pavement or gravel or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

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**CHAPTER 97**

**H.P. 791 - L.D. 1186**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Feasibility of Ferry Service to Monhegan Island**

**Sec. 1. Monhegan Island ferry service study. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall work with island and ferry service stakeholders to study adding ferry service to Monhegan Island. The study must include an assessment of the economic and social benefits and challenges of implementing ferry service, the infrastructure resources and needs on the island and mainland and the overall feasibility of such a service.

**Sec. 2. Study stakeholders. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation may, but is not required to, invite the participation in the study under section 1 of any of the following as stakeholders:

1. A Monhegan Plantation representative, such as the First Assessor or the First Assessor's designee, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation;
2. A year-round resident of the State with a vested interest in Monhegan Island, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation;
3. A representative from a private transit provider that provides waterborne transportation, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation; and
4. No more than 2 representatives from the Department of Transportation, one of whom may be a member who represents the Maine State Ferry Service, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Administration 0339**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to study adding ferry service to Monhegan Island.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$7,000	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**CHAPTER 98**

**H.P. 841 - L.D. 1266**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to Convene a Working Group to Propose a Plan for Expanding the Reach of Treatment Courts**

**Sec. 1. Adult treatment courts. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health shall establish a working group to develop a plan for expanding the availability

of adult drug treatment courts, family treatment courts and veterans treatment courts across the State by ensuring that defendants in each prosecutorial district and county have access to these specialty court dockets. As used in this resolve, "adult drug treatment courts" and "family treatment courts" mean specialty court dockets that serve adult criminal defendants whose involvement with the criminal justice system has been caused, at least in part, by a serious substance use disorder and that allow those defendants, upon successful completion of a program involving multidisciplinary supports, services and requirements, to have all or most of their pending criminal charges dismissed. The Office of Behavioral Health shall invite a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders to participate in the working group, including probation and parole officers from the Department of Corrections, as well as representatives from the Judicial Department; the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services; the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services; a statewide association of prosecutors; a statewide association of criminal defense attorneys; local law enforcement agencies; organizations that provide pretrial supervision to defendants under pretrial release pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 1026; and a statewide organization that advocates for reentry services for current and formerly incarcerated individuals in the State. The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health shall submit a report of the working group's activities, including any recommendations for expanding the scope and geographic location of treatment courts and suggested legislation developed by the working group, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2026. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 99**

**H.P. 882 - L.D. 1359**

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Report Progress Made Toward Implementing Recommendations Based on the 2025 Public Transit Advisory Council Report**

**Sec. 1. Implementation progress; report. Resolved:** That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation a report detailing the department's progress on implementing the recommendations from the 2025 Public Transit Advisory Council

report pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4209-A, subsection 5. The report must include, but is not limited to, a summary of actions taken toward implementing each recommendation to the department from the Public Transit Advisory Council report, including specific dates on which those actions were taken; a list of specific dates on which the department plans to take additional actions toward implementing each recommendation; and a list of recommendations not yet implemented. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

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**CHAPTER 100**

**H.P. 636 - L.D. 976**

**Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Facilitate Public Access and Resilience Planning for Swan Island**

**Sec. 1. Swan Island access and resilience working group convened. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a working group to develop a comprehensive plan to enhance public access to Swan Island in Perkins Township in Sagadahoc County. The working group must include, but is not limited to:

1. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;
3. The Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee;
4. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;
5. A municipal official from the Town of Richmond responsible for tax increment financing allocations; and
6. A representative from a local nonprofit organization with an interest in outdoor recreation access, conservation or community development related to Swan Island.

**Sec. 2. Plan development; working group meetings. Resolved:** That the working group convened pursuant to section 1 shall:

1. Identify barriers to public access to Swan Island and strategies for removing those barriers;
2. Evaluate accessible transportation options for the public, including operation and maintenance of a

ferry or alternative public transportation systems that may be conducted through public-private partnerships;

3. Assess infrastructure needs, such as the creation and upkeep of docks, campgrounds, educational facilities and historic sites;

4. Recommend roles and responsibilities among state and municipal partners for operations, maintenance and land stewardship;

5. Explore funding sources, including, but not limited to, land and water conservation funds, tax increment financing allocations and public and private funds or resilience-related programs;

6. Develop a coordinated implementation timeline and cost estimates;

7. Identify any necessary changes to statute or rule; and

8. Produce a detailed Swan Island public access plan with supporting documentation and an implementation date on or before May 1, 2026.

The working group shall provide public notice for its meetings.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall submit a report that includes the finalized Swan Island public access plan produced pursuant to section 2, along with any recommended legislation from the working group convened pursuant to section 1, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 1, 2026. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report. This resolve may not be construed to prevent the department from initiating implementation of the public access plan prior to or following January 1, 2026.

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**CHAPTER 101**

**S.P. 592 - L.D. 1451**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility**

**Sec. 1. Establish Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility, referred to in this resolve as "the working group."

**Sec. 2. Members; selection of chair and vice-chair. Resolved:** That the working group is composed of the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;

2. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

3. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

4. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

5. One member from the Maine Office of Community Affairs, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;

6. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization advocating for older adults, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

7. One member who is a representative of an organization representing persons with disabilities, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

8. One member who is a representative of a statewide nonprofit organization advocating on behalf of persons with low incomes, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

9. One member who is a representative from a statewide association of public transit providers, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

10. One member with lived experience with the Department of Health and Human Services' nonemergency transportation program, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

11. One member who is a representative of a statewide coalition focused on expanding transportation access, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging; and

12. One member who is a representative of a youth-led organization, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner

of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging.

The working group shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its members.

**Sec. 3. Duties; implementation plan. Resolved:** That the working group shall develop an implementation plan that includes a timeline, a budget and a staffing plan and a detailed work plan to:

1. Establish a mobility management approach among state agencies to increase efficiency, accessibility and sustainability of transportation across the State. The working group shall examine the creation of mobility management hubs and improving transportation for populations experiencing transportation insecurity. For the purposes of this resolve, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Mobility management" means a collaborative approach for managing and delivering coordinated transportation services to persons, especially non-drivers, including older adults, persons with disabilities and persons with low incomes, and that focuses on meeting persons' needs through a wide range of transportation options and service providers and focuses on coordinating these services and providers to achieve a more efficient transportation service delivery system.

B. "Mobility management hub" means a program that provides capacity for coordination between multiple community providers and organizations to support persons in accessing transportation supports and services and is designed to be welcoming and accessible to persons of all mobility needs.

C. "Populations experiencing transportation insecurity" means groups facing financial, systemic and relational barriers that contribute to the barriers to accessing needed services or destinations comfortably, conveniently and affordably;

2. Build interagency coordination between the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and other state agencies as determined relevant to increase efficiency and coordination of transportation funding; and

3. Use federal guidance and models from other jurisdictions to remove barriers to and to develop methods of cost sharing between federal and state programs to improve access to transportation across the State.

**Sec. 4. Development of implementation plan. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation and the working group, in developing the implementation plan under section 3, shall:

1. Review best practices in other states and jurisdictions, such as the 2023 "Would a System of Regional

Mobility Managers Benefit Massachusetts?" study from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation;

2. Use the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration's 2023-2026 Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Strategic Plan and the Department of Transportation's Maine Strategic Transit Plan 2025 to identify mobility management efforts to meet the needs in the State;

3. Identify the regional structure and services that would be offered under a mobility management program;

4. Determine the level of funding needed to sustainably operate a mobility management program; and

5. Identify additional funding mechanisms, including, but not limited to, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration formula grants under 49 United States Code, Sections 5310 and 5311.

The Department of Transportation may organize members of the working group into subgroups and hire consultants for the development of the implementation plan under section 3.

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, on behalf of the working group, shall submit a report with the implementation plan developed under section 3, including any necessary legislation and estimated appropriations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2026. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 102**

**H.P. 1054 - L.D. 1596**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Submit a Report on the Findings and Recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Council**

**Sec. 1. Department of Marine Resources to submit report on findings and recommendations of Aquaculture Advisory Council. Resolved:**

That the Department of Marine Resources shall, no later than January 1, 2026, submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources detailing the findings and recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Council and the council's subcommittees, particularly as these relate to the council's deliberations concerning changes to the aquaculture leasing process. The department shall communicate this infor-

mation to industry members, and the committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 103**

**H.P. 652 - L.D. 1005**

**Resolve, to Study  
Authorization for Municipal  
Fire Departments with Trained  
Personnel to Conduct Fire  
Sprinkler System Plan Reviews**

**Sec. 1. Office of State Fire Marshal to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to study allowing the office to authorize municipal fire departments with trained personnel to conduct fire sprinkler system plan reviews.

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the working group must consist of a broad representation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the following members:

1. The State Fire Marshal, or the fire marshal's designee;
2. The chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 12, or the chair's designee;
3. A representative from a statewide association of fire chiefs;
4. A representative from a statewide association of municipalities; and
5. A representative from a municipal fire department seeking to conduct the fire department's own fire sprinkler system plan reviews.

**Sec. 3. Duties of working group. Resolved:** That the working group shall examine:

1. The status of fire sprinkler system plan reviews in the State, including, but not limited to, data regarding the number of fire sprinkler system permits issued annually, the amount of time taken to issue the permits and the number of preliminary fire sprinkler system permits issued;
2. The best procedures to allow the office to grant authority to a municipal fire department to conduct the municipality's fire sprinkler system plan reviews; and
3. Strategies to address the office's staffing needs.

**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 104**

**S.P. 139 - L.D. 353**

**Resolve, to Establish the  
Commission to Recommend  
Methods for Preventing Deed  
Fraud in the State**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** deed fraud occurs when a person sells real property by falsely claiming to be the property owner and records a deed of the fraudulently induced sale in the registry of deeds, depriving the rightful owner of a significant asset without the owner's knowledge; and

**Whereas,** the process for the rightful owner of the property to nullify a fraudulently recorded deed is not only time-consuming and expensive but, if successful, can also leave the innocent purchaser of the property with neither the property nor the funds used to purchase the property from the perpetrator of the deed fraud; and

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State to study options for both preventing deed fraud and recompensing the victims of deed fraud; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 13 members as follows:

1. Five members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

A. Two members of the Senate, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

B. One individual who is a register of deeds in this State;

C. One individual who is an experienced title attorney in this State; and

D. One individual who represents civil legal aid providers for residents of this State who are elderly;

2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

B. One individual who represents the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police computer crimes unit;

C. One individual who represents a statewide association of real estate brokers and who has experience in real estate transactions; and

D. One individual who represents banking institutions in this State;

3. The chair of the Real Estate Commission within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the chair's designee;

4. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee; and

5. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but

not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

1. Gather information on the practice and prevalence of deed fraud in the State, including information and data, if available, on the number and characteristics of incidents of deed fraud and unsuccessful attempts at deed fraud;

2. Examine the sufficiency of state laws and practices related to the following:

A. Identity verification for the sale of real property located in the State;

B. Notarization and recording of instruments affecting title to real property in the State, including the requirements for conducting remote notarization;

C. Existing criminal penalties potentially applicable to perpetrators of deed fraud; and

D. Civil remedies available to victims of deed fraud, including processes for nullifying fraudulently recorded deeds and returning ownership of the property to the rightful owners;

3. Gather and review any educational materials regarding the prevention of deed fraud that are currently available to property owners, real estate brokerage agencies, title insurance companies, real estate attorneys and other professionals involved in the sale of real property; examine the sufficiency of these materials; and consider the best methods for ensuring that appropriate educational materials are disseminated to property owners and relevant real estate professionals across the State;

4. Examine ways to mitigate the fraudulent listing of homes for rent by an individual who is not the legal homeowner; and

5. Examine ways in which deed fraud is being conducted through the Internet, including through the use of artificial intelligence technology.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary a report that includes the commission's findings and recommendations for preventing deed fraud in the State, including recommendations for enhanced public awareness of deed fraud and any suggested legislation for preventing deed

fraud, including, but not limited to, enhancing identity verification requirements for real estate transactions in the State and for improving the civil and criminal remedies available in the State. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**CHAPTER 105  
S.P. 594 - L.D. 1453**

**Resolve, to Establish the  
Housing Production Innovation  
Working Group**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve establishes a working group to study and advise on the potential for innovative housing construction technologies to reduce housing production costs and accelerate housing production in the State; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires so that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for consideration during the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved:** That the Housing Production Innovation Working Group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is established.

**Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and

who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or the commissioner's designee;

4. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;

5. The Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee;

6. The Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs or the director's designee; and

7. Three members from the residential construction and building materials manufacturing industries, one appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Governor.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, at the first meeting of the working group, the members shall elect, by majority vote of those present, 2 members appointed under section 2, subsections 3 to 7 as chairs of the working group.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the working group to meet and conduct its business.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall study the potential for innovative housing construction technologies to reduce housing production costs and accelerate housing production in the State. Innovative housing construction technologies may include modular housing, componentized housing, 3-dimensional printing or other approaches to residential construction. The working group shall consider regulatory and financial solutions to barriers to achieving this potential, including, at a minimum, the following:

1. Demand-side barriers that inhibit adoption of factory-made housing technologies, including:
  - A. A lack of familiarity and expertise among homebuilding professionals, developers and homeowners; and

B. Insufficient order volumes and consistency to achieve significant economies of scale for new or expanded off-site production approaches; and

2. Production-side barriers that inhibit the availability and cost competitiveness of factory-made housing technologies, including:

A. Varying building codes, inspection standards and approval processes;

B. Inconsistent licensing requirements for factory-made housing technologies;

C. A lack of workers in relevant fields trained in factory-made housing production and construction; and

D. Challenges with transporting and exporting prefabricated housing products made in the State.

In researching these topics and establishing recommendations, the working group shall consult with individuals active in the housing industry, including those representing manufacturers, builders, developers, trades, training providers, regulators and finance organizations and those engaging in research at institutions of higher education in the State.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 3, 2025, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 106**

**H.P. 1036 - L.D. 1578**

**Resolve, to Establish the  
Commission to Evaluate the  
Scope of Regulatory Review  
and Oversight over Health  
Care Transactions That Impact  
the Delivery of Health Care  
Services in the State**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve establishes a commission to evaluate the scope of regulatory review and oversight over health care transactions that impact the delivery of health care services in the State; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature believes it is important to conduct this evaluation because the State's health care delivery system faces significant financial and workforce challenges; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect as soon as possible in order to provide adequate time for the commission to complete its work in a timely manner before submitting its report; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3. Two members representing hospitals, one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. Two members representing health care providers, one of whom must represent an independently owned specialty practice and is appointed by the President of the Senate and the other of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5. One member representing a statewide association of nursing homes or other long-term care facilities, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. One member of the public representing health insurance consumers, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

7. One member representing health insurance carriers, appointed by the President of the Senate;

8. One member representing a statewide association of health care purchasers, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9. One member of the public who is a lawyer who has practiced in the field of certificate of need law or mergers or acquisitions of health care entities, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10. The executive director of the Office of Affordable Health Care or the executive director's designee; and

11. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

1. Evaluate potential changes to the State's certificate of need laws, including, but not limited to, expanding the scope of review to the termination or disruption of health care services and changing the monetary thresholds that trigger review;

2. Evaluate potential legislative changes to require regulatory review and oversight of substantial health care transactions, such as transfers of ownership or control, among hospitals, health care facilities and health care provider organizations;

3. Evaluate the role of a private equity company or real estate investment trust taking a direct or indirect ownership interest, operational control or financial control of a hospital in the State; and

4. Examine any other issues to further the duties and purposes of the study.

The commission shall review and identify best practices learned from similar efforts in other states. The commission may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public to gather information.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**Sec. 7. Stakeholder participation. Resolved:** That the commission may invite the participation of stakeholders to participate in meetings or subcommittee meetings of the commission to ensure the commission has the information and expertise necessary to fulfill its duties, including the Maine Health Data Organization.

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than December 10, 2025, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 9. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the commission may seek funding contributions to contribute to the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 107  
H.P. 1069 - L.D. 1615**

**Resolve, to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve establishes a commission to study alternative pathways for obtaining a license to practice dentistry; and

**Whereas,** it is important to conduct this evaluation to address workforce shortages that impact the availability of oral health care services to Maine residents; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect as soon as possible in order to provide adequate time for the

commission to complete its work in a timely manner before submitting its report; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;
3. One member who is a member of the Board of Dental Practice, appointed by the Board of Dental Practice;
4. One member who is a representative of the Maine Dental Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;
5. One member who is a representative of federally qualified health centers that provide dental services, appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. One member who is a dentist licensed to practice in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
7. One member who is a foreign-trained dentist, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
8. One member who is a representative of the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
9. One member representing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, appointed by the Governor.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study integrating foreign-trained dentists and out-of-state dentists into the dental care workforce in a way that best reflects their level of skills and training and reducing barriers to licensing for foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states. The commission shall explore a wide range of options for how to help enable foreign-trained dentists and out-of-state dentists who wish to live and practice in the State to address potential workforce shortages. The commission shall make recommendations on:

1. Strategies to integrate foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states into the State's dental care workforce;
2. Changes to state laws and rules that may pose unnecessary barriers to practice for foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states;
3. Necessary supports for foreign-trained dentists and out-of-state dentists moving through the different steps in the licensing process prior to involvement with the Board of Dental Practice;
4. Opportunities to advocate for corresponding changes to national licensing requirements; and
5. Any other matters pertaining to foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states considered necessary by the commission.

The commission shall review and identify best practices from similar efforts in other states. The commission may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public to gather information. The commission may develop guidelines for full licensure and conditional licensure of foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states and recommendations for the types of strategies, programs and support that would benefit foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states to use the fullest extent of their training and experience.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**Sec. 7. Stakeholder participation. Resolved:** That the commission may invite the participation of stakeholders to participate in meetings or subcommittee meetings of the commission to ensure the commission has the information and expertise necessary to fulfill its duties, including, but not limited to, representatives of the University of New England College of Dental Medicine and the Maine Public Health Association.

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than December 10, 2025, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

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**CHAPTER 108  
S.P. 688 - L.D. 1770**

**Resolve, to Establish the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature has enacted a series of property tax relief measures in recent years, including expanding the property tax fairness credit, improving the homestead property tax exemption, expanding the property tax deferral program and increasing state-municipal revenue sharing, in an effort to ease the burden on Maine households; and

**Whereas,** despite recent legislative efforts to provide relief, many Maine residents continue to face rising property tax bills and the State remains among the states where households spend a significant share of their income on property taxes, all amid broader increases in the cost of living; and

**Whereas,** the State is facing a statewide housing crisis, and rising property taxes, especially in high-demand areas, are making it harder for first-time home buyers and working families to afford stable housing, further straining the already limited supply of affordable homes; and

**Whereas,** at the same time, older Maine residents who wish to downsize or move closer to services often

have no affordable housing options available, forcing them to remain in homes with sharply increased valuations and unaffordable property tax bills, despite living on fixed incomes; and

**Whereas,** municipalities across the State, ranging from small rural towns to larger cities, face varying budget pressures and responsibilities and often lack the resources, staffing or technology needed to ensure accurate, equitable and up-to-date property assessments; and

**Whereas,** the property tax fairness credit remains a vital tool for targeted tax relief, but current benefit levels do not fully reflect today's economic pressures or cost of living; and

**Whereas,** efforts to reform the property tax system in the State have often been constrained by constitutional requirements, such as the mandate that all real and personal property be assessed equally according to its just value; and

**Whereas,** other states have pursued innovative strategies, including constitutional reforms, to ensure effective and equitable property tax relief; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative that the State deliver immediate property tax relief and launch a comprehensive, data-driven process to develop long-term solutions through a representative task force; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force established. Resolved:** That the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 13 voting members and at least 2 nonvoting members as follows.

1. The 13 voting members are appointed as follows:

A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including at least one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature and at least one of whom has expertise or background in the area of taxation;

B. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature and at least one of whom has expertise or background in the area of taxation;

C. Three members of the public, appointed by the President of the Senate, as follows:

- (1) One member who is a representative of economists or who is a tax expert;
- (2) One member with lived experience of poverty who is a representative of low-income residents of the State; and
- (3) One member who has legal experience with constitutional issues or property tax issues;

D. Three members of the public, appointed by the Speaker of the House, as follows:

- (1) One member who is involved in real estate, economic or housing development with expertise in long-term homeownership trends in the State;
- (2) One member who represents the business sector and who has paid property taxes over the last 10 years; and
- (3) One member who has expertise in assessing property taxes; and

E. Three members of the public, appointed by the Governor, as follows:

- (1) Two members with expertise in municipal government, municipal taxation, local government finance or property valuation, one of whom represents the interests of municipalities with fewer than 10,000 residents and one of whom represents the interests of municipalities with at least 10,000 residents. Both members must have experience in contrasting forms of municipal governance; and
- (2) One member with lived experience as a senior citizen who represents the interests of residents of the State who are at least 65 years of age or older.

In making their appointments, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Governor, to the extent feasible, shall ensure the membership of the task force reflects comprehensive geographic and demographic representation from the State.

2. The nonvoting members are as follows:

- A. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee;
- B. The Associate Commissioner for Tax Policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services or the associate commissioner's designee; and

C. Any additional members invited to participate by the chairs of the task force pursuant to section 3.

**Sec. 3. Chairs; nonvoting members; selection of contracted entity. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force. The chairs may invite, as nonvoting members of the task force, individuals who have expertise in municipal government, municipal finance, economic development, constitutional law, tax policy, housing policy or tax assessing. The chairs may select the contracted entity described in section 6, subsection 1, prior to all appointments being made. Prior to the first meeting of the task force, the chairs may select the contracted entity of the task force.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

**Sec. 5. Meetings; subcommittees. Resolved:** That the task force shall meet at least 4 times but no more than 8 times, not including any subcommittee meetings.

1. The task force shall meet at least once jointly with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation at a time to be determined by the chairs of the task force and the committee.

2. The chairs of the task force may appoint subcommittees as necessary for the efficient operation of the task force.

**Sec. 6. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

1. Contract with an entity for research and analytical support, as selected by the chairs pursuant to section 3, with the goal of determining the source of the problems with the current system of property taxation, who is most negatively affected by the current system of property taxation and how those persons are negatively affected. At the direction of the chairs, an entity contracted with pursuant to this subsection shall gather and analyze statewide property tax data, which may include:

- A. For each municipality or each municipality within a representative sample of municipalities by county:

- (1) The average property value, property tax bill and length of homeownership, differentiated by waterfront and nonwaterfront properties;
  - (2) The types of property; mill rate; date of last valuation; property valuation practices, including whether the municipality performs the valuations; median income of residents; number of households eligible to claim and actually claiming the property tax fairness credit pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-KK; number of homesteads eligible to participate in and actually participating in the deferred collection of homestead property taxes pursuant to Title 36, chapter 908; which municipalities have municipally funded and administered property tax relief programs; and the percentage of homes that are primary residences, the percentage of commercial property and the percentage of vacant commercial property; and
  - (3) How the municipality has used property tax relief funding, including but not limited to funds received from state-municipal revenue sharing pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5681;
- B. For each county:
- (1) Changes in property values over the last 20 years; and
  - (2) The average percentage of income spent on property taxes by residents;
- C. Data regarding any disparities or challenges across different regions in the State;
- D. Recent statewide property tax relief efforts that have been implemented or discussed in the Legislature or State Government;
- E. The impact of unfunded mandates on local budgets;
- F. The effect of nontaxable property within a municipality;
- G. Potential federal funding changes and how those could potentially impact property taxes in the State;
- H. Any challenges in obtaining the information specified in this subsection for the task force and recommendations for making the information available to the Legislature on a regular basis; and
- I. Any additional data or information the chairs consider relevant to a productive discussion;
2. Perform a comparison of this State to the rest of the nation, including:
- A. Determining how property tax assessment is instituted, the expenses associated with assessment and how assessment in the State compares with other states;
  - B. Exploring property tax relief measures and programs used by other states, particularly those states similar in geography, demographics, resident income or state and local government structure, to determine whether those relief programs could be adapted to the State;
  - C. Studying property tax burdens in other states, including as a percentage of resident income, and any trends over the last 20 years; and
  - D. Gathering any additional data or information the chairs determine relevant to a productive discussion;
3. Explore the need for amendments to the Constitution of Maine or to the Maine Revised Statutes, including:
- A. Reviewing constitutional constraints on property tax assessments and exploring whether an amendment to the Constitution of Maine could create more equitable and stable property tax policies;
  - B. Researching whether other states have constitutional provisions that allow for equitable property tax structures;
  - C. Researching which states have successfully amended their constitutions to allow for more effective property tax relief and the advantages and disadvantages of those amendments; and
  - D. Recommending whether constitutional changes should be pursued and, if so, what changes should be made and how and when those changes should be made;
4. Develop methods to ensure municipalities use property tax relief for its intended purpose while continuing to meet the needs of residents by:
- A. Identifying mechanisms used in other states to ensure that local property tax relief funds are allocated effectively to the taxpayers;
  - B. Exploring mechanisms to support transparency and accountability in the use of property tax relief funds at the municipal level that exist in other states or that have been discussed in the State; and
  - C. Recommending accountability measures, including but not limited to reporting requirements, financial incentives or disincentives;
5. Assess changes to the valuation process and support for municipalities by:
- A. Investigating how other states ensure equitable, updated and fair valuation practices;
  - B. Analyzing whether certain geographic regions or types of communities, such as service centers, in

the State have disproportionate property assessments that negatively affect specific populations;

C. Identifying those resources municipalities need to conduct accurate property valuations, including funding, staffing and technology; and

D. Recommending best practices and potential legislative changes to improve fairness and accuracy in property assessments;

6. Develop targeted support for long-term property owners who need support to age in place by:

A. Studying states that have implemented property tax relief programs specifically for long-term homeowners; and

B. Recommending which tax policies the State should adopt to prevent displacement and maintain affordability of elderly and low-income homeowners;

7. Explore the use of the State's cash pool for property tax relief by:

A. Researching how other states use state investment funds to support property tax relief programs;

B. Analyzing potential risks and benefits of using the State's cash reserves to provide long-term property tax relief; and

C. Recommending whether a dedicated revenue stream should be created for this purpose and how it could be structured; and

8. Examine potential impacts of federal funding changes on property taxes in the State.

The task force shall engage in a data-driven analysis of the State's property tax system before making recommendations pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 7. Assistance in collection of data. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and the Office of Tax Policy within the bureau shall provide assistance to the entity contracted with by the task force pursuant to section 6, subsection 1 to ensure the entity obtains the required information.

**Sec. 8. Public input. Resolved:** That the task force may, as determined necessary by the chairs, solicit and consider public comment on the current property tax structure, current property tax relief efforts and the valuation and assessment process.

**Sec. 9. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services or may contract for necessary staffing services for the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session. Upon request of the task force, the Office of the Attorney General, the office of the Secretary of State, the Office of Policy Innovation and the

Future, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the office of the Treasurer of State shall provide additional information to the task force.

**Sec. 10. Interim report; final report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than January 15, 2026, the task force shall submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation that includes the task force's preliminary findings and recommendations. The task force may include proposed legislation in the interim report.

Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than December 15, 2026, the task force shall submit a final report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the report.

**Sec. 11. Additional funding sources. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force may apply for and receive funds, grants or contributions from public and private sources to support its activities.

**Sec. 12. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds for the costs of a contract with an entity to provide research and analytical support for the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$125,000	\$25,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$125,000	\$25,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 1, 2025.

**CHAPTER 109  
H.P. 53 - L.D. 89**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Employer Reporting and Payments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 201: Employer Reporting and Payments, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110  
S.P. 182 - L.D. 396**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage Secondary Schools to Adopt Later Start Times**

**Sec. 1. Later Secondary School Start Time Fund established. Resolved:** That the Later Secondary School Start Time Fund is established within the Department of Education for the purposes of administering the program under section 2.

**Sec. 2. Grant program. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall establish a grant program to encourage school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a start time at or after 8:30 a.m. The department shall award grants from the Later Secondary School Start Time Fund established in section 1. Funds must be used by a school administrative unit to develop plans to allow secondary schools to start at or after 8:30 a.m. by coordinating school start times among the unit's schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units.

**Sec. 3. Department of Education to adopt rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that grants administered through the grant program established pursuant to section 2 are administered in a manner that is equitable and fair.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a contracted position to administer the school start time grant program.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$106,078	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$106,078</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Later Secondary School Start Time Fund N522**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a later start time than elementary schools.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$75,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$181,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$181,078</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 111  
H.P. 254 - L.D. 400**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate**

**Sec. 1. Aqueous film-forming foam concentrate inventory. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall initiate 2 programs to compile an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in the State as described under this section.

1. No later than November 1, 2025, the office shall initiate a one-year program to collect information regarding aqueous film-forming foam concentrate possessed by any public entity in the State in an amount of 5 gallons or more. A public entity in the State shall respond to a request for information from the office under this section within the timeline determined by the office. For purposes of this section, "public entity" has the same meaning as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1272, subsection 17. The office

is authorized to continue to collect data from public entities after the end of the one-year program until the submission of the inventory under section 3.

2. No later than November 1, 2025, the office shall initiate a 2-year program to solicit information from private entities in the State possessing aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in an amount of 5 gallons or more.

**Sec. 2. Inventory as public record. Resolved:** That the inventory under section 1 is a public record as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 402, subsection 3. Upon completion of the inventory, the office shall make the inventory available on its publicly accessible website.

**Sec. 3. Report to Legislature. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2028, the office shall submit the inventory under section 1 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters and criminal justice and public safety matters. After reviewing the inventory, either committee may report out legislation relating to the inventory to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

**Sec. 4. Transfer from Maine Solid Waste Management Fund to General Fund unappropriated surplus. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$85,732 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$86,378 on or before June 30, 2027 from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the cost of one limited-period Office Assistant II position and related costs regarding the creation of an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in the State.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

Initiative: Provides funding for one limited-period Office Assistant II position and related costs to compile an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate possessed by any public entity in the State in an amount of 5 gallons or more and to solicit similar information from private entities.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$74,834	\$75,480
All Other	\$10,898	\$10,898
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,732	\$86,378

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 112  
H.P. 509 - L.D. 802**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Health and  
Human Services to Design a  
Mentoring Program for Youth  
Who Have Extended Care and  
Support Agreements with the  
Department**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services contract for mentoring program. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its contract CFS-25-627 with the Youth Leadership Advisory Team at the University of Southern Maine to increase the contract by \$20,000 to evaluate mentoring program options for youth who have extended care and support agreements with the department pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4037-A. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team shall research mentoring programs that are evidence-based to recommend a mentoring program model to the department. The mentoring program must include training requirements for supporting youth transitioning out of extended care and support agreements for mentors, staff and youth, as well as multiple data collection points and data analysis. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team shall consult with youth who currently have extended care and support agreements or have had extended care and support agreements in the past. The amendment to the contract must allow for compensation, including supplies and travel, for youth who are involved in the development of the mentoring program. The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, no later than January 2, 2027, with recommendations for a mentoring program. The report must include the recommendations from the Youth Leadership Advisory Team, descriptions of youth viewpoints and the department's response to the recommendations. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to evaluate mentoring program options for youth with extended care and support agreements under an existing contract.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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All Other	\$20,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 113  
H.P. 637 - L.D. 977**

**Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services**

**Preamble.** Whereas, continuing workforce challenges have contributed to a gap between home and community-based services that are authorized and those that are delivered under the MaineCare program and state-funded programs; and

**Whereas,** consistent measurement of this care gap is critical to understanding whether the gap is expanding or contracting and whether policy interventions are needed; and

**Whereas,** the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have published Medicaid home and community-based services gap measures that states will be required to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Health Data Organization has expertise that uniquely qualifies it to calculate valid and complex health care measures; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Maine Health Data Organization to develop measurement plan. Resolved:** That the Maine Health Data Organization shall develop a plan for annual measurement of the State's home and community-based services care gap, using claims and care authorization data that currently exist. The plan must ensure that the measures meet federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services data requirements and are therefore comparable to measures submitted by other states. As used in this resolve, "care gap" means the difference between the home and community-based services individuals are authorized to receive and the services they actually receive under the following MaineCare provisions and state-funded programs: the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 40, 65, 92 and 96; and 10-149 C.M.R. Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Sections 61, 63, 68 and 69 as well as any rules that are adopted to provide services under the lifespan program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5003-B.

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to provide sample data. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide sample data related to care gap measurement to the Maine Health Data Organization on request for use in developing the measurement plan in section 1.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Maine Health Data Organization shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2026 outlining available data, data gaps and the estimated cost of creating and implementing an annual measurement of the care gap that meets federal reporting requirements pursuant to section 1. The report may include recommendations regarding responsibilities for ongoing data collection, tracking and reporting.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for data system work to provide data to the Maine Health Data Organization.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,620	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,620	\$0

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$18,620	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,620	\$0

<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$18,620</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$18,620</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$37,240</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE**

**Maine Health Data Organization 0848**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract a consultant to assist the Maine Health Data Organization to comply with the provisions of this legislation.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$45,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$45,000	\$0
<b>HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$45,000	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$45,000	\$0
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>		
	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$18,620	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$18,620	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$45,000	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$82,240	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 114**

**S.P. 441 - L.D. 1023**

**Resolve, to Reestablish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century**

**Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall convene the Blue Economy Task Force, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," to support the State's emergence as a center for blue economy innovation and opportunity in the 21st century.

As used in this resolve, "blue economy" means business sectors that rely on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic health, improved livelihoods, jobs or ecosystem health, and "sustainable" means practices that support the economic growth of a community while maintaining or improving the health of marine ecosystems and without negatively impacting social, environmental and cultural aspects of the community.

**Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 23 members as follows.

1. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall appoint 2 members of the House of Representatives, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature. Members appointed by the President of the Senate and

the Speaker of the House serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authority.

2. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall appoint 19 members.

A. Members appointed by the commissioner serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and must include representatives of public and private research institutions, businesses that are innovating in various blue economy sectors, fisheries businesses, aquaculture businesses and equity investors in blue economy businesses. The commissioner shall ensure that a majority of the members of the task force membership appointed pursuant to this subsection represent a blue economy business or an entity directly involved in the commercialization of blue economy-related research and innovation.

B. The commissioner shall to the greatest extent practicable ensure that members who served on the Blue Economy Task Force, as established by Resolve 2023, chapter 119 and referred to in this resolve as "the prior task force," are provided an opportunity to serve on the task force established by this resolve. If a member of the prior task force is unable or unwilling to serve on the task force established in section 1, the commissioner shall ensure that the member appointed to serve on the task force in that prior member's place represents the same interests or background as the prior member.

3. The President of the Maine Technology Institute or the president's designee shall serve as a member of the task force.

The appointing authorities identified in this section shall ensure that all appointments are made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall appoint 2 cochairs from among the task force's members, one who is employed by a state agency and one who is not employed by a state agency. The cochairs shall set the schedule and agenda for task force meetings and preside at the meetings.

**Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force has, but is not limited to, the following duties.

1. The task force shall develop recommendations for the establishment of the Center for the Blue Economy, referred to in this section as "the center," which must include, but is not limited to:

A. An organizational structure and budget for the ongoing funding of the center;

B. A requirement that the center be either housed within an existing institution, such as the University of Maine System, or as a stand-alone, independent entity; and

C. The scope of the authorities and responsibilities of the center, which may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Supporting businesses and other institutions in the State to build on the blue economy advantages of and reduce the obstacles to further development of the blue economy in the State identified by the prior task force in its report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 119, section 6;
- (2) Advancing research and development and supporting innovation in the blue economy, including the financing of innovations and growth in blue economy output and employment;
- (3) Promoting communication and collaboration among blue economy institutions and businesses;
- (4) Providing common services to blue economy businesses and institutions, including research support and access to journals and technologies such as laboratories, 3-D printing and data management; and
- (5) Supporting the development of blue economy sectors as outlined in current or future sector-specific development plans and roadmaps.

2. The task force shall recommend improvements and expansions of blue economy workforce education and training to encompass the elementary and secondary school system and public and private institutions of higher education.

**Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide necessary staffing assistance to the task force. At the request of the task force, other state agencies and state entities shall provide information and analysis to assist the task force in its deliberations and reporting.

**Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved:** That the task force may accept grants, private contributions and any other outside funding to support the task force in carrying out its duties.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall prepare and submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development no later than December 3, 2025. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Blue Economy Task Force N546**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to match funds for research, development and other support to the blue economy.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Maine Technology Capacity Fund N545**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of money received from public or private sources.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$100,500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115**

**H.P. 854 - L.D. 1279**

**Resolve, Establishing the Biotoxin Testing of Cultured Scallops Pilot Program**

**Sec. 1. Biotoxin Testing of Cultured Scallops Pilot Program established. Resolved:** That the Biotoxin Testing of Cultured Scallops Pilot Program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," is established until December 31, 2027. The Department of Marine Resources, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall oversee the program. The purpose of the program is to conduct biotoxin testing of whole cultured scallops or the roe of cultured scallops in the same manner as the testing for other cultured mollusks under the Marine Shellfish Toxins Monitoring Program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6076, including using high-performance liquid chromatography testing. The department shall provide

logistical support to a commercial fisheries business engaged in scallop aquaculture in conducting the testing under this section, including providing transportation of samples to be tested from a facility in the municipality in which the grower is located to the testing site. For the purposes of this section, "high-performance liquid chromatography testing" means a testing technique in analytical chemistry that uses high-pressure pumps to separate, identify and quantify specific components in mixtures. The program may not conduct testing on cultured scallops or the roe of cultured scallops grown on limited-purpose aquaculture license sites.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the department shall submit a report on each year of the program, by January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2028, respectively, detailing the number of commercial fisheries businesses using the testing under section 1, the overall impact on the scallop aquaculture industry, including economic growth and cultured scallop landings, and recommendations for further improvements or expansions of the testing under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. The committee may report out a bill based on the 2028 report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Bureau of Public Health Z154**

Initiative: Provides funding for a pilot program testing scallops for biotoxins for fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 116**

**H.P. 878 - L.D. 1355**

**Resolve, to Require the  
Governor's Energy Office to  
Study Taxation of Renewable  
Energy Infrastructure**

**Sec. 1. Governor's Energy Office to examine and evaluate system of taxation of renewable energy infrastructure and possible adoption of uniform capacity tax for renewable energy infrastructure. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office shall examine and evaluate the current system of taxation of renewable energy infrastructure and

possible adoption of a uniform capacity tax for renewable energy infrastructure. The study must include an examination and evaluation of:

1. The current statutory framework for the application of personal and real property taxes on renewable energy infrastructure, including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaic systems, wind energy development and battery energy storage systems;
2. The history of municipal and county taxation of renewable energy infrastructure in the State, as well as in other states;
3. How tax revenue from new renewable energy infrastructure projects may affect state-municipal revenue-sharing formulas, including the effect of renewable energy infrastructure value depreciation;
4. Whether renewable energy infrastructure presents special difficulties with identifying just value;
5. What tax amount per megawatt of electric generation capacity of renewable energy infrastructure projects, if any, would fairly compensate municipalities without making such projects unviable;
6. The current use, complexity, cost and appropriateness of programs such as tax increment financing and credit enhancement agreements for renewable energy infrastructure and whether an alternative program may benefit municipalities, counties and renewable energy infrastructure development in the State; and
7. Whether a uniform taxation of renewable energy infrastructure and exclusion of such revenue from state-municipal revenue-sharing formulas may encourage renewable energy infrastructure development, advance the State's clean energy goals and benefit municipalities and counties in the State.

The Governor's Energy Office shall consult with the Office of Tax Policy, representatives from the renewable energy industry and other experts in the State and municipal and county officials with relevant experience and solicit public comments on the study. No later than November 4, 2026, the Governor's Energy Office shall submit a report, including findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation, based on the study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office may receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the study required under section 1. The Governor's Energy Office shall disclose its sources of funding as part of the report required in section 1. The Governor's Energy Office is not required under this resolve to undertake work

for which it does not have or has not received sufficient funding.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 117

### H.P. 926 - L.D. 1404

#### **Resolve, to Create a Working Group on the Status of School Libraries and on Public Libraries in Maine**

**Sec. 1. State Librarian to convene working group. Resolved:** That the State Librarian shall convene a working group on the status of school libraries and public libraries in the State, referred to in this resolve as "the working group."

**Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That the working group consists of 15 members as follows:

1. The State Librarian;
2. The President of the Maine Library Association or the president's designee;
3. The President of the Maine Association of School Libraries or the president's designee;
4. A representative of the Maine Principals' Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;
5. A representative from the Maine School Superintendents Association, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;
6. Three representatives of nonprofit public libraries, who must be from libraries of different sizes and from different regions of the State and one of whom must be a member of that representative's library governing board, appointed by the President of the Maine Library Association;
7. Two representatives of municipal public libraries, who must be from libraries of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the President of the Maine Library Association;
8. Three representatives of public school libraries, who must be from schools of different sizes and from different regions of the State, appointed by the board of the Maine Association of School Libraries;
9. One staff member of the Department of Education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education; and
10. One staff member from the library development division within the Maine State Library, appointed by the State Librarian.

**Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the State Librarian is the chair of the working group.

**Sec. 4. Convening of working group. Resolved:** That the chair shall call the first meeting of the working group within 45 days of the effective date of this resolve. A majority of the working group membership constitutes a quorum. The member of the working group who is a staff member from the library development division within the Maine State Library shall take minutes at each meeting, which must be posted on the Maine State Library's publicly accessible website within 5 business days of the meeting.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall study:

1. Library services for specific segments of the State's population, including individuals 55 years of age and older, individuals with disabilities, youth and children, immigrant and migrant communities, tribal communities and individuals residing in remote areas of the State;
2. The role that libraries play in emergency preparedness; cultural diversity and inclusion; public health and safety; community identity and resiliency; economic development; and access to public services and resources; and
3. The current overall status of public and school libraries in the State, which may include information related to partnerships, resources, facilities, technology and staffing.

In the performance of its duties under this section, the working group shall solicit input from the general public and library users across the State.

**Sec. 6. Study guidance. Resolved:** That, in performing the duties under section 5, the working group may:

1. Assess current community, county and state partnerships with public and school libraries and identify gap areas and potential additional partners, including an assessment of regional partnerships based on areas of need in each region;
2. Study the size and diversity of library holdings and assess the strengths of and gaps in materials available to residents of the State, including an assessment of how resources are shared across different libraries and communities and how to best find economies of scale through shared resources among public and school libraries;
3. Study the status of public and school library facilities across the State, with a focus on how to improve accessibility, safety and energy efficiency while still accounting for historic preservation and local community needs;
4. Study whether public and school libraries in the State have sufficient access to basic technological resources, cybersecurity resources, electronic catalogs,

interlibrary loan services and appropriate hardware and software to address community member needs;

5. Study staffing levels at public and school libraries in the State, whether staffing levels are sufficient to meet user needs, how libraries use volunteers and what resources are available for workforce development and training of library staff;

6. Solicit input from the Maine Library Commission; and

7. Examine models for library management and organization in other states, including the formation of statewide service networks.

**Sec. 7. Staff assistance; mileage reimbursement. Resolved:** That the Maine State Library shall provide administrative, technical and legal assistance to the working group, including contracting with an outside facilitator with experience in leading community and library discussions to assist the State Librarian with meeting facilitation and organization.

Members of the working group are entitled to mileage reimbursement from the Maine State Library for travel to in-person meetings at the same rate as under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8 for not more than 12 meetings.

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 1, 2027, the State Librarian shall submit a report based on the study under section 5 for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The report must include:

1. Specific and detailed findings and proposals concerning the issues studied by the working group;

2. Recommendations for updating the Maine Revised Statutes, agency rules and governance structures of public and school libraries in the State to ensure equitable access for residents of the State, efficient use of resources and high quality in the provision of services;

3. Recommendations related to the funding needs of public and school libraries in the State, including capital, ongoing and special funding; and

4. Any other information or recommendations the working group determines necessary to include in the report.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only for the cost of contracting with an outside facilitator with experience in leading community and library discussions and to reimburse working group members for mileage.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$9,000	\$9,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 118**

**H.P. 942 - L.D. 1433**

**Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program**

**Sec. 1. Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program established. Resolved:** That the Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," is established. The Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine shall oversee the program and consult with Volunteer Maine and the Maine College of Engineering and Computing at the University of Maine. The purpose of the program is to provide expertise in engineering, planning and permitting to restore and protect the State's working waterfront and other vulnerable infrastructure.

**Sec. 2. Length of program; number of program participants; program service activity and member development. Resolved:** That the program established under section 1 begins in the 2026-2027 academic year and lasts through the 2027-2028 academic year. The program must include 5 students each academic year for a total of 10 students for the duration of the program. Program participants may be undergraduate or graduate students. Program participants shall conduct vulnerability assessments and other analyses of the working waterfront and other essential working waterfront infrastructure threatened by extreme weather. Program participants shall complete projects that may be semester service-learning or summer term projects. Program participants shall engage with municipalities or other partners in the projects. Program participants must receive education about permitting requirements and funding opportunities to better understand how projects progress from proposal to implementation. Program participants must be exposed to careers in municipalities.

**Sec. 3. Maine Sea Grant at University of Maine to issue interim report; final report. Resolved:** That the Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine shall provide an interim report on the program by December 1, 2027 detailing the first year of the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine shall provide a final report by November 1, 2028 detailing the final year of the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. Each report submitted by the Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine must include recommendations, including suggested legislation. Each joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the contents of each report in the session of the Legislature following submission of each report.

**Sec. 4. Maine Commission for Community Service to study feasibility of developing higher education service corps program. Resolved:** That the Maine Commission for Community Service, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy shall collaborate to conduct a feasibility study to examine the expansion of existing service programs and the creation of a higher education service corps program that focuses on:

1. Coastal issues;
2. Transportation;
3. Energy;
4. Housing;
5. Land and freshwater preservation;
6. Community resilience;
7. Education; and
8. Public health.

The feasibility study must also examine economic development and consider whether the higher education service corps program will operate out of each campus at the University of Maine, described in Title 20-A, section 10901-A, each campus of the Maine Community College System, described in Title 20-A, section 10901-A, and the Maine Maritime Academy. The Maine Commission for Community Service shall submit a report on the feasibility study to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 3, 2025. Each joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the content

of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program to provide expertise in engineering, planning and permitting to restore and protect the State's working waterfront and other vulnerable infrastructure.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$90,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$90,000

See title page for effective date.



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**CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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(There were none.)



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INITIATED BILL OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY  
THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
AND APPROVED AT REFERENDUM

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CHAPTER 4  
I.B. 5 - L.D. 2232

**An Act to Limit Contributions  
to Political Action Committees  
That Make Independent  
Expenditures**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

**2-C. Contributions by individuals to political action committees making independent expenditures.** An individual may not make contributions aggregating more than \$5,000 in any calendar year to a political action committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures under section 1019-B, subsection 1. Beginning December 1, 2024, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-D** is enacted to read:

**2-D. Contributions by political action committees and business entities to political action committees making independent expenditures.** A leadership political action committee, a separate segregated fund committee, a caucus political action committee, any other political action committee or any business entity may not make contributions aggregating more than \$5,000 in any calendar year to a political action committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures under section 1019-B, subsection 1. Beginning December 1, 2024, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be

used as a guide for candidates. For purposes of this subsection, "business entity" includes a firm, partnership, corporation, incorporated association, labor organization or other organization, whether organized as a for-profit or a nonprofit entity.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §12, is further amended to read:

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of the total contributions from each contributor, each expenditure in excess of \$250 in any one candidate's election, the date and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. The report must state whether the expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must include, under penalty of unsworn falsification, as provided in Title 17-A, section 453, a statement whether the expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate.

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Segregated contributions required.** A political action committee may use only funds received in compliance with section 1015, subsection 2-C or 2-D when making independent expenditures. A political action committee that makes independent expenditures shall keep an account of any contributions received for the purpose of making those expenditures.

Effective December 25, 2024.

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**JOINT STUDY ORDERS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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(There were none.)



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**REVISOR'S REPORT  
2023**

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**CHAPTER 2  
PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 1 MRSA §1016-C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 324, §1, is corrected to read:

**§1016-C. Reports by legislative candidates**

A candidate, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 5, for the Legislature who is not required to file a report under section 1016-G shall file a report containing the same information required of Legislators under section 1016-G no later than 5 p.m. on August 15th preceding the general election unless the candidate withdraws from the election in accordance with Title 21-A, section 374-A by that date. A candidate shall file statements electronically as is required of Legislators under section 1016-G, subsection 5. If the candidate fails to file the statement by the August 15th, the commission may assess penalties in accordance with section 1016-G, subsection 3.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§3, ¶H**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 415, §4, is corrected to read:

H. Work with transmission and distribution utilities, state agencies involved in the permitting of energy generation facilities and other relevant entities to negotiate agreements that create value for electricity consumers with developers of renewable generation who are interested in building energy generation facilities or developing or utilizing energy transmission infrastructure in this State. This paragraph does not authorize the director to be a signatory to any such agreement unless that authority is otherwise granted by law.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-3. 4 MRSA §1806, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 638, §17, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

Information received by the commission from the Judicial Department under this subsection remains confidential in the possession of the commission and is not open to public inspection, except that the names of criminal defendants and the names of juvenile defendants charged with offenses that, if committed by an adult would constitute murder or a Class A, Class B or Class C crime, are not confidential.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a grammatical change.

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**Sec. A-4. 4 MRSA §1902, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is corrected to read:

**1. Acknowledgement Acknowledgment.** "Acknowledgment" means a declaration by an individual before a notarial officer that the individual has signed a record for the purpose stated in the record and, if the record is signed in a representative capacity, that the individual signed the record with proper authority and signed it as the act of the individual or entity identified in the record.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-5. 4 MRSA §1904, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is corrected to read:

**4. Acts of notarial officer who is interested in corporation.** Any notarial officer who is a stockholder, director, officer or employee of a bank or other corporation may take the ~~acknowledgement~~ acknowledgment of any party to any written instrument executed to or by the bank or corporation, may administer an oath to any other stockholder, director, officer, employee or agent of the bank or corporation or may protest for nonacceptance or nonpayment bills of exchange, drafts, checks, notes and other negotiable instruments that may be owned or held for collection by the bank or other corporation. It is unlawful for any notarial officer to take the acknowledgment of an instrument by or to a bank or other corporation of which the notarial officer is a stockholder, director, officer or employee when the notarial officer is a party to the instrument, either individually or as a representative of the bank or other corporation, or to protest any negotiable instrument owned or held for collection by the bank or other corporation, when the notarial officer is individually a party to the instrument.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-6. 4 MRSA §1905, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is corrected to read:

**1. Acknowledgement Acknowledgment of a record.** A notarial officer who takes an acknowledgment of a record shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and making the acknowledgment has the identity claimed and that the signature on the record is the signature of the individual.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-7. 4 MRSA §1915, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is corrected to read:

**4. Remote acknowledgement acknowledgment of tangible record.** A notarial officer located in this State may use communication technology under subsection 3 to take an acknowledgment of a signature on a tangible record physically present before the notarial officer if the record is displayed to and identified by the remotely located individual during the audiovisual recording under subsection 3, paragraph C.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-8. 5 MRSA §90-H,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 569, §1, is reallocated to 5 MRSA §90-I.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 545 and 569, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

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**Sec. A-9. 5 MRSA §158,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 545, §2, is reallocated to 5 MRSA §159.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Initiated Bill 2023, chapter 1 and Public Law 2023, chapter 545, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

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**Sec. A-10. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §23, is corrected to read:

**2. Coverage.** Each state employee to whom this section applies is eligible for a group health plan as provided in Title 24-A, sections 2802 to ~~2812~~ 2812-A, including major medical benefits or through a self-funded alternative. The provisions of the group insurance policy or policies or the self-funded alternative must be determined, insofar as the provisions are not inconsistent

with terms and conditions contained in collective bargaining agreements negotiated pursuant to Title 26, chapter 9-B, by the State Employee Health Commission as provided in section 285-A. The master policy for the group health plan must be held by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

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**Sec. A-11. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§12, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. DDDD, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) ~~Section Title 3, section~~ 851, which governs legislative retirement;

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

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**Sec. A-12. 5 MRSA §1511,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 422, §1, is corrected to read:

**§1511. Loan Insurance Reserve**

The State Controller may, at the close of each fiscal year, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to section 1507, transfer from the ~~Unappropriated Surplus~~ unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Loan Insurance Reserve amounts as may be available from time to time, up to an amount of \$1,000,000 per year after the transfers have been made pursuant to section 1507. The balance of this reserve must be paid to the Finance Authority of Maine if such payment does not cause the balance in the reserve fund maintained by the authority, when added to amounts held in the Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund that are not committed or encumbered for another purpose, to exceed \$50,000,000. Any balance in the Loan Insurance Reserve is appropriated for this purpose.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-13. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-K,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 683, Pt. A, §1, is reallocated to 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-L.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 643 and 683, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

**Sec. A-14. 5 MRSA §13302**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 683, Pt. A, §2, is corrected to read:

**§13302. Social Equity Program Advisory Committee**

The Social Equity Program Advisory Committee, established by section 12004-I, subsection ~~6-K~~ 6-L and referred to in this chapter as "the advisory committee," serves to advise the department on the development and implementation of the program. The advisory committee has 5 members who are members of impacted communities. Two members of the advisory committee are appointed by the President of the Senate and 3 members are appointed by the Speaker of the House. The first-named member appointed by the Speaker of the House is the chair of the advisory committee. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee, shall convene the advisory committee as necessary to carry out its advisory duties.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

**Sec. A-15. 5 MRSA §20058, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. LLL, §1, is corrected to read:

**6. Rules.** The Maine State Housing Authority may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in ~~Title 5~~, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

**Sec. A-16. 7 MRSA §219-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 528, §2, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Food other than shelf-stable food items as determined by the department by rule;

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

**Sec. A-17. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§13-B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 635, §1, is reallocated to 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§13-C.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 549 and 635, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

**Sec. A-18. 10 MRSA §21, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 616, §3, is corrected to read:

**8. Duties.** The commission shall work to advance bilateral trade and investment between Maine and the island of Ireland; initiate joint action of policy issues of mutual interest to Maine and the island of Ireland; promote business and academic exchanges between Maine and the island of Ireland; encourage mutual economic support between Maine and the island of Ireland; encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Maine and the island of Ireland; and address other issues as determined by the commission.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-19. 11 MRSA §9-1338, sub-§(2)**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 669, Pt. A, §131 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is corrected to read:

(2). A purchaser, other than a secured party, of the collateral takes free of the security interest or agricultural lien to the extent that, in reasonable reliance upon the incorrect information, the purchaser gives value and:

(a). In the case of tangible documents, goods, instruments or a security certificate, receives possession or delivery of the collateral ~~and~~; and

(b). In the case of chattel paper, takes possession of each authoritative tangible copy of the record evidencing the chattel paper and obtains control of each authoritative electronic copy of the electronic record evidencing the chattel paper.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

**Sec. A-20. 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§8-A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 623, §1, is reallocated to 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§8-B.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 602 and 623, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

**Sec. A-21. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§10, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 452, §8, is corrected to read:

E. Failure or refusal to stop an ATV or attempting to elude an officer, as prohibited under section 10651, subsection 1, paragraphs D and E, failure or refusal to stop a snowmobile or attempting to elude

an officer, as prohibited under section 10651, subsection ~~1-E~~ 1, paragraph E, or failure or refusal to stop a watercraft or attempting to elude an officer, as prohibited under section 10651, subsection ~~1-E~~ 1, paragraph E.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects cross-references.

**Sec. A-22. 14 MRSA §158-C, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 351, §2, is corrected to read:

C. "Sexual assault or sexual exploitation of a minor" means any crime described in Title 17-A, ~~chapter~~ chapter 11 or 12 against a minor.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a grammatical change.

**Sec. A-23. 15 MRSA §714, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 394, Pt. A, §5, is corrected to read:

B. A person who viewed or listened to the intercepted communication and did not immediately discontinue viewing or listening to the communication as soon as the person had sufficient information to determine that the sender or the recipient of the communication was, at the time the communication was made, a resident in a jail or correctional facility and the other ~~part party~~ party was an attorney, is disqualified from participating in an investigation of the resident and from appearing as a witness in a criminal proceeding in which the resident is a defendant, including a proceeding under chapter 305-A; and

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-24. 15 MRSA §891, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §6 and affected by §65, is corrected to read:

**2. Exceptions.** This section does not apply to the crime or juvenile crime of refusing to submit to arrest or detention as defined by Title 17-A, section ~~751-A~~ 751-B, to any crime or juvenile crime in which the alleged victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, chapter 103 or to any juvenile who has previously been adjudicated of a juvenile crime or who has previously obtained relief under this section with respect to a juvenile petition.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

**Sec. A-25. 17-A MRSA §1807, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §11, is corrected to read:

**4. Findings or explanation required in certain cases when completion of domestic violence intervention program is not ordered as a condition of probation.** If an individual is convicted of a crime under chapter 9 or 13 or section 758 that the State pleads and proves was committed by the individual against a spouse, domestic partner or sexual partner; a former spouse, domestic partner or sexual partner; a victim with whom the individual is living or lived as a spouse; or a victim who is or was a dating partner of the individual and the court does not order as a condition of probation that the individual complete a domestic violence intervention program certified pursuant to Title 19-A, section ~~4014~~ 4116, the court shall make findings on the record of the court's reasons for not ordering the individual to complete a certified domestic violence intervention program. If a plea agreement submitted to the court in accordance with Rule 11A(b) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure does not contain a provision ordering the individual to complete a certified domestic violence intervention program, the attorney for the State shall indicate, in a writing submitted to the court, the basis for the plea agreement's not including completion of a certified domestic violence intervention program as a condition of probation. For purposes of this subsection, "dating partner" means a victim currently or formerly involved in dating the individual, whether or not the individual and the victim are or were sexual partners.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

**Sec. A-26. 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 560, Pt. A, §1, is reallocated to 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2, ¶C.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapter 560, which enacted a provision using a letter designation that had been previously allocated.

**Sec. A-27. 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 560, Pt. A, §1, is reallocated to 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§2, ¶D.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapter 560, which enacted a provision using a letter designation that had been previously allocated.

**Sec. A-28. 20-A MRSA §7209, sub-§4, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 643, Pt. W, §15, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

- (2) Monthly actual and budgeted expenditures by funding source and by expenditure category for the prior month; and

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-29. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§4, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 434, §7, is corrected to read:

C. The department may impose a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 for each violation of this chapter on a person or business entity who operates a temporary nurse agency and who fails to:

- (1) Meet the documentation requirements or make available to the department a record described in ~~section~~ subsection 1-B; or
- (2) Provide an annual report that includes the documentation required by ~~section~~ subsection 1-D.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects cross-references.

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**Sec. A-30. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15, ¶B,** as corrected by RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §10, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

- (3) Meet licensing standards consistent with those required by ~~Title 22~~, section 2145, subsections 3 and 4; and

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-31. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§14, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is corrected to read:

A. Specially designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for a typical child under ~~5 years~~ 5 years of age to open and not to be significantly difficult for a typical adult to open and reseal; and

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-32. 22 MRSA §3174-NNN,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 597, §15, is reallocated to 22 MRSA §3174-000.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 576 and 597, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

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**Sec. A-33. 22 MRSA §5404, sub-§2, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 653, Pt. A, §1, is corrected to read:

D. Initially and subsequently as needed assess and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance coverage matters on the feasibility and cost of the State's using the federal platform as described in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 155.200(f) compared to the State's performing all the functions of a state-based marketplace as described in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 155.200. These reports must consider the availability of federal grants, whether existing user fees are sufficient to create and operate state-run functions and whether use of a state-run platform would improve the accessibility and affordability of health insurance in the State.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-34. 24-A MRSA §601, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 203, §1, is corrected to read:

**2. Charter documents, other than those filed with application for certificate of authority.** The fee: for filing by an insurer for a reservation of a name; in addition to any other fee, a late filing of any information required to be filed by a licensee; registration of a branch location; and filing any amendment to certificate of organization, articles or certificate of incorporation, charter, bylaws, power of attorney, as to reciprocal insurers, and other ~~constituent~~ constituent documents of the insurer may not exceed \$25;

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-35. 24-A MRSA §3411, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 299, §11, is corrected to read:

**2. Directors, other than initial directors named in the insurer's articles of ~~incorporation~~ incorporation,** must be elected by the members or stockholders of a domestic insurer at the annual meeting of stockholders or members. Directors may be elected for terms of not more than 3 years each and until their successors are elected and have qualified; and, if the directors are to be elected for terms of more than one year, the insurer's

bylaws may provide for a staggered term system under which the terms of a proportionate part of the members of the board of directors expire on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders or members. A directorship becoming vacant before expiration of the term may be filled by the board of directors for the remainder of the term.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-36. 24-A MRSA §3473, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 299, §15, is corrected to read:

D. The proposed conversion must be approved by affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of each class of outstanding securities of the insurer having voting rights, at a special meeting of holders of such securities called for the purpose; and at such meeting and by a like vote the certificate of organization or articles of incorporation of the corporation must be amended to remove from the certificate of organization or articles of incorporation the power to transact an insurance business as an insurer, to provide for such new powers and purposes authorized by the general corporation laws of this State as may be consistent with the purposes for which the corporation is thereafter to exist, and to make such further alterations in the certificate of organization or articles of ~~incorporation~~ incorporation as may be required under such general corporation laws of an ordinary business corporation;

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-37. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§4, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 680, Pt. A, §3 and affected by §10, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) Procedures for a provider actively treating an enrollee to act as an authorized representative of the enrollee within the meaning of section 4301-A, subsection 2, paragraph D and file a grievance on the enrollee's behalf as long as the provider notifies the enrollee in writing at least 14 days prior to filing a grievance and within 7 days after filing a grievance or withdrawing a grievance. The enrollee has the right to affirmatively object to a provider that has filed a grievance at any time, and the enrollee has the right to notify the health carrier at any time that the enrollee intends to take the place of the provider as a party to the grievance.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

**Sec. A-38. 24-A MRSA §4311, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 273, §3, is corrected to read:

**1-A. Access to clinically appropriate prescription drugs.** For plan years beginning on or after ~~the effective date of this subsection~~ March 19, 2019, a carrier must allow an enrollee, the enrollee's designee or the person who has issued a valid prescription for the enrollee to request and gain access to a clinically appropriate drug not otherwise covered by the health plan. The carrier's process must comply with section 4304 and with this subsection. If the carrier approves a request under this subsection for a drug not otherwise covered by the health plan, the carrier must treat the drug as an essential health benefit, including counting any cost sharing toward the plan's annual limit on cost sharing and including it when calculating the plan's actuarial value.

A. The carrier must determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has issued the valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 72 hours or 2 business days, whichever is less, following receipt of the request. A carrier that grants coverage under this paragraph must provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the prescription, including refills.

B. The carrier must have a process by which an expedited review may be requested in exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist when an enrollee is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, health or ability to regain maximum function or when an enrollee is undergoing a current course of treatment using a nonformulary drug. When an expedited review has been requested, the carrier must determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has provided a valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 24 hours following receipt of the request. A carrier that grants coverage under this paragraph must provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the exigency.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects the law to replace a general description of an effective date with the actual effective date.

**Sec. A-39. 25 MRSA §1666, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1965, c. 435, is corrected to read:

**2. Criminal intelligence bureau.** Establish and maintain a central criminal intelligence bureau to gather, evaluate and disseminate to the appropriate law enforcement officers of the party states information concerning organized crime, its leaders and their associates; and

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-40. 25 MRSA §2015,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 678, §1, is reallocated to 25 MRSA §2016.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 643 and 678, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

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**Sec. A-41. 28-B MRSA §102-A, sub-§27, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §3, is corrected to read:

B. Any employee, independent contractor, professional or other person who has an agreement with the applicant or licensee that provides for the person's attaining any form of equity ownership, except that employee equity ownership vested pursuant to an employee stock ownership program is governed by paragraph ~~E~~ D. If the other equity owner is a business entity, all business entities and natural persons that have an aggregate ownership interest in that other equity owner business entity of 5% or more are deemed to be indirect financial interests of the applicant or licensee;

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

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**Sec. A-42. 28-B MRSA §102-A, sub-§27, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §3, is reallocated to 28-B MRSA §102-A, sub-§27, ¶D.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapter 679, which enacted a provision using a letter designation that is out of order.

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**Sec. A-43. 28-B MRSA §503, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 676, §11 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is corrected to read:

**3. Compliance with testing protocols, standards and criteria.** A testing facility shall follow all testing protocols, standards and criteria adopted by rule by the ~~department~~ office for the testing of different forms of

cannabis and cannabis products; determining batch size; sampling; testing validity; and approval and disapproval of tested cannabis and cannabis products. A testing facility may use a sample collector for the collection of samples for mandatory testing as long as the testing facility's operating plan and standard operating procedures indicate the use of a sample collector for that purpose.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-44. 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶C-1,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 683, Pt. A, §3, is reallocated to 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶C-2.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 658 and 683, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same paragraph letter.

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**Sec. A-45. 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 658, §3 and c. 683, Pt. A, §4, is corrected to read:

D. Any funds remaining in the fund after expenditures made in accordance with paragraphs A to ~~C-1~~ C-2 must be used to fund:

(1) The cost of the tax deductions for business expenses related to carrying on a business as a cannabis establishment or a testing facility provided pursuant to Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph PP and Title 36, section 5200-A, subsection 2, paragraph BB. By June 1st annually, the State Tax Assessor shall determine the cost of those deductions during the prior calendar year and report that amount to the State Controller, who shall transfer that amount from the remaining funds in the fund to the General Fund; and

(2) The cost of the position in the Bureau of Revenue Services within the department to administer the tax deductions provided pursuant to Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph PP and Title 36, section 5200-A, subsection 2, paragraph BB. By June 1st annually, the commissioner shall determine the cost of the position in the bureau to administer those deductions during the prior calendar year and report that amount to the State Controller, who shall transfer that amount from the remaining funds in the fund to the General Fund.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a cross-reference.

**Sec. A-46. 30-A MRSA §3008, sub-§5, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 502, §11, is corrected to read:

B. A line extension policy, which must specify a minimum density requirement of no more than an average of 15 residences per linear strand mile of aerial cable for areas in which the video service provider will make cable television service available to every residence. A strand mile under this paragraph is measured from the end of the current cable system strand installation;

A video service provider may not establish mandatory preconditions to be met by potential subscribers for the construction of a line extension on a municipal public right-of-way including, but not limited to, a requirement that a potential subscriber sign a contract for service in advance of the construction of the line extension. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits a video service provider from requiring payment of cost sharing from potential subscribers prior to construction of a line extension in accordance with a line extension policy required by this paragraph;

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes technical corrections.

**Sec. A-47. 32 MRSA §85,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 587, §1 and c. 646, Pt. A, §40, is corrected by correcting the section headnote to read:

**§85. Emergency medical services persons**

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-48. 32 MRSA §7085, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 674, §1, is corrected to read:

**4. Bachelor's category Bachelor's-category requirements.** An applicant for a bachelor's-category multistate license shall:

A. Fulfill a competency requirement, which must be satisfied by:

- (1) Passage of a bachelor's-category qualifying national examination;
- (2) Licensure of the applicant in the applicant's home state at the bachelor's category, beginning prior to the time a qualifying national examination was required by the home state and accompanied by a period of continuous social work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the rules of the commission; or

- (3) The substantial equivalency of the competency requirements in subparagraphs (1) and (2) that the commission may determine by rule; and

B. Attain at least a bachelor's degree in social work from a program that is:

- (1) Operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing authority; and
- (2) Accredited, or in candidacy by an institution that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor organization, or the United States Department of Education.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-49. 32 MRSA §13831, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 170, §2, is corrected to read:

**2. Administration of other vaccines.** A pharmacist licensed in this State who meets the qualifications and requirements of section 13832 and rules adopted by the board, in addition to influenza vaccines under subsection 1, may administer vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or successor organization, for administration to a person 18 years of age or older. A pharmacist may administer vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or successor organization, for administration to a person 3 years of age or older and under 18 years of age according to a valid prescription from a prescriber licensed under ~~chapters~~ chapter 31, 36 or 48. A pharmacist may administer vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or successor organization, for administration to a person 18 years of age or older according to a valid prescription if the prescription specifically states that the vaccine is medically necessary.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a grammatical change and corrects a clerical error.

**Sec. A-50. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§6, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 585, §2 and c. 602, §4, is corrected to read:

B. Any means other than a public way, in which case the seller shall disclose information about who is responsible for maintenance of the means of access, including any responsible road association, if known by the seller; ~~and~~

#### EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-51. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§7, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 585, §3, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event that results in flooding as described in subparagraph (1), division (a);

#### EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

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**Sec. A-52. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 602, §5, is reallocated to 33 MRSA §173, sub-§8.

#### EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 585 and 602, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

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**Sec. A-53. 34-B MRSA §1218-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. TTTT, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Eligibility.** This subsection governs eligibility for therapeutic counseling services under the program. Eligibility is limited to individuals who are former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and who attended or graduated before July 1, 2001.

#### EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-54. 35-A MRSA §310, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 168, §4, is corrected to read:

**3. Exception: Municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities and consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities.** This section and section 307, subsection 3 ~~does~~ do not apply to:

A. Municipal or quasi-municipal corporations that are water utilities within the definition of section 102, any provisions in any charter notwithstanding, and that elect to proceed pursuant to the terms of section 6104 or 6104-A, unless by the express terms of section 6104 or 6104-A the provisions of this section are made applicable to those corporations;

A-1. Municipal or quasi-municipal corporations that are water utilities within the definition of section 102, any provisions in any charter notwithstanding, and that file a change in a schedule pursuant to section 307 that changes rates, tolls or charges for service other than the provision of water, only if the cumulative revenue impact of all such changes that become effective within any consecutive 12-month period does not exceed 1% of the utility's total annual revenue; or

B. Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities organized in accordance with chapter 35, unless by the express terms of chapter 35 the provisions of this section are made applicable to those districts.

#### EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-55. 35-A MRSA §3209-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §5, is corrected to read:

A. "Benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing" means all benefits determined by the commission to be reasonably attributable to distributed generation projects under ~~section~~ sections 3209-A and 3209-B, including but not limited to:

(1) Avoided energy and capacity costs. In determining avoided energy and capacity costs, the commission shall use reasonable estimates of energy and capacity market prices and account for transmission and distribution line losses. The commission may determine different avoided costs for different time periods, including, but not limited to, peak and off-peak periods and summer and winter periods;

(2) Avoided transmission and distribution costs. In determining avoided transmission and distribution costs, the commission shall use estimates of the marginal transmission and distribution costs and may determine different avoided costs for different time periods;

- (3) Avoided fossil fuel costs. The commission shall determine avoided fossil fuel costs based on estimated reductions in oil, gas or other fossil fuel use and estimated market prices for these fuels;
- (4) Avoided transmission and distribution line losses;
- (5) Demand reduction induced price effects;
- (6) Transmission and distribution plant extensions or upgrades funded by net energy billing customers; and
- (7) Any other benefits identified by the commission.

**EXPLANATION**

This section makes a grammatical change.

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**Sec. A-56. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 535, §1, is corrected to read:

**3. Incentive program established; eligibility.** In accordance with the provisions of this section, the trust shall establish and administer a program that provides incentives for the purchase or lease of electric vehicles. A person may apply for and, as resources within the fund allow, receive an incentive for an electric vehicle, subject to eligibility requirements established by the trust. Eligibility criteria for the vehicle must include that the vehicle is a battery electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle; the vehicle is purchased, or leased for a term of 36 months or more, from an authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer or a licensed automobile dealer in the State or from its original equipment manufacturer, wherever located; and, to the extent required by Title 29-A, chapter 5, the vehicle is registered in the State. An automobile, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 7, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds or less is not eligible for the program if it has a manufacturer's suggested retail price greater than \$55,000. To the extent funds are available, the trust may extend program eligibility to medium duty vehicles and heavy duty vehicles that are battery electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and to electric bicycles. Eligibility requirements for the recipient of the incentive must include that the recipient attests to a commitment to maintain a registration in this State to the extent required by Title 29-A, chapter 5, whether through purchase or lease, of the eligible electric vehicle for at least 36 months from the date of purchase or lease. The trust may require a recipient of an incentive under this section who does not maintain a registration in this State of the eligible electric vehicle for at least 36 months to repay the trust up to the full amount of the incentive. If the trust extends program eligibility to electric bicycles, the trust shall limit the electric bicycle incentives to re-

cipients who are low-income and moderate-income individuals and to entities that serve those individuals, as determined by the trust. For a recipient to receive an incentive for the purchase of an electric bicycle under the program, the electric bicycle must serve as the recipient's principal means of commuting, as determined by the trust.

The trust shall establish the incentive amount for each eligible electric vehicle. The trust shall establish incentive amounts that it determines most effectively increase the use of eligible electric vehicles in the State to advance the State's carbon reduction targets and reduce transportation-related energy costs. For each model of an eligible electric vehicle, the trust may establish different incentive amounts based on the size of the vehicle battery. The trust may establish different incentive amounts for the purpose of providing reasonable opportunity for participation in the program across different customer groups and geographic areas. The trust may establish reasonable limits on the number of incentives per vehicle or per person.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

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**Sec. A-57. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 497, §1, is reallocated to 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§18.

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2023, chapters 497 and 531, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

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**Sec. A-58. PL 2023, c. 582, §1** is corrected to read:

**Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2024-25 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$284,273
Education	\$15,658,904
Forest Fire Protection	\$120,000
Human Services - General Assistance	\$55,000
Property Tax Assessment	\$1,430,283
Maine Land Use Planning Commission	\$727,923
<b>TOTAL STATE AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$18,276,383</b>

County Reimbursements for Services	
Aroostook	\$2,332,958
Franklin	\$1,432,782
Hancock	\$164,355
Kennebec	\$12,620
Lincoln	\$83,837
Oxford	\$1,854,047
Penobscot	\$1,999,755
Piscataquis	\$1,946,775
Somerset	\$2,724,299
Washington	\$1,589,668
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$14,141,096</b>
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	
<del>DISTRIBUTIONS</del> DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$3,189,868
<b>TOTAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$35,607,347</b>
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$35,607,347
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$550,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$300,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000
Use of Unassigned Fund	\$3,699,159
Balance	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,559,159</b>
DEDUCTIONS	
Education Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust Interest	\$110,000
Tuition and School	\$150,000
Transportation Charges	
Special - Teacher Retirement	\$250,000
Funding from State	
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE</b>	<b>\$510,000</b>
DEDUCTIONS	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$5,069,159</b>
<b>TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$30,538,188</b>
AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602)	

**EXPLANATION**

This section corrects a clerical error.

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. 5 MRSA §7, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 544, §1, is corrected to read:

The State may provide motor vehicles for the travel of state employees in a number to be determined by the Legislature. Each state department or commission head shall promulgate written policy concerning the use of state-owned motor vehicles, assigned to ~~his~~ that department or commission, ~~which shall~~. The policy must include, but not be limited to, a definition of the use of state-owned motor vehicles ~~which constitute~~ that constitutes use in the conduct of state business and ~~which that~~ distinguishes such use from private use.

**Sec. B-2. 5 MRSA §8-B**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §3-A, is corrected to read:

**§8-B. Housing**

It is the intent of the Legislature to discourage the construction, reconstruction and equipping of new housing facilities for state employees at state institutions and all other areas of State Government and to cause the termination of existing provision of housing facilities to state employees whenever other housing facilities are reasonably available to such employees and their residence elsewhere will not substantially impair the effective management and operation of the state department or institution by which such persons are employed. The housing facilities of each state department ~~shall~~ must be reviewed periodically by the state department involved, and the provision of any such housing facilities ~~shall~~ must be terminated whenever the above stated criteria are met. Except as otherwise provided, in each instance of the provision of housing facilities by the State, a rental charge ~~shall~~ must be made to cover the total operating cost of any such facility. These costs ~~shall~~ must include, but not be limited to, rates charged to the State, in operating such facility, for water, electricity, heat, telephone and furnishings and any other maintenance costs. Such costs ~~shall~~ may not include charges for telephones used primarily for state business. In determining the feasibility of any such facility, the department shall consider the availability of living facilities for its employees, particularly in the unorganized territory and rural areas of the State. ~~Any A~~ facility used on a seasonal basis ~~shall~~ must be partially exempt from rental charges, at the discretion of the department. ~~No A~~ charge ~~shall~~ may not be made for the provision of housing facilities when the state employee involved is required as a condition of ~~his~~ employment to reside in such housing facilities and when the state employee involved receives a salary less than the salary received by an employee at pay range 23, merit service step E of the compensation plan for classified employees.

**Sec. B-3. 5 MRSA §8-C, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 603, §3, is corrected to read:

~~No A~~ charge ~~shall~~ may not be made for the provision of meals to any state employee who eats such meals within the scope of ~~his~~ employment and in so doing serves a function of ~~his~~ that employment.

**Sec. B-4. 5 MRSA §18, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 734, §2, is corrected to read:

C. "Participate in ~~his~~ an official capacity" means to take part in reaching a decision or recommendation in a proceeding that is within the authority of the position ~~he holds~~ held by an executive employee.

**Sec. B-5. 5 MRSA §18, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §7, is corrected to read:

**2. Executive employee.** An executive employee commits a civil violation if ~~he~~ the executive employee personally and substantially participates in ~~his~~ an official capacity in any proceeding in which, to ~~his~~ the executive employee's knowledge, any of the following have a direct and substantial financial interest:

- A. ~~Himself, his~~ The executive employee or the executive employee's spouse or his dependent children;
- B. ~~His~~ The executive employee's partners;
- C. A person or organization with whom ~~he~~ the executive employee is negotiating or has agreed to an arrangement concerning prospective employment;
- D. An organization in which ~~he~~ the executive employee has a direct and substantial financial interest; or
- E. ~~Any~~ A person with whom the executive employee has been associated as a partner or a fellow shareholder in a professional service corporation pursuant to Title 13, chapter 22-A; during the preceding year.

**Sec. B-6. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 561, §14, is corrected to read:

I. "Relative" means an individual who is related to the executive employee or the executive employee's spouse as ~~father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, parent, child, sibling, sibling of a parent or that sibling's spouse, sibling of a grandparent or that sibling's spouse, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father in law, mother in law, son in law, daughter in law, brother in law, sister in law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother or half sister~~ child of a sibling, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, child-in-law, sibling-in-law, step-parent, stepchild, stepsibling or half sibling, and shall be ~~is~~ deemed to include the ~~fiance or fiancée~~ betrothed of the executive employee.

**Sec. B-7. 5 MRSA §19, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 734, §2, is corrected to read:

A. An elected executive employee shall file an initial report within 30 days of ~~his~~ the executive employee's election. An appointed executive employee shall file an initial report prior to confirmation by the Legislature.

**Sec. B-8. 5 MRSA §27, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 167, is corrected to read:

**2. Misrepresentations of state employees.** ~~Any~~ A state employee who represents ~~himself~~ oneself as a ~~spokesman~~ spokesperson or representative of a department or agency without the authorization of the commissioner or director of that organization ~~shall~~ is not be protected by the provisions of this chapter and ~~shall be~~ is subject to the penalty in subsection 3.

**Sec. B-9. 5 MRSA §28**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 167, is corrected to read:

**§28. Civil actions for injunctive relief or other remedies**

A state employee who alleges a violation of ~~his~~ that ~~employee's~~ rights under this chapter may bring a civil action, including an action for injunctive relief, within 120 days after the occurrence of that alleged violation. The action may be brought in the Superior Court for the county where the alleged violation occurred, the county where the complainant resides or the county where the person against whom the civil complaint is filed resides.

An employee ~~shall~~ must establish each and every element of ~~his~~ the case by a preponderance of the evidence.

**Sec. B-10. 5 MRSA §45, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §9, is corrected to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Governor may discontinue the publication of any other annual or biennial report ~~which~~ that duplicates the report material provided for in section 43, except for reports of the constitutional officers elected by the Legislature, and reports of the legislative and judicial branches of government, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy. ~~He~~ The Governor may order the publication of an expanded departmental report, in standard format, in a limited quantity for record purposes.

**Sec. B-11. 5 MRSA §81-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 65, §1, is corrected to read:

**§81-A. Transition period**

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State-elect ~~shall~~ may not take the oath of ~~his~~ office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

**Sec. B-12. 5 MRSA §121-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 65, §2, is corrected to read:

**§121-A. Transition period**

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the Treasurer of State, the Treasurer of State-elect ~~shall~~ may not take the oath of ~~his~~ office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

**Sec. B-13. 5 MRSA §122**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §35, is corrected to read:

**§122. Conditions of bond; filing**

The condition of the Treasurer of State's bond ~~shall~~ must be for the faithful discharge of all the duties of ~~his~~ the office of the Treasurer of State, and that ~~during his continuance~~ while in office he the Treasurer of State will not engage in trade or commerce, or act as broker, agent or factor for any merchant or trader; and that ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State, or his the Treasurer of State's executors, administrators or sureties, or their executors or administrators, shall render a just and true account of all ~~his~~ agents' and servants' doings and transactions in the office of the Treasurer of State to the Legislature, or to such committee as it appoints, on the first day of each regular session of the Legislature, previous to the choice of a new treasurer, and at any other time when required by the Legislature or the Governor; and that ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State will settle and adjust ~~said~~ that account and faithfully deliver to ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's successor in office or to such person as the Legislature appoints; all moneys, books, property and appurtenances of ~~said that~~ office; in his, or any of his agents' possession, the possession of the Treasurer of State or any agents to the Treasurer of State and pay over all balances found due on ~~such~~ the adjustment. ~~Such~~ The bond, when approved as the Constitution prescribes, ~~shall~~ must be lodged in the office of the State Auditor.

**Sec. B-14. 5 MRSA §123** is corrected to read:

**§123. Bond premiums to be paid by State**

The premiums necessarily incurred and due and payable on account of any bond given by the Treasurer of State, ~~his~~ by the Treasurer of State's deputy or by any employee in the Treasury Department of the Office of the Treasurer of State ~~shall~~ must be paid out of the State Treasury.

**Sec. B-15. 5 MRSA §124**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §36, is corrected to read:

**§124. Governor may require new bond**

When it appears to the Governor that the Treasurer of State's bond is not sufficient for the full security of the State, ~~they~~ the Governor shall make written demand upon ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State for a new bond. If ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State neglects for 10 days thereafter to file ~~such~~ the bond to ~~their~~ the Governor's satisfaction, ~~they~~ the Governor shall remove ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State and declare the office vacant.

**Sec. B-16. 5 MRSA §125** is corrected to read:

**§125. Personal use or receipt of money from treasury or credit prohibited**

The Treasurer of State ~~shall~~ may not in any way receive for ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's own use any interest, premium, gratuity or benefit by reason of any money belonging to the State, or of any loan obtained for the State or for keeping on hand or circulating the bills of any bank; but whatever is so received ~~shall~~ must be accounted for to the State. ~~He~~ The Treasurer of State may not loan or use in ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's own business, or for ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's own benefit, any such money, or permit any other person to do so, unless authorized by law, on pain of forfeiting a sum equal to the amount so used or loaned, to be recovered by indictment.

**Sec. B-17. 5 MRSA §126** is corrected to read:

**§126. — Attorney General to prosecute violations**

When the Attorney General receives satisfactory information that the Treasurer of State has violated any provision of section 125, ~~he~~ the Attorney General shall cause ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State to be indicted ~~therefor~~ for that violation and shall prosecute ~~such~~ the indictment to final judgment.

**Sec. B-18. 5 MRSA §127**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §37, is corrected to read:

**§127. Governor may hear complaints; removal from office**

Upon written complaint of any person that the Treasurer of State is mentally ill or insolvent, or has absconded or concealed ~~himself~~ the Treasurer of State's identity or person to avoid ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's creditors, or is absent from the State and neglecting ~~his~~ the duties of the Treasurer of State to the hazard of the trust reposed in ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State, or has violated any provision of section 125, or has failed faithfully to perform the duties of ~~his office~~ the Treasurer of State, the Governor shall ~~forthwith~~ immediately examine into the charges and if any of them is found true, ~~he~~ the Governor shall remove ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State and declare the office vacant.

**Sec. B-19. 5 MRSA §129**, as amended by PL 1969, c. 504, §5-B, is corrected to read:

**§129. Inventory**

When the deputy treasurer of state assumes the office of Treasurer of State under section 121, the State Auditor shall, as soon as practicable, after notice to the sureties of the late Treasurer of State or of the Treasurer of State to be superseded, take a true account and inventory of all moneys, notes, books of account and other property belonging to the State ~~which~~ that were in the hands of ~~such~~ that Treasurer of State or in the hands of any of ~~his~~ that Treasurer of State's agents, and deliver it to the new Treasurer of State, ~~he~~ giving who shall give

a receipt ~~therefor~~ for it, which ~~shall~~ must be lodged in the office of the State Auditor.

**Sec. B-20. 5 MRSA §130, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §20, is corrected to read:

~~Any~~ A public officer or ~~any~~ a person, firm, association or corporation paying money into the State Treasury may make ~~such~~ the payment by delivering to the Treasurer of State a check, draft, certificate of deposit or money order drawn, ~~indorsed~~ endorsed and payable to the Treasurer of State or ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's order, or may make ~~such~~ the payment by delivering to the Treasurer of State the proper amount of lawful currency. The Treasurer of State shall keep a record of all drafts, checks, certificates of deposit, money orders and ~~all~~ cash received by ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State and upon receipt thereof shall ~~forthwith~~ immediately cause the same to be placed to the credit of the State of ~~Maine~~ in some state depository. If any check, draft or certificate of deposit ~~shall~~ is not be paid on presentation, the Treasurer of State shall proceed to collect the amount thereof, with costs, from the person drawing same. The Treasurer of State shall daily transmit to the State Controller a statement of all receipts into the State Treasury, giving such details thereof as the State Controller may require.

**Sec. B-21. 5 MRSA §137**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §40, is corrected to read:

**§137. Purchase of unmatured bonds of State**

Whenever, from time to time in the judgment of the Treasurer of State, it may be done to the financial advantage of the State, ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State may, with the advice and consent of the Governor, purchase with any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated and, when so purchased, may cancel any outstanding, unmatured bonds of the State.

**Sec. B-22. 5 MRSA §143**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §45, is corrected to read:

**§143. Register of investments and Treasurer of State's report**

The Treasurer of State shall keep a register of all investments made under section 142, showing the date, amount and number of each bond, by whom issued and the time when it will mature, and in ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's annual report to the Governor, ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State shall include an exhibit of the condition of ~~said~~ those sinking funds.

**Sec. B-23. 5 MRSA §145-A, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 560, is corrected to read:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the laws of this State, whenever the Treasurer of State is authorized to issue and sell bonds for the State, and ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State determines to issue and sell all or a portion of these bonds in denominations of less than \$5,000, minibonds, ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State may issue

and sell these minibonds at public or private sale, maturing in such amounts and upon such dates, at such interest rate or rates, payable at such time and in such manner, at discount, with or without disclosure, in bearer or registered form, and upon such other terms and conditions, all as ~~he shall determine~~ the Treasurer of State determines to be in the best interests of the State; ~~provided that except that:~~ Not not more than \$1,000,000 principal amount of minibonds ~~shall~~ may be sold by the Treasurer of State in any one fiscal year; ~~no~~ a minibond ~~shall~~ may not mature more than 5 years after its date; ~~no~~ any one sale to a purchaser of minibonds ~~shall~~ may not be in an aggregate principal amount equal to or greater than \$5,000; and each minibond ~~shall~~ must provide that it ~~shall~~ must be redeemed by the State upon due presentation by an appropriate person on any business day after one year from its date of sale by the Treasurer of State at such price as the Treasurer of State ~~shall determine~~ determines according to a schedule established with respect to each issue of minibonds prior to the sale thereof. Section 137 ~~shall~~ does not apply to the issuance of minibonds.

**Sec. B-24. 5 MRSA §145-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 745, is corrected to read:

**1. Issuance.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the laws of this State, whenever the Treasurer of State is authorized to issue and sell bonds for the State, ~~he may issue~~ the bonds may be issued in registered form.

**Sec. B-25. 5 MRSA §149** is corrected to read:

**§149. Signature of outgoing Treasurer of State valid**

The facsimile signature of the Treasurer of State who is leaving office ~~shall~~ is valid until new signature plates for the signing of checks have been obtained for ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's successor.

**Sec. B-26. 5 MRSA §191-A**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 143, is corrected to read:

**§191-A. Transition period**

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the Attorney General, the Attorney General-elect ~~shall~~ may not take the oath of ~~his~~ his office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

**Sec. B-27. 5 MRSA §193** is corrected to read:

**§193. Prosecution of intruders**

The Attorney General may, if in ~~his~~ the Attorney General's judgment the public interest so requires, prosecute by indictment or complaint any person who intrudes on the land, rights or property of the State, or commits or erects a nuisance thereon.

**Sec. B-28. 5 MRSA §195**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 771, §48, is corrected to read:

**§195. Opinions on questions of law**

The Attorney General shall give ~~his~~ a written opinion upon questions of law submitted to ~~him~~ the Attorney General by the Governor, by the head of any state department or any of the state agencies or by either branch of the Legislature or any members of the Legislature on legislative matters.

**Sec. B-29. 5 MRSA §197**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §11, is corrected to read:

**§197. State criminal inspectors; clerks; office expenses**

The Attorney General is authorized to employ in ~~his office~~ the Office of the Attorney General, in addition to the officers named in section 196, state criminal inspectors and additional clerks as the business of ~~his~~ the office may demand, whose appointment and compensation ~~shall be~~ is subject to the Civil Service Law. ~~He~~ The Attorney General may incur a reasonable expense for postage, printing, stationery and other office expenses.

**Sec. B-30. 5 MRSA §200-E**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 422, is corrected to read:

**§200-E. Medical records furnished to prosecutor in certain cases**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Medical records" means all the records of the examination or treatment of a person relating to the alleged criminal act, in whatever medium preserved, including, but not limited to, records ~~which~~ that are made confidential by any other provision of law.

B. "Victim" means a person who is or was the object of an alleged criminal act. ~~In~~ For the purposes of this section, a person who is certified by the prosecutor to be a victim, ~~shall be~~ is considered a victim.

A victim includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) A person certified to be deceased;
- (2) An abused person who has not attained ~~his 18th birthday~~ 18 years of age;
- (3) An abused person who reasonably appears to be incapacitated; or
- (4) An abused person subject to guardianship, public guardianship or temporary guardianship.

**2. Medical examination; criminal proceeding or investigation.** In ~~any~~ a criminal proceeding or investigation, ~~where~~ in which medical examination or treatment has been provided to a victim, upon written request of the Attorney General or any of ~~his~~ the Attorney General's deputies or assistants whom ~~he~~ the Attorney General designates in writing, or the district attorney or

~~his~~ the district attorney's deputy or assistants whom ~~he~~ the district attorney designates in writing, any individual, partnership, association, corporation, institution or governmental entity ~~which~~ that has rendered the examination or treatment shall immediately provide the authorized person with all medical records pertaining to the medical examination or treatment that are requested by the authorized person. ~~Where~~ If the authorized person knows of circumstances or factors ~~which~~ that would require production of fewer than all medical records, ~~he~~ the authorized person shall attempt to request the specific medical records believed to be pertinent.

A. Unless otherwise provided by state or federal law, this section on the furnishing of confidential medical records governs.

**3. Medical records; copies.** A person or entity ~~who~~ that provides copies of medical records ~~shall be~~ is entitled to be paid the reasonable costs of the provision of the copies as agreed upon by the person or entity ~~who~~ that provides these copies and the authorized person making the request pursuant to this section. If the parties cannot agree, the Superior Court shall order reimbursement at a reasonable rate. The delay occasioned by any negotiations surrounding reimbursement or complaint to the Superior Court ~~shall~~ may not delay the provision of the requested medical records.

**4. Medical records confidential.** Medical records obtained by the authorized person pursuant to this section are confidential and ~~shall~~ may not be disseminated to any person other than by order of court or to a member of the staff of the authorized person, a law enforcement officer specially assigned to the criminal proceeding or investigation, or other person who, by virtue of special knowledge or training, is designated by the authorized person to assist ~~him~~ in the performance of his the authorized person's duty in the criminal proceeding or investigation.

**5. Civil contempt.** ~~Any~~ A person who is required to produce medical records by this section and intentionally or knowingly fails to do so within 20 days of the service of the written request ~~upon him~~, to produce the records may be subject to civil contempt for ~~his~~ failure to comply with the request.

**6. Immunity from liability.** ~~No~~ An individual, partnership, association, corporation, institution or governmental entity or employee or agent of a governmental entity may not be criminally or civilly responsible for furnishing any medical records in compliance with this section.

**Sec. B-31. 5 MRSA §200-F**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 242, §1, is corrected to read:

**§200-F. Telephone communication by kidnappers**

Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that one or more persons have been kidnapped, as

defined by Title 17-A, section 301, ~~he shall have the authority to the~~ the Attorney General may order a public utility company employee to cut, reroute or divert telephone lines for the purpose of preventing telephone communication by the kidnapper with any person other than a law enforcement officer or a person authorized by a law enforcement officer to receive or transmit those communications.

**Sec. B-32. 5 MRSA §209, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 199, is corrected to read:

Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that ~~any~~ a person is using or is about to use any method, act or practice declared by section 207 to be unlawful, and that proceedings would be in the public interest, ~~he the Attorney General~~ the Attorney General may bring an action in the name of the State against ~~such the~~ the person to restrain by temporary or permanent injunction the use of ~~such the~~ the method, act or practice and the court may make such other orders or judgments as may be necessary to restore to any person who has suffered any ascertainable loss by reason of the use or employment of ~~such the~~ the unlawful method, act or practice, any moneys or property, real or personal, ~~which that~~ that may have been acquired by means of ~~such the~~ the method, act or practice. At least 10 days prior to commencement of ~~any an~~ an action under this section, the Attorney General shall notify the person of ~~his the~~ the intended action, and give the person an opportunity to confer with the Attorney General in person or by counsel or other representative as to the proposed action. Notice ~~shall must~~ must be given to the person by mail, postage prepaid, sent to ~~his the person's~~ the person's usual place of business, or if ~~he the person~~ the person has no usual place of business, to ~~his the person's~~ the person's last known address. The Attorney General may proceed without notice as required by this section upon a showing of facts by affidavit of immediate irreparable harm to the consumers of the State. The action may be brought in the Superior Court of the county in which ~~such the~~ the person resides or has ~~his the~~ the person's principal place of business, or may be brought in the Superior Court of Kennebec County. ~~The said~~ Those courts are authorized to issue temporary or permanent injunctions to restrain and prevent violations of this chapter. ~~Any A~~ A district attorney or law enforcement officer, receiving notice of any alleged violation of this chapter, shall immediately forward written notice of the ~~same alleged violation~~ alleged violation with any other information that ~~he the attorney or officer~~ the attorney or officer may have to the office of the Attorney General. ~~Any A~~ A person who violates the terms of an injunction issued under this section shall forfeit and pay to the State, to be applied in the carrying out of this chapter, a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation. For the purposes of this section, the court issuing ~~such the~~ the injunction ~~shall retain~~ retains jurisdiction, and the cause ~~shall must~~ must be continued, and in such cases the Attorney General acting in the name of the State may petition for recovery of ~~such the~~ the civil penalty. In any action under this section where a permanent injunction is issued, the court may order the person

against whom the permanent injunction has been issued to pay to the State the costs of the investigation of that person by the Attorney General and the costs of the suit, ~~which and the funds shall must~~ shall must accrue to the General Fund.

**Sec. B-33. 5 MRSA §210**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 320, is corrected to read:

**§210. Discontinuance; costs**

In any case where the Attorney General has authority to institute an action or proceeding under section 209, in lieu thereof ~~he the Attorney General~~ the Attorney General may accept an assurance of discontinuance of any method, act or practice in violation of this chapter from any person alleged to be engaged or to have been engaged in ~~such the~~ the method, act or practice. ~~Such The~~ The assurance may include a stipulation for the voluntary payment by ~~such that~~ that person of the costs of investigation, or of an amount to be held in escrow pending the outcome of an action or as restitution to aggrieved buyers, or both. Any such assurance of discontinuance ~~shall must~~ must be in writing and be filed with the Superior Court of Kennebec County. Matters thus closed may at any time be reopened by the Attorney General for further proceedings in the public interest. Evidence of a violation of ~~such the~~ the assurance ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes prima facie evidence of an act or practice declared to be unlawful by this chapter in any action thereafter brought under this chapter.

**Sec. B-34. 5 MRSA §211, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

~~The Attorney General, whenever he~~ Whenever the Attorney General believes ~~any a~~ a person to be or to have been in violation of this chapter, ~~the Attorney General~~ the Attorney General may examine or cause to be examined for that purpose; any books, records, papers and memoranda of whatever nature relevant to ~~such the~~ the alleged violation. The Attorney General may require the attendance of ~~such the~~ the person or of any other person having knowledge in the premises at any place in the county where ~~such the~~ the person resides or has a place of business or in Kennebec County if ~~such the~~ the person is a nonresident or has no place of business within the State, and may take testimony and require proof material for ~~his that person's~~ that person's information, and may administer oaths or take acknowledgement in respect of any book, record, paper or memorandum. The Attorney General shall serve notice of the time, place and cause of ~~such the~~ the examination or attendance at least 10 days prior to the date of ~~such the~~ the examination.

**Sec. B-35. 5 MRSA §211, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

C. Mailing by registered or certified mail a duly executed copy thereof addressed to the person to be served at the principal place of business in this State or, if ~~said that person has no~~ that person does not have a

place of business in this State, to ~~his~~ the person's principal office or place of business.

**Sec. B-36. 5 MRSA §211, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

A. State the time and place for taking the examination and the name and address of each person to be examined, if known, and, if the name is not known, a general description sufficient to identify ~~him~~ the person or the particular class or group to which ~~he~~ the person belongs;

**Sec. B-37. 5 MRSA §212, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

Whenever ~~any~~ a person fails to comply with any notice served upon ~~him~~ that person under section 211, or whenever satisfactory copying or reproduction of any such material cannot be done and ~~such~~ the person refuses to surrender ~~such~~ the material, the Attorney General may file, in the Superior Court of the county in which ~~such~~ the person resides or has ~~his~~ that person's principal place of business or of Kennebec County, if ~~such~~ the person is a nonresident or ~~has no~~ does not have a principal place of business in this State, and serve upon ~~such~~ the person or in the same manner as provided in section 211 a petition for an order of ~~such~~ the court for the enforcement of this section. Any disobedience of any final order entered under this section by any court ~~shall~~ must be punished as a contempt thereof.

**Sec. B-38. 5 MRSA §245** is corrected to read:

**§245. No ex officio duties**

The State Auditor ~~shall~~ may not serve in an ex officio capacity on any administrative board or commission or have any financial interest in the transactions of any department, institution or agency of the State Government. ~~He shall~~ The State Auditor may not be responsible for the collection of any money belonging to the State or for the handling or custody of any state funds.

**Sec. B-39. 5 MRSA §292, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 493, is corrected to read:

**2. Placement.** To place each intern in a position of some responsibility where ~~he~~ the intern can contribute ideas, enthusiasm and ingenuity while completing a project under the direction of a responsible state administrator;

**Sec. B-40. 5 MRSA §298, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 108, §2, is corrected to read:

**2. Councilman Councilor.** A member of the Augusta City Council to be appointed by the Mayor of Augusta, with the advice and consent of the Augusta City Council, for a term of one year;

**Sec. B-41. 5 MRSA §298, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 812, §16, is corrected to read:

Each appointed member ~~shall serve~~ serves for the term of ~~his~~ the member's appointment and thereafter until ~~his~~ the member's successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy ~~shall~~ must be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which the original appointment is made. The members of the commission ~~shall~~ must be compensated as provided in chapter 379.

**Sec. B-42. 5 MRSA §298, 4th ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §20, is corrected to read:

The members of the commission shall elect a ~~chairman~~ chair, who shall preside at all meetings of the commission when present. The commission shall meet at least once every 4 months and in addition, may meet as often as necessary, at such times and places as the ~~chairman~~ chair may designate. Any 3 members constitute a quorum for the exercise of all powers of the commission. The commission may employ, subject to the Civil Service Law, such assistance as may be necessary to properly carry out the duties of the commission.

**Sec. B-43. 5 MRSA §784, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 153, §1, is corrected to read:

C. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which ~~he~~ the contractor has a collective or bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, whereby ~~he~~ the contractor is furnished with labor for the performances of ~~his~~ the contract, a notice, to be provided by the contracting department or agency, advising the ~~said~~ labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and to applicants for employment."

**Sec. B-44. 5 MRSA §903, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 270, §4, is corrected to read:

**1. Employees in collective bargaining units.** The Governor, or ~~his~~ the Governor's designee who negotiates a collective bargaining agreement, may bargain and conclude agreements, pursuant to Title 26, chapter 9-B, ~~which~~ that include provisions for alternative working hours employment. Notwithstanding any other state law, an agreement with any such provision ~~shall~~ must provide for the proration of any benefits, including retirement benefits, made available to a person employed for job-sharing and part-time employment, ~~provided that such~~ if that proration is not prohibited by federal law.

**Sec. B-45. 5 MRSA §931, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 729, §4, is corrected to read:

F. Officers and enlisted ~~men~~ persons in the National Guard and ~~Naval Militia~~ naval militia of the State;

**Sec. B-46. 5 MRSA §931, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 1993, c. 1, §8, is corrected to read:

**2. Employees appointed to major policy-influencing policy-influencing positions.** Except where a term is otherwise provided by law, the appointing authority of the department or agency in which a major policy-influencing position is located may appoint and remove persons to and from these positions at ~~his~~ the appointing authority's pleasure.

C. ~~Any~~ A person permanently appointed to a classified position who accepts an appointment to a major policy-influencing position ~~shall have~~ has the right, for 12 months subsequent to appointment to the major policy-influencing position, to be restored to the classified position from which ~~he~~ the person was promoted or to a position equivalent ~~thereto~~ to that position in salary grade in any agency without impairment of ~~his~~ the person's personnel status or the loss of seniority, retirement or other rights to which uninterrupted service in the classified position would entitle ~~him~~ the person.

D. If a person's service in a major policy-influencing position is terminated for cause, ~~his~~ the person's right to be restored to a position pursuant to paragraph C ~~shall~~ must be determined by the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

E. During the 12-month period defined in paragraph C, the appointing authority may temporarily appoint a person to the position under the Civil Service Law, ~~provided that~~ if funds are available for the appointment and ~~that~~ the appointment is consistent with the law.

**Sec. B-47. 5 MRSA §1502** is corrected to read:  
**§1502. Federal funds**

The Governor and every state officer and department head who ~~shall be entrusted~~ is entrusted with the expenditure of federal funds in this State shall file in the office of the State Controller a detailed report of all disbursements, including the purposes for which such disbursements were made and the persons to whom any money was paid, supported by proper vouchers, ~~said~~. The report ~~to~~ must be filed within 30 days after the entire fund has been disbursed.

~~Any~~ A state officer excepting the Governor, whether elected or appointed, and ~~any~~ a department head who ~~shall fail or neglect~~ fails or neglects to file ~~such~~ the report as provided ~~shall be~~ is subject to removal from office by authority of the Governor, and if the Governor ~~of the State shall fail or neglect~~ fails or neglects to file ~~such~~ the report, ~~he~~ the Governor is subject to impeachment in the manner provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, ~~section~~ Section 5.

**Sec. B-48. 5 MRSA §1507, 2nd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 771, §67, is corrected to read:

The State Controller shall include in ~~his~~ the official annual financial report at the close of each fiscal year a

statement showing all transfers made from the State Contingent Account for the fiscal period.

**Sec. B-49. 5 MRSA §1510-A, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §19, is corrected to read:

**6. Hearings.** Hearings on claims submitted under subsection 2 or appeals made under subsection 3 ~~shall~~ must be held at a time and place ~~which~~ that the State Claims Commission ~~shall determine~~ determines. The ~~chairman~~ chair shall assign either one or 3 members to hear and determine each claim. Hearings on claims under this section ~~which~~ that are properly submitted to the State Claims Commission ~~shall~~ must be held in accordance with ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act~~, chapter 375. The decision of the commission ~~shall~~ must include the reasons for the findings.

**Sec. B-50. 5 MRSA §1542** is corrected to read:  
**§1542. Signature of outgoing State Controller valid**

The facsimile signature of the State Controller who is leaving office ~~shall be~~ is valid until new signature plates for the signing of checks have been obtained for ~~his~~ the State Controller's successor.

**Sec. B-51. 5 MRSA §1544, 2nd ¶** is corrected to read:

The State Controller shall include in ~~his~~ the official annual financial report a statement of the Unappropriated Surplus Account reflecting all changes in this account during the fiscal year and the balance of this account at the close of the fiscal period.

**Sec. B-52. 5 MRSA §1548** is corrected to read:  
**§1548. Claims and accounts against State or municipalities must be verified**

A person, presenting an account or claim against any town, village, corporation, city, or county or the State for services rendered, articles furnished or expenses incurred, shall cause ~~said~~ that account or claim to be verified by oath, if required by any person whose duty it is to audit the ~~same~~ account or claim. If ~~said~~ the claimant refuses ~~so~~ to verify the account or claim, ~~his~~ the account or claim ~~shall~~ must be rejected.

**Sec. B-53. 5 MRSA §1583, first ¶** is corrected to read:

~~No~~ An agent or officer of the State or any department or agency thereof, whose duty it is to expend money under an appropriation by the Legislature, ~~shall~~ may not contract any obligation on behalf of the State in excess of the appropriation. ~~Whoever exceeds in his expenditure said appropriation shall~~ An agent or officer who in that agent or officer's expenditure exceeds that appropriation may not have any claim for reimbursement.

**Sec. B-54. 5 MRSA §1661, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §39, is corrected to read:

The words "Governor-elect," whenever used in this chapter and chapter 145, ~~shall be held to~~ mean the candidate most recently elected to the office of Governor of the State of Maine in the November election for choice of Governor, or ~~his~~ the Governor's successor.

**Sec. B-55. 5 MRSA §1667, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §76, is corrected to read:

The head of ~~any~~ a department or agency of the State Government, whenever ~~he shall deem~~ the head determines it necessary by reason of changed conditions, may revise the work program of ~~his~~ the head's department or agency at the beginning of any quarter during the fiscal year, and submit ~~such~~ the revised program to the Bureau of the Budget with ~~his~~ a request for a revision of the allotments of the remaining quarters of that fiscal year. If, upon ~~such re-examination~~ reexamination of the work program, the State Budget Officer, with the approval of the Governor, ~~shall decide~~ decides to grant the request for the revision of the allotments, the same procedure, so far as it relates to review, approval and control ~~shall, must~~ be followed as in the making of the original allotments.

**Sec. B-56. 5 MRSA §1706, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 378, is corrected to read:

**1. Federal grant application.** "Federal grant application" ~~shall mean any~~ means a request or proposal for financial assistance made by a state agency or by an employee of such an agency acting in ~~his~~ the employee's official capacity to the United States Government, whether for a loan, grant, subsidy, augmentation, advance, reimbursement, or any other form where ~~such~~ the financial assistance will be expended by the state agency or employee acting in ~~his~~ the employee's official capacity. ~~The definition shall include~~ "Federal grant application" includes initial requests or proposals and subsequent amendment requests or proposals. ~~The definition shall~~ "Federal grant application" does not include federal pass-through funds ~~which that~~ are received by the State Government and passed directly to local governments in those cases where the State is permitted no discretion with respect to disposition of the funds to local governments under the terms of the grant and federal law.

**Sec. B-57. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 542, §4, is corrected to read:

**8. Inspection.** To inspect materials, equipment, methods used and changes in plans in making public improvements, and inspect public improvements during the course of construction or repair, and make such recommendations as may be indicated to the architect or engineer, when employed, to the controlling department or agency head, or ~~to the~~ school administrative unit. The architect or engineer, when employed, shall provide adequate inspection of materials, equipment, methods and changes in plans on all projects under ~~his~~ the architect's or engineer's supervision;

**Sec. B-58. 5 MRSA §1743-B**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 625, §31, is corrected to read:

**§1743-B. Design of buildings**

On projects for the design of buildings, the State of ~~Maine~~ and all political subdivisions thereof may select, without prejudice and on an equal basis, a prime professional who may be either an engineer or an architect. The professional so retained for a project shall perform only those services for which ~~he~~ the professional is competent and shall utilize the services of other qualified professionals as required to provide a proper and complete professional service to the State or subdivision thereof consistent with applicable law.

**Sec. B-59. 5 MRSA §1746, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 437, is corrected to read:

The Treasurer of State shall collect all interest or income when due on the obligations so deposited and shall pay the same, when and as collected, to the contractor who deposited the obligations. If the deposit is in the form of coupon bonds, the Treasurer of State shall deliver each coupon as it matures to the contractor. The Treasurer of State ~~shall have the power to~~ may enter into a contract or agreement with any national bank, trust company or safe deposit company located in New England or New York City for custodial care and servicing of any securities deposited with ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State pursuant to this section. ~~Such Those~~ Those services ~~shall~~ must consist of the safekeeping of ~~said those~~ securities and of all services required to effectuate the purposes of this section.

**Sec. B-60. 5 MRSA §1903, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 211, is corrected to read:

Each student must be approved by the institution ~~he~~ the student attends and the agency, department or institution head.

**Sec. B-61. 5 MRSA §2053** is corrected to read:  
**§2053. Account of items in writing may be required**

Every officer or other person upon receiving any fees provided for by law, if required by the person paying them, shall make a particular account thereof in writing specifying for what they accrued or ~~he~~ the officer or other person forfeits to ~~such~~ the person treble the sum paid, to be recovered in a civil action.

**Sec. B-62. 5 MRSA §3004, 4th ¶**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 266, is corrected to read:

~~Any~~ An employee who participates in an exchange under the terms of this section who suffers disability or death as a result of personal injury arising out of and in the course of an exchange, or sustained in performance of duties in connection therewith, ~~shall~~ must be treated, for the purposes of the sending agency's employee compensation program, as an employee, as defined in such Act, who has sustained such injury in the performance of such duty, but ~~shall~~ may not receive benefits under

that Act for any period for which ~~he~~ the employee is entitled to and elects to receive similar benefits under the receiving agency's employee compensation program.

**Sec. B-63. 5 MRSA §3006, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 266, is corrected to read:

**4. Disability or death.** ~~Any~~ An employee of a sending agency assigned in this State who suffers disability or death as a result of personal injury arising out of and in the course of such assignment, or sustained in the performance of duties in connection therewith, ~~shall~~ must be treated for the purpose of the receiving agency's employee compensation program, as an employee, as defined in such Act, who has sustained such injury in the performance of such duty, but ~~shall~~ may not receive benefits under that Act for any period for which ~~he~~ the employee elects to receive similar benefits as an employee under the sending agency's employee compensation program.

**Sec. B-64. 5 MRSA §4562**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, §1, is corrected to read:

**§4562. Terms of office**

The members of the commission ~~shall~~ must be appointed for terms of 5 years each, except that of those first appointed, the Governor shall designate one whose term ~~shall be~~ is only one year, one whose term ~~shall be~~ is only 2 years, one whose term ~~shall be~~ is only 3 years and one whose term ~~shall be~~ is only 4 years.

~~A member of the commission~~ An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term ~~shall~~ must be appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom ~~he~~ she ~~shall succeed~~ the individual succeeds.

**Sec. B-65. 5 MRSA §4596**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §17, is corrected to read:

**§4596. Unlawful credit extension discrimination**

It is unlawful credit discrimination for any creditor to refuse the extension of credit to any person solely on the basis of any one or more of the following factors: age; race; color; sex; sexual orientation or gender identity; marital status; ancestry; religion or national origin in any credit transaction. It is not unlawful credit discrimination to comply with the terms and conditions of any bona fide group credit life, accident and health insurance plan, for a financial institution extending credit to a married person to require both ~~the husband and the wife~~ spouses to sign a note and a mortgage and to deny credit to persons under 18 years of age or to consider a person's age in determining the terms upon which credit will be extended.

**Sec. B-66. 5 MRSA §4597, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 668, is corrected to read:

**3. Credit sale.** "Credit sale" means ~~any~~ a transaction with respect to which credit is granted or arranged

by the seller. The term includes ~~any~~ a contract in the form of a bailment or lease if the bailee or lessee contracts to pay as compensation for use a sum substantially equivalent to or in excess of the aggregate value of the property and services involved and it is agreed that the bailee or lessee will become the owner of the property upon full compliance with ~~his~~ the bailee's or lessee's obligations under the contract;

**Sec. B-67. 5 MRSA §4660-A, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 695, §4, is corrected to read:

A. Remaining on the scene as long as ~~he~~ the law enforcement officer reasonably believes there is a danger to the physical safety of that person without the presence of a law enforcement officer;

**Sec. B-68. 5 MRSA §4660-A, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 695, §4, is corrected to read:

C. Giving that person written notice of ~~his~~ that person's rights, which ~~shall~~ must include information summarizing the procedures and relief available to victims of harassment; or

**Sec. B-69. 5 MRSA §6201, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §1, is corrected to read:

**1-A. Commercial fisheries business.** "Commercial fisheries business" means an enterprise directly or indirectly concerned with the commercial harvest of wild or aquacultured marine organisms, whose primary source of income is derived from these activities. "Commercial fisheries business" includes, but is not limited to:

A. ~~Licensed~~ Persons who fish under a commercial fishermen license, aquaculturists and fishermen's cooperatives of persons who fish under a commercial license;

B. Persons providing direct services to ~~commercial fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially, aquaculturists or fishermen's cooperatives of persons who fish under a commercial license, as long as provision of these direct services requires the use of working waterfront property; and

C. Municipal and private piers and wharves operated to provide waterfront access to ~~commercial fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially, aquaculturists or fishermen's cooperatives of persons who fish under a commercial license.

**Sec. B-70. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 438, §2, is corrected to read:

A. "Gold star spouse" means a ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse of a veteran who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel pin under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010).

**Sec. B-71. 5 MRSA §7081, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

One member of the appeals board ~~shall must~~ be designated by the Governor as ~~chairman chair~~. Except as otherwise provided by law, each member ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a term of 4 years and until ~~his the mem-~~ber's successor has been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy ~~shall must~~ be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~State Government state government~~ matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.

**Sec. B-72. 5 MRSA §7082, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

**4. Mediate grievances and disputes.** May mediate the final settlement of all grievances and disputes between individual state employees, both classified and unclassified, and their respective state agencies. All complaints between a state employee and the state agency by which ~~he the state employee~~ is employed ~~shall must~~ be made and heard in the manner provided by this chapter for the mediation and settlement of the complaints. During the procedure for settlement, an employee may be represented at each step by ~~his a~~ designated representative. The decision of the appeals board ~~shall be~~ is final and binding upon the state agency and state employees involved in the dispute, and ~~shall supersede~~ supersedes any prior action taken by the state agency with reference to the employment and working conditions of the employees.

A. In the course of ~~any an~~ investigation under this chapter, any member of the appeals board may subpoena and require the attendance of witnesses and the production thereby of books, papers, public records and other documentary evidence pertinent to that investigation. In the case of the refusal of ~~any a~~ person to comply with ~~any a~~ subpoena issued under this subsection or to testify to any matter regarding which ~~he that person~~ may be lawfully interrogated, the Superior Court in any county on application of any one of the members of the board may issue an order requiring that person to comply with the subpoena and to testify. Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt of the court; and

**Sec. B-73. 5 MRSA §7083, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

A grievance or dispute between a state employee and the agency of the State by whom ~~he the state em-~~ployee is employed ~~shall must~~ be entertained by the board upon the application of the employee, ~~provided that as long as~~ there ~~shall have~~ has been compliance with the following requirements:

**Sec. B-74. 5 MRSA §7083, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

**1. Adjust dispute.** That the employee aggrieved or ~~his the employee's~~ representative, or both, ~~shall~~ have

attempted to adjust the dispute through oral communication with the employee's immediate supervisor within 7 working days of the time that the employee is aware of the grievable incident. The immediate supervisor is then required to render an oral decision to the employee within 3 working days;

**Sec. B-75. 5 MRSA §7083, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

**2. Grievance in writing.** If the employee is dissatisfied with the oral decision of ~~his the employee's~~ immediate supervisor, ~~he the employee~~ or ~~his the employ-~~ee's representative, or both, may, before the end of the 10th working day following the day of the oral decision, present the grievance to ~~his the employee's~~ supervisor again, this time in written form. The supervisor is then required to make ~~his a~~ decision in writing and present it to the employee within 10 working days;

**Sec. B-76. 5 MRSA §7083, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

**3. Appeal to the department head.** If the employee is dissatisfied with the supervisor's written decision, ~~he the employee~~ or ~~his the employee's~~ representative, or both, then may, before the end of the 20th working day following receipt of the decision, appeal in writing to the department head. The department head shall meet with the employee or ~~his the employee's~~ designated representative, or both, within 20 working days of receipt of the employee's notice of dissatisfaction and attempt to adjust the dispute. Within 5 working days, the department head shall render a decision in writing to the aggrieved employee and ~~his the employee's~~ representative;

**Sec. B-77. 5 MRSA §7084**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is corrected to read:

**§7084. Extension of time limit**

**1. Application for extension.** The ~~chairman chair~~ of the appeals board may extend any time limit specified in section 7083, subsections 1 to 4, upon written application of either party ~~on condition, as long as~~ the application is submitted within the time provided for in the applicable step. Failure of an employee to pursue a grievance within the prescribed time limits ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes an acceptance of the last response by the department. Failure of the department to respond within the stipulated time limits provided for in the applicable step ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes an automatic waiver of that step and the employee may proceed to the next step as outlined in this section.

A. At least one day prior to the presentation of the employee's grievance to ~~his the employee's~~ supervisor, the employee's representative, if any, ~~shall~~ may have access to the work location of the employee involved during the working hours for the purpose of investigating the grievance.

B. The department head may designate a representative, with authority to take appropriate action, who ~~shall~~ must be at the deputy or assistant department head or labor specialist level to represent ~~him~~ the department head in section 7083, subsections 2 and 3.

**Sec. B-78. 5 MRSA §9001, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

**1. Written request.** Upon written request of any interested person, an agency may make an advisory ruling with respect to the applicability of any statute or rule administered by that agency to ~~him~~ the person or ~~his~~ the person's property or actual state of facts.

**Sec. B-79. 5 MRSA §9053, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

**1. Responsibility.** Place on any party the responsibility of requesting a hearing if the agency notifies ~~him~~ the party in writing of ~~his~~ the party's right to a hearing, and of ~~his~~ the party's responsibility to request the hearing;

**Sec. B-80. 5 MRSA §9054, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

**1. Intervention.** On timely application made pursuant to agency rules, the agency conducting the proceedings shall allow any person showing that ~~he~~ the person is nor may be, or is a member of a class ~~which~~ that is or may be, substantially and directly affected by the proceeding, or any other agency of federal, state or local government, to intervene as a party to the proceeding.

**Sec. B-81. 5 MRSA §9055, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 425, §11, is corrected to read:

B. Having the aid or advice of those members of ~~his~~ the agency member's or other presiding officer's own agency staff, counsel or consultants retained by the agency who have not participated and will not participate in the adjudicatory proceeding in an advocate capacity.

**Sec. B-82. 5 MRSA §9061, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

Every agency decision made at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding ~~shall~~ must be in writing or stated in the record, and ~~shall~~ must include findings of fact sufficient to apprise the parties and any interested member of the public of the basis for the decision. A copy of the decision ~~shall~~ must be delivered or promptly mailed to each party to the proceeding or ~~his~~ the party's representative of record. Written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of the decision within the agency or review of the decision by the courts, as the case may be, and of the action required and the time within which ~~such~~ the action must be taken in order to exercise the right of review or appeal, ~~shall~~ must be given to each party with the decision.

**Sec. B-83. 5 MRSA §9062, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

**2. Substitute officer.** Whenever a presiding officer is disqualified or it becomes impracticable for ~~him~~ the presiding officer to continue the hearing, another presiding officer may be assigned to continue with the hearing; ~~provided, except~~ that, if it is shown substantial prejudice to any party will thereby result, the substitute officer shall commence the hearing anew.

**Sec. B-84. 5 MRSA §9063, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 551, §3, is corrected to read:

**1. Hearings; impartial.** Hearings ~~shall~~ must be conducted in an impartial manner. Upon the filing in good faith by a party of a timely charge of bias or of personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, of a presiding officer or agency member in the proceeding requesting that ~~that person disqualify himself, that person~~ the presiding officer or agency member be disqualified, that presiding officer or agency member shall determine the matter as a part of the record.

**Sec. B-85. 5 MRSA §11113**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. B, §16, is corrected to read:

**§11113. Committee review**

The executive director shall, upon receipt of an application for review, determine the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature responsible for review of the rule in question and send the application and a copy of the rule in question to each member of the committee. Each member of the committee shall individually review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified and whether the public interest would be served by a review of the rule in question by the full committee. If a committee member decides that the review should be made, ~~he~~ the committee member shall notify the director within 15 days after notice was sent. If 1/3 or more of the full committee notify the director that a review of the rule should be made, the director shall advise the ~~chairman~~ chair of the committee, who shall schedule a meeting of the committee to review the rule. If the committee votes not to review the rule, a report to that effect ~~shall~~ must be prepared by the director and sent to the applicant and the Legislative Council.

The applicant and the affected agency ~~shall~~ must be notified of a decision to review the rule and ~~shall be permitted to~~ may make expanded statements of their position to the full committee. The committee, in the course of its review, may hold a public hearing, request and obtain opinions of the Attorney General, obtain information from the agency and conduct further investigation approved by the Legislative Council. The committee shall make its determination and report within 90 days of the first notification to the committee ~~chairmen~~ chairs that a review ~~shall~~ should be made.

**Sec. B-86. 5 MRSA §12002, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 295, §4, is corrected to read:

**2. Expenses.** "Expenses" means travel, meals or lodging costs or other necessary costs incurred by a member of a board in the performance of ~~his the mem-~~ ber's duties as a member of that board. Noonday meal expenses incurred while in attendance at a board meeting or hearing ~~shall must be deemed considered~~ a reimbursable expense, but ~~shall may~~ not exceed \$5 per meal.

**Sec. B-87. 5 MRSA §12002-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 295, §6, is corrected to read:

A. Actual attendance at meetings called by the ~~chairman chair~~ of the board or a majority of members of the board;

**Sec. B-88. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§1-A, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 295, §8, is corrected to read:

A. The ~~chairman chair~~ of any board who is required by law to prepare and issue a written decision of the board; and

**Sec. B-89. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 295, §9, is corrected to read:

A. Preparation or review of materials for any meetings or hearings of any board, unless the member is preparing or reviewing materials in ~~his the mem-~~ ber's capacity as the assigned hearing examiner in an adjudicatory proceeding;

**Sec. B-90. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 295, §9, is corrected to read:

E. Any activity for which approval has not been granted by the ~~chairman chair~~, a person authorized by statute to give approval or ~~by~~ a majority of the board members.

**Sec. B-91. 5 MRSA §12003-A, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 295, §12, is corrected to read:

B. ~~Any~~ A state employee, classified or unclassified, who is a member of a board, who has been appointed at the request of the state employee or because of the personal interest of the state employee in the board's activities and who is not an ex officio member or a representative of a commissioner, director or state agency, ~~shall may~~ not be paid ~~his the state employee's~~ regular wages or salary for attendance at meetings or hearings of the board or for work performed for the board during the normal working hours of the state employee.

**Sec. B-92. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

B. The average annualized rate of earnable compensation of a member during ~~his the member's~~ entire period of creditable service if that period is less than 3 years.

**Sec. B-93. 5 MRSA §17102, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**2. Chairman Chair.** The board shall elect from its membership a ~~chairman chair~~.

**Sec. B-94. 5 MRSA §17102, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

B. A trustee shall continue to serve after the expiration of ~~his the trustee's~~ term until a successor is appointed and qualified, but the trustee's continuation as a trustee does not change the expiration date of the trustee's term.

**Sec. B-95. 5 MRSA §17105, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

D. Whenever the chief executive officer determines that a fraud, attempted fraud or a violation of law in connection with funds administered by the retirement system may have occurred, the chief executive officer shall:

(1) Report in writing all information concerning the fraud or violation to the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee for such action as ~~he the Attorney General~~ may ~~deem~~ determine appropriate, including civil action for recovery of funds and criminal prosecution by the Attorney General; and

(2) Upon request of the Attorney General and in such a manner as the Attorney General ~~deems~~ determines appropriate, assist in the recovery of funds.

**Sec. B-96. 5 MRSA §17107, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. If the designated actuary is an individual, ~~he the individual~~ must be a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

**Sec. B-97. 5 MRSA §17153, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

B. Directly or indirectly, for ~~himself that trustee or~~ employee or as an agent, in any manner, use the gains or profits of any investment made by the board except to make whatever current and necessary payments are authorized by the board; or

**Sec. B-98. 5 MRSA §17154, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 256, §5 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**8. Transfers among funds.** When considered necessary by the chief executive officer for the efficient administration of the retirement system, ~~he~~ the chief executive officer may make transfers among the various funds of the system set forth in this subchapter in accordance with accepted accounting and actuarial principles.

**Sec. B-99. 5 MRSA §17204, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

~~Any A~~ A member in service may make contributions on ~~his~~ the member's own account, in addition to the employee contributions required under this Part, to the Members' Contribution Fund, at a rate not in excess of 10% of earnable compensation for the purpose of increasing the amount of payment of the member's retirement allowance under any service retirement provision of this Part.

**Sec. B-100. 5 MRSA §17657, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**3. Rights and benefits.** ~~Any A~~ A person described in subsection 1 is entitled to all the rights and benefits ~~which he~~ that that person could have accrued if ~~he~~ that person had been employed by the State.

**Sec. B-101. 5 MRSA §17658, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**3. Rights and benefits.** ~~Any A~~ A person described in subsection 1 is entitled to all the rights and benefits ~~which he~~ that that person could have accrued if ~~he~~ that person had been employed by the State.

**Sec. B-102. 5 MRSA §17703, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

~~Any A~~ A former member who withdrew ~~his~~ the member's contributions after termination of service and who again becomes a member may repay ~~his~~ the member's earlier contributions to the Members' Contribution Fund under the following conditions.

**Sec. B-103. 5 MRSA §17752, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. If a member can provide the board with satisfactory evidence that ~~he~~ the member performed any work as a state employee before July 1, 1942; or as a teacher before July 1, 1947, the member ~~shall~~ must be granted one year of service credit for each year in which any work was performed, except that:

- (1) For the first year of service under this paragraph, service credit may be earned only from the date of beginning work to the end of the year; ~~and~~
- (2) During the calendar year 1942, the maximum amount of prior service credit that may be earned for work as a state employee is 1/2 year; and

(3) Prior service credit for work as a state employee ~~shall~~ must be calculated on the basis of calendar years and for work as a teacher on the basis of school years.

**Sec. B-104. 5 MRSA §17756, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**3. Exceptions.** Leave beyond 90 days may qualify for service credit, up to the maximum number of days of leave, set by personnel rules or by contract, that a person is allowed to accumulate, if:

A. For state employees, the member, before any retirement benefit becomes effective for ~~him~~ the member, pays into the Members' Contribution Fund; a single payment ~~which~~ that is the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the member's retirement benefit, of the portion of ~~his~~ the member's retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service beyond 90 days; and

B. For teachers, the member or the school administrative unit employing the member pays into the Members' Contribution Fund by a single payment the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of the member's retirement benefit, of the portion of ~~his~~ the member's retirement benefit based on the additional creditable service beyond 90 days. The member and the school administrative unit may determine by contract the portion to be deposited by each to obtain this additional creditable service.

**Sec. B-105. 5 MRSA §17761, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. The person, within 90 days of becoming a non-CETA employee, signified in writing to the retirement system ~~his~~ the person's intention to purchase time credit under section 17707, subsection 4;

**Sec. B-106. 5 MRSA §17761, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

D. The person has not received a return of any contributions made under section 17707, subsection 4 or has deposited ~~his~~ the person's contributions within 18 months of obtaining non-CETA employment with the employer under section 17707, subsection 4; and

**Sec. B-107. 5 MRSA §17761, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**2. Retirement benefit effective before completion of payment.** If any retirement benefit becomes effective before the completion of the deposit under section 17707, subsection 4, the person is entitled to credit for that portion of ~~his~~ the person's CETA time ~~which~~ that the amount of the deposit actually made bears to the total amount ~~which~~ that would have been required to purchase the person's entire CETA time.

**Sec. B-108. 5 MRSA §17803**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 256, §7 and PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**§17803. Election of methods of payment**

**1. Definition.** As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, "qualifying member" means:

- A. A member; or
- B. A former member who is receiving a disability retirement benefit.

**2. Election.** In order to receive a benefit, a qualifying member must elect to have ~~his~~ the qualifying member's service retirement benefit payable under any of the methods in section 17804.

**3. Time and manner of election.** A qualifying member must elect a method of payment before the beginning of payment of a service retirement benefit. This election must be by written notice to the chief executive officer stating the date on which ~~he~~ the qualifying member desires to retire.

**4. Change of election.** A qualifying member may revoke ~~his~~ the qualifying member's election of benefits and may elect another method of payment by giving written notice to the chief executive officer at any time before the first payment of the service retirement benefit.

**Sec. B-109. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**2. Option 1.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit paid to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the excess, if any, of ~~his~~ the qualifying member's accumulated contributions at the time of retirement over the portion of the total retirement benefit payments actually made to the qualifying member while alive, which is the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions, paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer or, if no one has been nominated as beneficiary, to ~~his~~ the qualifying member's estate.

**Sec. B-110. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**3. Option 2.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive

officer at the time of retirement, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. B-111. 5 MRSA §17804, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**4. Option 3.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued at 1/2 the amount for the life of the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. B-112. 5 MRSA §17805, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 744, §10 and affected by §17, is corrected to read:

**1. Election of benefit for new spouse.** The recipient may elect to have the reduced retirement benefit paid under the same option to the new spouse after the recipient's death instead of continuing the original reduced retirement benefit to the recipient during ~~his~~ the recipient's lifetime, under the following conditions:

- A. The original spouse must have been the sole beneficiary of the reduced retirement benefit under section 17804, subsection 3, 4, 5-A or 5-B; and
- D. The recipient must have been married to the new spouse for at least 6 months.

**Sec. B-113. 5 MRSA §17806, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the amount of annual retirement benefit otherwise payable under this Part may not be less than the retired member received on the effective date of ~~his~~ the member's retirement or on July 1, 1977, whichever amount is greater.

**Sec. B-114. 5 MRSA §17809**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**§17809. Incorrect records**

If any error in any record of the retirement system results in a member or beneficiary receiving more or less from the system than ~~he~~ the member or beneficiary would have been entitled to receive had the record been correct, payments ~~shall~~ must, as far as practicable, be adjusted so that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which ~~he~~ the member or beneficiary was correctly entitled is paid.

**Sec. B-115. 5 MRSA §17810, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

For purposes of determining benefits under this chapter, the earnable compensation of a member retired with a disability retirement allowance under article 3 is

assumed to be continued after ~~his~~ the member's date of termination of service:

**Sec. B-116. 5 MRSA §17812, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 256, §11, is corrected to read:

**1. One benefit only.** A beneficiary may select only one benefit, regardless of how many benefits ~~he~~ the beneficiary qualifies for.

**Sec. B-117. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 739, §§26 and 48, is corrected to read:

**7. Department of Marine Resources commissioner or deputy.** A commissioner or deputy commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources qualifies for a service retirement benefit if ~~he~~ the commissioner or deputy commissioner:

- A. Qualifies under subsection 6; and
- B. Contributed or had pick-up contributions made by the employer as a law enforcement officer under section 17710, subsection 1.

**Sec. B-118. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. The total amount of the service retirement benefit is:

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), 1/2 of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation and an additional 2% of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualifications under section 17851, subsection 5; or

(2) If ~~his~~ the person's benefit would be greater, the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined, on a pro rata basis, on ~~his~~ the person's current annual salary on the date of retirement and the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service after June 30, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined in accordance with subparagraph (1).

**Sec. B-119. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§6, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. The total amount of the service retirement benefit is:

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), 1/2 of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation and an additional 2% of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualification under section 17851, subsection 6 or 7; or

(2) If ~~his~~ the person's benefit would be greater, the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined, on a pro rata basis, on ~~his~~ the person's current annual salary on the date of retirement and the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service after June 30, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined in accordance with subparagraph (1).

**Sec. B-120. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**7. Forest rangers.** The total amount of the service retirement benefit for persons qualified under section 17851, subsection 8, ~~shall~~ must be computed as follows:

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, 1/2 of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation and an additional 2% of ~~his~~ the person's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualifications under section 17851, subsection 8; or

B. If ~~his~~ the person's benefit would be greater, the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service before July 1, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined, on a pro rata basis, on ~~his~~ the person's current annual salary on the date of retirement and the part of ~~his~~ the person's service retirement benefit based upon membership service after June 30, 1976, ~~shall~~ must be determined in accordance with paragraph A.

**Sec. B-121. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§8, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. ~~1/2~~ One-half of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation and an additional 2% of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualification under section 17851, subsection 9; or

**Sec. B-122. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§10, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. For members qualifying under section 17851, subsection 11, paragraph A, 1/2 of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation and an additional 2% of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualification under section 17851, subsection 11, paragraph A.

**Sec. B-123. 5 MRSA §17901, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Permanent.** To the extent that it is impossible for a person to perform the duties of ~~his~~ the person's employment position and the incapacity can be expected to be permanent; and

**Sec. B-124. 5 MRSA §17906, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. The disability retirement benefit may not be reduced below the amount of the retirement benefit ~~which that~~ is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions at the time of ~~his~~ the member's retirement.

**Sec. B-125. 5 MRSA §17907, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 256, §18, is corrected to read:

D. A full month's benefit ~~shall~~ must be paid to the beneficiary or estate of the disability retirement recipient for the month in which ~~he~~ the disability retirement recipient dies.

**Sec. B-126. 5 MRSA §17909, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**1. Requirement.** The chief executive officer shall require each beneficiary of a disability retirement benefit to submit, each calendar year, a statement of ~~his~~ the beneficiary's compensation received from engaging in any gainful occupation during that year.

**Sec. B-127. 5 MRSA §17910, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Right to reinstatement.** If the beneficiary of a disability retirement benefit decides that ~~he~~ the beneficiary is no longer incapacitated and is able to perform the duties of ~~his~~ the beneficiary's employment position, the employer for whom ~~he~~ the beneficiary last worked prior to becoming disabled shall reinstate the person to the first available position for which the beneficiary is qualified and that is consistent with the beneficiary's prior work experience. If a collective bargaining agreement applies to such a position, the employer may offer only a position ~~which that~~ the beneficiary could claim by virtue of the seniority accumulated at the time of the disability.

**Sec. B-128. 5 MRSA §17910, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**3. Termination or reduction in benefits.** At the option of the former beneficiary who has returned to an employment position, the disability retirement benefit may be terminated as of the end of the first month ~~he~~ the former beneficiary is reinstated to a position or may be subject to section 17906, subsection 3.

**Sec. B-129. 5 MRSA §18006, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Surviving spouse.** The surviving spouse until ~~he~~ the surviving spouse dies; and

**Sec. B-130. 5 MRSA §18057, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**2. ~~Widow or widower~~ Surviving spouse.** Second, if no beneficiary qualifies under subsection 1, to

the ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse of the employee.

**Sec. B-131. 5 MRSA §18061, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Separation from service.** The insurance on ~~any~~ an employee ~~shall~~ must terminate upon ~~his~~ the employee's separation from service, except as extended by:

A. Provisions contained in the policy for waiver of premiums upon total and permanent disability; and

B. Provisions for temporary extension of coverage and conversion to an individual policy of life insurance.

**Sec. B-132. 5 MRSA §18308, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §220, is corrected to read:

B. If an employee elects, under section 18361, to purchase ~~his~~ the employee's CETA time for past creditable service, the employee's CETA prime sponsor shall then pay to the applicable retirement program an amount equal to the employer's contribution, plus regular interest, for the employee's CETA time, using only CETA funds.

**Sec. B-133. 5 MRSA §18361, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. The person, within 90 days of becoming a non-CETA employee, signified in writing to the retirement system ~~his~~ the person's intention to purchase time credit under section 18308, subsection 4;

**Sec. B-134. 5 MRSA §18361, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

D. The person has not received a return of any contributions made under section 18308, subsection 4 or has deposited ~~his~~ the person's contributions within 18 months of obtaining non-CETA employment with the employer under section 18308, subsection 4; and

**Sec. B-135. 5 MRSA §18361, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**2. Retirement benefit effective before completion of payment.** If any retirement benefit becomes effective before the completion of the deposit under section 18308, subsection 4, the person is entitled to credit for that portion of ~~his~~ the person's CETA time ~~which~~ that the amount of the deposit actually made bears to the total amount ~~which that~~ would have been required to purchase the person's entire CETA time.

**Sec. B-136. 5 MRSA §18403**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 256, §30 and PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**§18403. Election of methods of payment**

**1. Definition.** As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the term "qualifying member" means:

- A. A member; or
- B. A former member who is receiving a disability retirement benefit.

**2. Election.** In order to receive a benefit, a qualifying member must elect to have ~~his~~ the qualifying member's service retirement benefit payable under any of the methods in section 18404.

**3. Time and manner of election.** A qualifying member must elect a method of payment before the beginning of payment of a service retirement benefit. This election must be by written notice to the chief executive officer stating the date on which ~~he~~ the qualifying member desires to retire.

**4. Change of election.** A qualifying member may revoke ~~his~~ the qualifying member's election of benefits and may elect another method of payment by giving written notice to the chief executive officer at any time before the first payment of the service retirement benefit.

**Sec. B-137. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**2. Option 1.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the excess, if any, of ~~his~~ the qualifying member's accumulated contributions at the time of retirement over the portion of the total retirement benefit payments actually made to the qualifying member while alive, which is the actuarial equivalent amount to the accumulated contributions, paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer or, if no one has been nominated as beneficiary, to ~~his~~ the qualifying member's estate. ~~No contributions~~ Contributions deducted from the compensation of a teacher before July 1, 1947; or required of a teacher for service credit before July 1, 1947; may not be included in the accumulated contributions.

**Sec. B-138. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**3. Option 2.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued in the same amount for the life of the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. B-139. 5 MRSA §18404, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**4. Option 3.** The qualifying member may elect to have a reduced retirement benefit payable to ~~himself~~ the qualifying member while alive and at the qualifying member's death to have the benefit continued at 1/2 the amount for the life of the beneficiary ~~he~~ the qualifying member has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the chief executive officer at the time of retirement, if the beneficiary survives the qualifying member.

**Sec. B-140. 5 MRSA §18405, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 118, §9, is corrected to read:

**1. Election of benefit for new spouse.** The recipient may elect to have the reduced retirement benefit paid under the same option to the new spouse after the recipient's death instead of continuing the original reduced retirement benefit to the recipient during ~~his~~ the recipient's lifetime, under the following conditions.

- A. The original spouse must have been the sole beneficiary of the reduced retirement benefit under section 18404, subsection 3, 4, 5-A or 5-B; and
- D. The recipient ~~shall~~ must have been married to the new spouse for at least 6 months.

**Sec. B-141. 5 MRSA §18407, sub-§4, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the amount of annual retirement benefit otherwise payable under this Part may not be less than the retired member received on the effective date of ~~his~~ the member's retirement or on July 1, 1977, whichever amount is greater.

**Sec. B-142. 5 MRSA §18408, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**3. Right to benefits.** ~~No~~ A member may not be deprived of ~~his~~ the member's right to any benefits under this section solely because ~~he~~ the member later terminates employment with the participating local district before ~~his~~ the member's service retirement date.

**Sec. B-143. 5 MRSA §18410,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**§18410. Incorrect records**

If any error in any record of the retirement system results in a member or beneficiary receiving more or less from the system than ~~he~~ the member or beneficiary would have been entitled to receive had the record been correct, payments ~~shall~~ must, as far as practicable, be adjusted so that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which ~~he~~ the member or beneficiary was correctly entitled is paid.

**Sec. B-144. 5 MRSA §18411, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

For purposes of determining benefits under this chapter, the earnable compensation of a member retired with a disability retirement allowance under article 3 is assumed to be continued after ~~his~~ the member's date of termination of service:

**Sec. B-145. 5 MRSA §18412, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 256, §34, is corrected to read:

**1. One benefit only.** A beneficiary may select only one benefit, regardless of how many benefits ~~he~~ the beneficiary qualifies for; and

**Sec. B-146. 5 MRSA §18452, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Member in service.** The total amount of the service retirement benefit for members qualified under section 18451, subsection 1, equals:

A. ~~1/50~~ One-fiftieth of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of ~~his~~ membership service; and

B. If the member has prior service, 1/50 of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of prior service ~~provided~~, except that the number of years of prior service used in this computation may not exceed 25 years unless the participating local district has made the election provided under section 18352, subsection 2.

**Sec. B-147. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**6. Police Officer Special Plan #1.** A retirement benefit equal to 1/2 of ~~his~~ the member's average final compensation to a police officer, including the chief of a police department, who has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity and who retires upon or after reaching age 55 years of age.

**Sec. B-148. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. Except as provided under paragraph B, 2/3 of ~~his~~ the police officer's or chief of police's average final compensation; or

**Sec. B-149. 5 MRSA §18456**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**§18456. Minimum benefit**

Any A member who has 10 or more years of creditable service at retirement is entitled to a minimum service retirement benefit of \$100 a month. Any A former participating local district employee who had 10 or more years of creditable service and who is receiving a retirement allowance, including adjustments provided by section 18407, ~~which~~ that is less than \$100 a month,

~~shall~~ must have ~~his~~ that former employee's retirement benefit increased to \$100 a month the first day of the month following adoption of this section by the participating local district.

**Sec. B-150. 5 MRSA §18501, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Permanent.** To the extent that it is impossible for a person to perform the duties of ~~his~~ the person's employment position and the incapacity can be expected to be permanent; and

**Sec. B-151. 5 MRSA §18506, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

C. The disability retirement benefit may not be reduced below the amount of the retirement benefit ~~which~~ that is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions at the time of ~~his~~ the member's retirement.

**Sec. B-152. 5 MRSA §18507, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 256, §42, is corrected to read:

D. A full month's benefit ~~shall~~ must be paid to the beneficiary or estate of the disability retirement recipient for the month in which ~~he~~ the disability retirement recipient dies.

**Sec. B-153. 5 MRSA §18509, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is corrected to read:

**1. Requirement.** The chief executive officer shall require each beneficiary of a disability retirement benefit to submit, each calendar year, a statement of ~~his~~ the beneficiary's compensation received from engaging in any gainful occupation during that year.

**Sec. B-154. 5 MRSA §18510, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Election.** ~~Any A~~ beneficiary entitled to a disability retirement benefit under section 1122 of the former retirement system law, as in effect immediately before July 1, 1977, may elect to be governed by this article instead of the law applicable to the disability retirement benefit ~~which he~~ that the beneficiary is receiving.

**Sec. B-155. 5 MRSA §18556, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**5. Election of benefit.** In lieu of accepting the benefits under section 18553, the first listed of the beneficiaries under paragraph A or B, whichever applies, may, if living at the death of the qualifying member, elect the benefits in this section, if the deceased qualifying member had 20 years of creditable service at the time of ~~his~~ the qualifying member's death.

A. If a beneficiary was designated under section 18552, the following designated beneficiaries of the deceased are eligible to make the election under this subsection:

- (1) Surviving spouse;
- (2) Dependent child or dependent children; or
- (3) Parent or parents.

B. If no beneficiary was designated under section 18552, the following relatives of the deceased, if any, alive at the qualifying member's death are eligible to make the election under this subsection:

- (1) Surviving spouse;
- (2) Dependent child or dependent children; or
- (3) Parent or parents.

**Sec. B-156. 5 MRSA §18556, sub-§6, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

A. The benefit ~~shall~~ must be computed in accordance with section 18452, subsection 1, and ~~shall~~ must be reduced in accordance with section 18452, subsection 3, as if the service retirement of the qualifying member had taken place on the date of ~~his~~ the qualifying member's death.

**Sec. B-157. 5 MRSA §18606, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Surviving spouse.** The surviving spouse until ~~he~~ the surviving spouse dies; and

**Sec. B-158. 5 MRSA §18657, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 515, §2 and affected by §3, is corrected to read:

**2. ~~Widow or widower~~ Surviving spouse.** Second, if no beneficiary qualifies under subsection 1, to the ~~widow or widower~~ surviving spouse of the employee.

**Sec. B-159. 5 MRSA §18661, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**1. Separation from service.** The insurance on any employee ~~shall~~ must terminate upon ~~his~~ the employee's separation from service, except as extended by:

- A. Provisions contained in the policy for waiver of premiums upon total and permanent disability; and
- B. Provisions for temporary extension of coverage and conversion to an individual policy of life insurance.

**Sec. B-160. 5 MRSA §19002, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

**5. Federal Security Administrator.** The term "Federal Security Administrator" includes ~~any~~ an individual to whom the Federal Security Administrator has delegated any of ~~his~~ the Federal Security Administrator's functions under the Social Security Act with respect to coverage under ~~such~~ that Act of employees of states and their political subdivisions.

**Sec. B-161. 5 MRSA §19004, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is corrected to read:

B. Each political subdivision required to make payments under paragraph A is authorized, in consideration of the employee's retention in, or entry upon, employment after ~~enactment of this chapter~~ December 31, 1986, to impose upon each of its employees, as to services ~~which~~ that are covered by an approved plan, a contribution with respect to ~~his~~ the employee's wages, as defined in section 19002, not exceeding the amount of tax ~~which~~ that would be imposed by section 1400 of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act if ~~such~~ those services constituted employment within the meaning of that ~~act~~ Act, and to deduct the amount of ~~such~~ the contribution from ~~his~~ the employee's wages as and when paid. Contributions so collected ~~shall~~ must be paid into the Contribution Fund in partial discharge of the liability of ~~such~~ the political subdivision or instrumentality under paragraph A. Failure to deduct ~~such~~ a contribution ~~shall~~ does not relieve the employee or employer of liability therefor.

**EXPLANATION**

This Part corrects gender-specific references within statutory units in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5 pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 475, section 52, and, as authorized by Title 1, section 93, this Part also incorporates certain administrative changes and corrections to those statutory units.

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**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. 10 MRSA §928, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §57, is corrected to read:

In order to provide for the initial organization of the foundation, the Governor shall appoint an organizing committee of 14 persons, 7 of whom ~~shall~~ must be eligible to be private sector corporators, 5 of whom ~~shall~~ must be eligible to be public sector corporators and 2 of whom ~~shall~~ must be state department and agency heads from among the list set forth in section 918, subsection 3. The Governor shall designate the ~~chairman~~ chair of the committee. The organizing committee shall solicit individuals and corporations from the private and public sectors as described in this chapter to be corporators of the Maine Development Foundation.

**Sec. C-2. 10 MRSA §928, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548, §1, is corrected to read:

The committee shall call and hold an initial meeting of the corporators no later than 6 months from ~~the effective date of this Act~~ October 24, 1977. The initial meeting ~~shall~~ must be for the election of directors and officers of the foundation. The committee shall prepare an agenda for and the ~~chairman~~ chair shall chair the in-

itial meeting. The committee shall serve as the nominating committee for the initial election only, and may submit suggested bylaws and procedures for consideration by the incorporators.

**Sec. C-3. 10 MRSA §967-A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 344, §15, is corrected to read:

**§967-A. Limitation of liability**

~~No~~ A member of the authority, ~~no~~ a member of any board of the authority and ~~no~~ an employee of the authority ~~may be~~ are not subject to any personal liability for having acted within the course and scope of ~~his~~ the membership or employment to carry out any power or duty under this chapter. The authority shall indemnify any member of the authority, any member of any board of the authority and any employee of the authority against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by ~~him~~ the member or employee in connection with the defense of any action or proceeding in which ~~he~~ the member or employee is made a party by reason of past or present association with the authority.

**Sec. C-4. 10 MRSA §968**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 519, §6, is corrected to read:

**§968. Administration**

The authority shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chair; one member as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair, who ~~shall serve~~ serves as secretary; ~~and~~ one member as treasurer; and shall employ a chief executive officer.

**Sec. C-5. 10 MRSA §975-A, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 344, §25, is corrected to read:

F. Information or records specified in a written request signed by the ~~chairmen~~ chairs of a legislative committee ~~shall~~ must be provided to the legislative committee. The information or records may be used only for the lawful purposes of the committee and in any action arising out of any investigation conducted by it; and

**Sec. C-6. 10 MRSA §982, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 519, §7, is corrected to read:

**7. Improved technical assistance.** To provide a central source for credit information and other financial management training and services to farmers, ~~fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially and foresters to better enable them to obtain adequate financial assistance from existing sources and to provide similar technical assistance, research and service in marketing products of natural resource enterprises.

**Sec. C-7. 10 MRSA §997, sub-§1, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 344, §36, is corrected to read:

A. In the case of an applicant who is an individual, the entrant to natural resource enterprises ~~shall~~ must be a resident of the State and ~~shall~~ must have,

together with ~~his~~ the individual's spouse and dependent children, an aggregate net worth, as determined by the authority, of \$100,000 or less when an application is made. In the case of an applicant ~~which that~~ is a business organization, the entrant to natural resource enterprises ~~shall~~ must be organized under the laws of the State so that at least 51% of the controlling ownership is held by residents of the State, each of whom has, together with ~~his or her~~ the resident's spouse and dependent children, an aggregate net worth, as determined by the authority, of \$100,000 or less when an application is made.

**Sec. C-8. 10 MRSA §1012, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 159, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Purpose.** The authority shall administer the Maine Natural Disaster Business Assistance Program for the purpose of providing assistance to businesses that are victims of natural disasters ~~which that~~ have caused the State or portions of the State to be declared disaster areas by the President of the United States or ~~his~~ the President's authorized representative.

**Sec. C-9. 10 MRSA §1044, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 344, §67, is corrected to read:

**6. Form.** The authority shall determine the form of the securities, including any attached interest coupons, the manner of execution of the securities, the denomination or denominations of the securities and the place or places for payment of principal and interest, which may be at any financial institution within or without the State. Revenue obligation securities ~~shall~~ must be executed in the name of the authority by the manual or facsimile signature of the authorized official or officials. Any attached coupons ~~shall~~ must be executed with the manual or facsimile signature of the authorized official or officials. Signatures and facsimiles of signatures on securities and coupons ~~will be~~ are valid for all purposes even if the authorized official ceases to hold office before delivery of the securities. The securities may be issued in coupon or registered form or both as the authority may determine. Provision may be made for the registration of any coupon securities as to principal alone and as to both principal and interest; and for the reconversion into coupon securities of any securities registered as to both principal and interest. In addition to this subsection, the authority may provide for transfer of registration of its registered revenue obligation securities by book entry on the records of the entity designated for that purpose and may enter into such contractual arrangements as may be necessary to accomplish these purposes. In the event a book entry method of transfer is used, principal of and interest on those registered securities ~~shall~~ must be payable to the registered owner shown in the book entry, ~~his or the~~ registered owner's legal representatives, successors or transferees.

**Sec. C-10. 10 MRSA §1044, sub-§12, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 344, §71, is corrected to read:

B. Revenue obligation securities of the authority ~~shall~~ may not be issued until the Director of Energy Resources has reviewed and commented upon the project proposal. The director shall make ~~his~~ comments within 30 days after receipt of a notification and copy of the project proposal from the authority. The authority shall take the comments into consideration in its processing of the project.

**Sec. C-11. 10 MRSA §1100-T, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 438, §3, is corrected to read:

E. For investments made in tax years beginning before January 1, 2014, the business receiving the investment must have annual gross sales of \$3,000,000 or less. For investments made in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the business receiving the investment must have annual gross sales of \$5,000,000 or less. The operation of the business must be a substantial professional activity of at least one of the principal owners, as determined by the authority. The principal owner and the principal owner's spouse are not eligible for a credit for investment in that business. A tax credit certificate may not be issued to a parent, ~~brother, sister~~ sibling or child of a principal owner if the parent, ~~brother, sister~~ sibling or child has any existing ownership interest in the business.

**Sec. C-12. 10 MRSA §1100-T, sub-§2-A, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 446, §2 and affected by §6, is corrected to read:

E. Each business receiving an investment from a private venture capital fund, ~~which if the~~ investment is used as the basis for the issuance of a tax credit certificate, must have annual gross sales of \$3,000,000 or less and the operation of the business must be the full-time professional activity of the principal owner, as determined by the authority. The principal owner and principal owner's spouse, if any, are not eligible for a credit for investment in that business or for an investment by the private venture capital fund in that business. A tax credit certificate may not be issued to a parent, ~~brother, sister~~ sibling or child of a principal owner if the parent, ~~brother, sister~~ sibling or child has any existing ownership interest in that business or for an investment by the private venture capital fund in that business.

**Sec. C-13. 10 MRSA §1105, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 580, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) Is caused by an event such as a natural or ~~man-made~~ human-made emergency or disaster, whether local or remote; and

**Sec. C-14. 10 MRSA §1171, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 331, §1, is corrected to read:

**1-A. Designated family member.** "Designated family member" means the spouse, child, grandchild, parent, ~~brother or sister~~ or sibling of the owner of a new motor vehicle dealer who, in the case of the owner's death, is entitled to inherit the ownership interest in the new motor vehicle dealer under the terms of the owner's will, or who, in the case of an incapacitated owner of a new motor vehicle dealer, has been appointed by a court as the legal representative of the new motor vehicle dealer's property.

**Sec. C-15. 10 MRSA §1174, sub-§3, ¶Q,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 521, §17, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) The fact that the new motor vehicle dealer sells or transfers ownership of the dealership or sells or transfers capital stock in the dealership to the new motor vehicle dealer's spouse, ~~son or daughter~~ or child and the manufacturer shall give effect to that change in the ownership in the franchise unless the transfer of the new motor vehicle dealer's license is denied or the new owner is unable to license. This paragraph does not authorize any changes in ownership that have the effect of the sale of the franchise without the manufacturer's or distributor's written consent. This consent may not be unreasonably withheld. The burden of establishing the reasonableness is on the manufacturer or distributor; or

**Sec. C-16. 10 MRSA §1174-C, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 331, §7, is corrected to read:

**3. Written designation of succession unaffected.** This section does not preclude a new motor vehicle dealer from designating any person as ~~his~~ the dealer's successor by written instrument filed with the manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, factory representative or importer.

**Sec. C-17. 10 MRSA §1202, sub-§8** is corrected to read:

**8. Costs to be added.** ~~Where~~ When a retailer sells at retail any merchandise ~~which that~~ is the product of ~~his or its~~ the retailer's own manufacture or ~~which that~~ has been purchased by ~~him or it~~ the retailer at the purchase price or prices available to wholesalers, in the absence of proof of a lesser cost, both the wholesale markup of 2% and the retail markup of 6% to cover in part the cost of doing business, as provided in subsections 1 and 2, ~~shall~~ must be added in determining the "cost to the retailer" of such merchandise.

**Sec. C-18. 10 MRSA §1205, sub-§1** is corrected to read:

**1. Injunctive relief; damages and costs.** ~~Any~~ A person damaged or who is threatened with loss or injury by reason of a violation or threatened violation of this chapter may bring a civil action in the Superior Court in

the county where ~~he~~ the person resides; to prevent, restrain or enjoin ~~such the~~ violation or threatened violation. If in such ~~an~~ action a violation or threatened violation of this chapter ~~shall be~~ is established, the court may enjoin and restrain or otherwise prohibit ~~such the~~ violation or threatened violation. In such ~~an~~ action, it ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ necessary that actual damages to the plaintiff be alleged or proved. In addition to ~~such~~ injunctive relief, the plaintiff in ~~said the~~ action ~~shall be~~ is entitled to recover from the defendant 3 times the amount of actual damages ~~by him~~ sustained by the plaintiff and the costs of the action including reasonable ~~attorneys' attorney's~~ fees.

**Sec. C-19. 10 MRSA §1205, sub-§2** is corrected to read:

**2. Damages only.** In the event ~~no~~ injunctive relief is ~~not~~ sought or required, ~~any~~ a person injured by a violation of this chapter may maintain an action for damages alone in the Superior Court in the county where ~~he~~ the person resides and the measure of damages in ~~such that~~ action ~~shall be~~ is the same as prescribed in subsection 1.

**Sec. C-20. 10 MRSA §1208, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 423, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Authority.** Whenever the Attorney General reasonably believes that a violation of section 1204-A may be occurring in the sale of motor fuel, ~~he the Attorney General~~ may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers before ~~him the Attorney General~~ relating to any and all costs of operation of any motor fuel retailer or wholesaler.

**Sec. C-21. 10 MRSA §1209, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 423, §2, is corrected to read:

**3. Penalty.** ~~Any~~ A person who fails to file a report as required by this section ~~shall be~~ is subject to a penalty of not more than \$500 a day for each day after the first 5 business days on which ~~he the person~~ fails to file a report by postmarking it. The penalty ~~shall must~~ be payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

**Sec. C-22. 10 MRSA §1210-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 65, Pt. C, §6, is corrected to read:

**3. Securities.** A sale by a dealer or agent or ~~salesman salesperson~~ of a dealer registered pursuant to Title 32, chapter 135 of stocks, bonds, debentures or securities representing stocks, bonds or debentures registered pursuant to Title 32, chapter 135 or expressly exempt from registration pursuant to Title 32, chapter 135;

**Sec. C-23. 10 MRSA §1211, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 503, is corrected to read:

**8. Trade name.** "Trade name" means a work, name, symbol, device or any combination of the foregoing in any form or arrangement used by a person to

identify ~~his~~ the person's business, vocation or occupation and distinguish it from the business, vocation or occupation of others.

**Sec. C-24. 10 MRSA §1212, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 625, §53, is corrected to read:

**1. Lists.** A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of ~~his~~ the person's business, vocation or occupation, ~~he the person:~~

A. Passes off goods or services as those of another;  
B. Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval or certification of goods or services;

C. Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection or association with, or certification by, another;

D. Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;

E. Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have, or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection that ~~he the person~~ does not have;

F. Represents that goods are original or new if they are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used or secondhand;

G. Represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;

H. Disparages the goods, services or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact;

I. Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;

J. Advertises goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity;

K. Makes false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of or amounts of, price reductions; or

L. Engages in any other conduct ~~which that~~ similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.

**Sec. C-25. 10 MRSA §1213, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 503, is corrected to read:

The court in exceptional cases may award reasonable ~~attorneys' attorney's~~ fees to the prevailing party. Costs or ~~attorneys' attorney's~~ fees may be assessed against a defendant only if the court finds that ~~he the~~

defendant has willfully engaged in a deceptive trade practice.

**Sec. C-26. 10 MRSA §1372, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 62, is corrected to read:

**5. Operator.** "Operator" means the owner, operator, lessor or sublessor of a self-service storage facility, an agent or any other person authorized to manage the facility. "Operator" does not mean a warehouseman warehouse operator, unless the operator issues a warehouse receipt, bill of lading or other document of title for the personal property stored.

**Sec. C-27. 10 MRSA §1405**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 435, is corrected to read:

**§1405. Cumulative remedies; prohibition against waiver**

The warranty under this chapter ~~shall be is~~ in addition to and not in derogation of all other rights and privileges ~~which such that~~ a consumer may have under any other law or instrument. The manufacturer or dealer ~~shall may~~ not require the buyer to waive ~~his the~~ buyer's rights under this chapter and any such waiver ~~shall be deemed is~~ contrary to public policy and ~~shall be is~~ unenforceable and void.

**Sec. C-28. 10 MRSA §1432, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 427, §2, is corrected to read:

**4. Designated family member.** "Designated family member" means the spouse, child, grandchild, parent, ~~brother or sister~~ or sibling of the owner of a new recreational vehicle dealer who, in the case of the owner's death, is entitled to inherit the ownership interest in the new recreational vehicle dealership under the terms of the owner's will or who, in the case of an incapacitated owner of a new recreational vehicle dealership, has been appointed by a court as the legal representative of the new recreational vehicle dealer's property.

**Sec. C-29. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 292, §1 and affected by §2, is corrected to read:

**3. Dealer to furnish certain written statements concerning warranty.** ~~No A~~ dealer may not sell, offer for sale or transfer a used motor vehicle to a person unless ~~he the dealer~~ furnishes to ~~such the~~ person a written statement containing the warranty required by subsection 1. Any other warranty, in addition to that required by subsection 1, that may be extended or agreed to by the dealer must be set forth in this written statement in accordance with further requirements of this section.

A. Every written statement ~~shall must~~ contain, fully and conspicuously disclosed, the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the dealer's place of business; where repairs, replacement of parts and other service under the warranty are

to be performed or, if such repairs, replacement of parts and other service under the warranty are not to be performed at ~~such that~~ place of business, the name, address and other identifying information of each facility within a radius of 50 miles of the dealer's place of business to which the vehicle may be brought for repairs, replacement of parts and other service under the warranty; and

- (2) The following notice: "If a dealer fails to perform ~~his the dealer's~~ obligation under the warranty, the purchaser shall give the dealer written notice of such failure before the purchaser initiates a civil action in accordance with section 1476." The notice must be sent by registered or certified mail to the dealer's last known business address.

B. In addition, the written statement required by this subsection must contain, fully and conspicuously disclosed, the following information concerning any additional warranty not required by subsection 1:

- (1) The date on which the additional warranty begins as well as the date on which or the number of days or mileage at which the warranty will terminate, either handwritten or printed on the statement by the dealer;
- (2) The parts or systems of the vehicle that are warranted against mechanical defects, or the parts or systems of the vehicle excluded from the warranty; and
- (3) A statement of what the dealer will do in the event of a mechanical defect and at whose expense.

**Sec. C-30. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 429, §4, is corrected to read:

A. ~~No A~~ dealer may not sell, negotiate the sale of, offer for sale or transfer any reconstructable motor vehicle to a person other than another dealer unless ~~he the dealer~~ affixes to the vehicle a conspicuous written statement ~~that, which~~ must:

- (1) Appear under the following conspicuous caption:

UNSAFE MOTOR VEHICLE  
THIS CAR DOES NOT MEET MAINE'S INSPECTION LAWS AND IS UNSAFE TO DRIVE ON THE ROAD. THIS CAR WILL NEED TO BE REBUILT OR REPAIRED IN ORDER TO MEET MAINE'S INSPECTION LAWS AND BE SAFELY DRIVEN ON THE ROAD;

- (2) Contain a statement of the components of the motor vehicle ~~which that~~ must be inspected pursuant to ~~Maine's the State's~~ inspection laws

and the specific components on ~~this~~ the vehicle ~~which that~~ do not meet those laws;

(3) Contain the following information in the form of an inspection report:

(a) The make, model, model year and vehicle identification number of the reconstructable motor vehicle;

(b) The signature and inspection license number of the inspection mechanic licensed by the State of ~~Maine~~ who performed the inspection; and

(c) The date the inspection was performed; and

(4) ~~A~~ Contain a statement that ~~this~~ the vehicle must be towed from ~~these~~ the premises.

**Sec. C-31. 10 MRSA §1476, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, §57, is corrected to read:

**1. Failure to perform warranty obligations prohibited.** ~~No~~ A dealer ~~shall~~ may not fail to perform ~~his~~ the dealer's obligation under a warranty made in accordance with this chapter. It ~~shall~~ does not constitute a failure to perform such obligations if a dealer refuses to act in accordance with the provisions of that warranty with respect to any mechanical defect that resulted from unreasonable use or maltreatment of that motor vehicle by the purchaser.

**Sec. C-32. 10 MRSA §1476, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §34, is corrected to read:

**2. Conditions ~~deemed~~ considered failure to perform warranty.** A dealer ~~shall~~ must be considered to have failed to perform ~~his~~ the dealer's obligations under warranty made in accordance with this chapter if the dealer:

A. ~~He fails~~ Fails to perform repair or replacement of parts required under the warranty within:

(1) Five calendar days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, after the date on which the purchaser delivers the motor vehicle to ~~him~~ the dealer for such repair or replacement; ~~or~~

(2) Thirty-five calendar days after the date on which the purchaser delivers the motor vehicle to ~~him~~ the dealer if necessary parts are not available to the dealer during the period set forth in subparagraph (1); or

(3) A reasonable period after the period set forth in subparagraph (2) if necessary parts are not available to the dealer because of a strike, natural disaster or other disaster affecting the manufacture, distribution or shipment of parts; ~~or~~

B. ~~He fails~~ Fails to provide the purchaser with the use of an operating motor vehicle at no cost, except gasoline and oil, beginning at the conclusion of the time stated in paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2), and continuing until repairs have been completed; ~~or~~

C. ~~He transfers~~ Transfers ownership of a used motor vehicle ~~which that~~ does not conform to the warranty imposed by section 1474, subsection 1; or

D. ~~He fails~~ Fails in any other material respect to perform an obligation arising out of the warranty within a reasonable time.

**Sec. C-33. 10 MRSA §1476, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, §57, is corrected to read:

**3. Purchaser's rights upon failure of dealer to perform warranty obligations.** If the dealer fails to perform ~~his~~ the dealer's obligations under the warranty, the purchaser, in addition to any other rights ~~he or she may have~~ the purchaser has, shall have has the right to:

A. Rescind the contract of sale and recover the full consideration paid for the motor vehicle, including the fair market value of any property forming part of that consideration, reduced only by:

(1) The amount of damage caused to the motor vehicle by the purchaser, other than damage resulting primarily from a mechanical defect repairable under the warranty; and

(2) With respect to ~~vehicles~~ a vehicle that have has been in possession of the purchaser for more than 30 days, diminution, if any, in the retail fair market value of the motor vehicle attributable to the period during which the consumer has had possession of ~~said~~ the motor vehicle in ~~useable~~ usable condition. Fair market value for the purposes of this subparagraph ~~shall be~~ is measured by the average retail price listed in an authorized used car guide, such as the National Automobile ~~Dealer's~~ Dealers Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition, issued next before the sale and next before the rescission; and

B. Recover damages in an amount equal to the ~~differeces~~ difference between the fair market value of the motor vehicle in its actual condition at the time the dealer fails to perform ~~his~~ the dealer's obligations under the warranty and the fair market value of the motor vehicle had it been as warranted. Such damages may be deducted from any balance due on the contract or recovered by the purchaser in a civil action.

Before initiating a civil action pursuant to this paragraph, the purchaser must give the dealer written notice that the dealer has failed to perform ~~his~~ the dealer's obligations under the warranty. The written

notice ~~shall~~ must be given to the dealer by registered or certified mail addressed to ~~his the dealer's~~ usual place of business or ~~to his~~ last known business address.

**Sec. C-34. 10 MRSA §1476, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, §57, is corrected to read:

**4. Attorney's fees.** If the court finds, in ~~any~~ an action commenced under this section, that the dealer failed to perform ~~his the dealer's~~ obligations under the warranty, the petitioner ~~shall~~ must, in addition to other relief provided for by this section and irrespective of the amount in controversy, be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with ~~said~~ the action.

**Sec. C-35. 10 MRSA §1484**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 660, is corrected to read:

**§1484. Exemption**

This chapter ~~shall~~ does not apply to any person who provides to the owner or the lessee of a residence the labor or material for installing insulation in that residence if that person is not primarily engaged in the business of installing insulation and if that person does not advertise as, solicit as or hold himself out as one present as a person who installs insulation. For the purposes of this section, the term "not primarily engaged in the business of installing insulation" means having gross receipts for the installation of insulation which do not exceed either \$2,500 for all labor or \$4,500 for all materials in any one calendar year.

**Sec. C-36. 10 MRSA §1489**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 574, is corrected to read:

**§1489. Exemption**

Parties to a home construction contract may exempt themselves from the requirements of this chapter only if the contractor specifically informs the homeowner or lessee of ~~his the homeowner's or lessee's~~ rights under this chapter and the parties then mutually agree to a contract or change order that does not contain the parts set forth in sections 1487 and 1488.

**Sec. C-37. 10 MRSA §1521, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572, §2, is corrected to read:

**1. Applicant.** "Applicant" includes the person filing an application for registration of a mark under this chapter, ~~his and the person's~~ legal representatives, successors or assigns.

**Sec. C-38. 10 MRSA §1521, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572, §2, is corrected to read:

**7. Trade name.** "Trade name" means a word, name, symbol, device or any combination thereof used by a person to identify ~~his the person's~~ business, vocation or occupation and distinguish it from the business, vocation or occupation of others.

**Sec. C-39. 10 MRSA §1521, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572, §2, is corrected to read:

**8. Trademark.** "Trademark" means ~~any~~ a word, name, symbol or device or any combination thereof adopted and used by a person to identify goods made or sold by ~~him the person~~ and to distinguish them from goods made or sold by others.

**Sec. C-40. 10 MRSA §1524, 4th ¶**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572, §2, is corrected to read:

~~Any A~~ registration in force on ~~the date on which this chapter becomes effective shall expire~~ January 1, 1980 expires 10 years from the date of the registration or one year after ~~the effective date of this chapter~~ January 1, 1980, whichever is later, and may be renewed by filing an application with the Secretary of State on a form furnished by ~~him the Secretary of State~~ and paying the renewal fee within 6 months prior to the expiration of the registration.

**Sec. C-41. 10 MRSA §1527, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 684, §§6 and 7, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) That the registered mark is so similar, as to be likely to cause confusion or mistake or to deceive, to a mark registered by another person in the United States Patent and Trademark Office prior to the date of the filing of the application for registration by the registrant and not abandoned; ~~provided except~~ that, should the registrant prove that ~~he the registrant~~ is the owner of a concurrent registration of ~~his the registrant's~~ mark in the United States Patent and Trademark Office covering an area including this State, the registration ~~shall~~ may not be cancelled; or

**Sec. C-42. 10 MRSA §1528**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 572, §2, is corrected to read:

**§1528. Fraudulent registration**

~~Any A~~ person who ~~shall, for himself, that person or~~ on behalf of any other person, ~~procure~~ procures the filing or registration of any mark in the office of the Secretary of State under this chapter, by knowingly making any false or fraudulent representation or declaration, verbally or in writing, or by any other fraudulent means, ~~shall be~~ is liable to pay all damages sustained in consequence of the filing or registration, to be recovered by or on behalf of the party injured in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**Sec. C-43. 10 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 143, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) At the time of disclosure or use, knew or had reason to know that ~~his the person's~~ knowledge of the trade secret was:

- (i) Derived from or through a person who had utilized improper means to acquire it;
- (ii) Acquired under circumstances giving rise to a duty to maintain its secrecy or limit its use; or
- (iii) Derived from or through a person who owed a duty to the person seeking relief to maintain its secrecy or limit its use; or

**Sec. C-44. 10 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 143, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

- (3) Before a material change of ~~his~~ the person's position, knew or had reason to know that it was a trade secret and that knowledge of it had been acquired by accident or mistake.

**Sec. C-45. 10 MRSA §1656** is corrected to read:

**§1656. Trade names not imitated**

It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to disguise or camouflage ~~his or their~~ the person's, firm's or corporation's own equipment by imitating the design, symbol or trade name of the equipment under which recognized brands of internal combustion engine fuels, lubricating oils and similar products are generally marketed.

**Sec. C-46. 10 MRSA §1902, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 266, is corrected to read:

**3. Notice to exhibitors.** A distributor shall provide reasonable and uniform notice to exhibitors within the State of all trade screenings of motion pictures ~~he~~ the distributor is distributing.

**Sec. C-47. 10 MRSA §2302, sub-§8,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 91, §1, is corrected to read:

**8. Repairman Repairer.** "~~Repairman~~" shall mean ~~any~~ "Repairer" means a person engaged in the business of adjusting or repairing weighing or measuring devices in this State or an employee thereof engaged in such business;

**Sec. C-48. 10 MRSA §2365-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 804, §8, is corrected to read:

**1. Applications.** Applications for licenses under this subchapter ~~shall~~ must be made in writing on forms prescribed by the state sealer for each wood scaler. The application ~~shall~~ must include the name and qualifications of the applicant scaler, ~~his qualifications,~~ and other pertinent information as the state sealer ~~shall require~~ requires.

**Sec. C-49. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§7,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 91, §5, is corrected to read:

**7. Delegation of responsibility.** Delegate to appropriate personnel any of these responsibilities for the proper administration of ~~his~~ the office of the state sealer;

**Sec. C-50. 10 MRSA §2402, sub-§14,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §178, is corrected to read:

**14. Appropriate measure.** Prescribe, by regulation adopted in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, the appropriate term or unit of weight or measure to be used, whenever ~~he~~ the state sealer determines in the case of a specific commodity that an existing practice of declaring the quantity by weight, measure, numerical count or any combination thereof does not facilitate value comparisons by consumers or offers an opportunity for consumer confusion;

**Sec. C-51. 10 MRSA §2403, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 91, §5, is corrected to read:

**1. Entry.** Authorized to enter any commercial premises during normal business hours, except that in the event ~~such~~ the commercial premises are not open to the public, ~~he~~ the state sealer shall first present ~~his~~ the state sealer's credentials and obtain consent before ~~making entry thereto~~ entering the commercial premises, unless a search warrant has previously been obtained;

**Sec. C-52. 10 MRSA §2403, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 91, §5, is corrected to read:

**4. Stopping vehicles.** Empowered to stop any commercial vehicle and, after presentment of ~~his~~ the state sealer's credentials, inspect the contents, require that the person in charge of that vehicle produce any documents in ~~his~~ that person's possession concerning the contents and require ~~him~~ that person to proceed with the vehicle to some specified place for inspection.

**Sec. C-53. 10 MRSA §2405** is corrected to read:

**§2405. Investigations**

The state sealer shall investigate complaints made to ~~him~~ the state sealer concerning violations of this chapter, and shall, upon ~~his~~ the state sealer's own initiative, conduct such investigations as ~~he deems~~ the state sealer considers appropriate and advisable to develop information on prevailing procedures in commercial quantity determination and on possible violations of this chapter and to promote the general objective of accuracy in the determination and representation of quantity in commercial transactions.

**Sec. C-54. 10 MRSA §2504** is corrected to read:

**§2504. Action by unlicensed persons**

~~No~~ A person ~~shall~~ may not assume the title "licensed public weighmaster," or any title of similar import, perform the duties or acts to be performed by a

licensed public weighmaster, ~~hold himself out present~~ as a licensed public weighmaster, issue any weight certificate, ticket, memorandum or statement for which a fee is charged, or engage in the full-time or part-time business of public weighing, unless ~~he~~ the person holds a valid license as a licensed public weighmaster. "Public weighing," as used in this section, ~~shall mean~~ means the weighing for any person, upon request, of property, produce, commodities or articles other than those ~~which~~ that the weigher or ~~his~~ the weigher's employer, if any, is either buying or selling.

**Sec. C-55. 10 MRSA §2552** is corrected to read:

**§2552. Execution; requirements**

A licensed public weighmaster ~~shall~~ may not enter on a weight certificate issued by ~~him~~ the weighmaster any weight values ~~but such as he~~ except those the weighmaster has personally determined, and he shall may not make ~~no~~ any entries on a weight certificate issued by some other person. A weight certificate ~~shall~~ must be so prepared as to show clearly that weight or weights were actually determined. If the certificate form provides for the entry of gross, tare and net weights, in any case in which only the gross, the tare or the net weight is determined by the weighmaster ~~he, the~~ weighmaster shall strike through or otherwise cancel the printed entries for the weights not determined or computed. If gross and tare weights are shown on a weight certificate and both of these were not determined on the same scale and on the day for which the certificate is dated, the weighmaster shall identify on the certificate the scale used for determining each such weight and the date of each such determination.

**Sec. C-56. 10 MRSA §2553** is corrected to read:

**§2553. Copies preserved and available**

A licensed public weighmaster shall keep and preserve for at least one year, or for ~~such a~~ longer period as may be specified in the regulations authorized to be issued for the enforcement of this chapter, a legible carbon copy of each weight certificate issued by ~~him, which that~~ public weighmaster. The copies shall must be open at all reasonable times for inspection by the state sealer or a sealer.

**Sec. C-57. 10 MRSA §2621**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 91, §10, is corrected to read:

**§2621. Misrepresentation of quantity**

~~No~~ A person ~~shall~~ may not sell, offer or expose for sale less than the quantity ~~he~~ the person represents, nor take any more than the quantity ~~he~~ the person represents when, as buyer, ~~he~~ the person furnishes the weight or measure by means of which the quantity is determined.

**Sec. C-58. 10 MRSA c. 501, sub-c. 8, head-note** is corrected to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 8**

**DEALERS AND REPAIRMEN REPAIRERS**

**Sec. C-59. 10 MRSA §2651**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 454, §7, is corrected to read:

**§2651. Registration; certificates**

~~Any~~ A person wishing to be registered as a dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer shall make application to the state sealer upon forms provided by the state sealer, furnishing such pertinent information as may be required, and each application must be accompanied by an annual fee of \$25. Upon approval, the state sealer shall issue to the applicant a registration certificate that expires on December 31st, or in the manner provided in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, ~~Title 5, chapter 375,~~ whichever is later, unless sooner suspended or revoked under section 2655. A registration may be issued for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Registrations for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is 3 times the annual fee.

**Sec. C-60. 10 MRSA §2652** is corrected to read:

**§2652. Handling of condemned devices; disposition**

A dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer who accepts weighing or measuring devices, ~~which that~~ which have been condemned by the state sealer in trade for new or used weighing or measuring devices; and ~~which that~~ which are intended to be dismantled or destroyed, upon receipt ~~thereof of the weighing or measuring devices,~~ shall remove the condemned tags. ~~Such~~ The condemned tags ~~shall must~~ be returned to the state sealer within 10 days thereafter, with a statement describing the weighing or measuring device, giving the number of the weighing or measuring device, if obtainable, and the name and address of the former owner or user from whom it was received. There ~~shall must~~ be furnished a statement of what disposition has been made of the weighing or measuring device.

**Sec. C-61. 10 MRSA §2653** is corrected to read:

**§2653. Reports to state sealer**

~~Every~~ A dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer, within 10 days after the making of a repair, ~~an~~ an adjustment or the sale and delivery of a new, repaired, rebuilt, exchanged or used weighing or measuring device, shall notify, in writing, the state sealer, giving the name and address of the person, firm, copartnership, corporation or association for whom ~~such~~ the repair has been made, or to whom a repaired, rebuilt, adjusted, exchanged or used weighing or measuring device has been sold or delivered. The dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer shall make a writ-

ten statement that the ~~same weighing or measuring device~~ has been so altered, rebuilt or repaired as to conform to the standard specifications and regulations of the state sealer. ~~Every A dealer and repairman, or repairer~~ registered pursuant to section 2651, shall submit to the state sealer the name and address of every person, firm, copartnership, corporation or association for whom weighing or measuring devices are adjusted, repaired, ~~or~~ rebuilt or to whom a new, adjusted, repaired, rebuilt, exchanged or used weighing or measuring device has been sold or delivered.

**Sec. C-62. 10 MRSA §2654** is corrected to read:

**§2654. Calibration of testing equipment; certificate**

A dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer shall submit ~~his the dealer's or repairer's~~ testing equipment at least once a year to the office of the state sealer for comparison and calibration with the standard maintained by ~~such the~~ state sealer. After comparison and calibration, the state sealer shall issue to such dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer a certificate of ~~his the state sealer's~~ findings.

**Sec. C-63. 10 MRSA §2654-A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 33, §1, is corrected to read:

**§2654-A. Retail vehicle tank metering devices**

A ~~repairman~~ repairer registered and otherwise regulated under this subchapter may test and calibrate retail vehicle tank metering devices for the delivery of petroleum products, ~~provided that as long as~~ the state sealer has determined that the ~~repairman~~ repairer is qualified, on the basis of ~~his the repairer's~~ competency and ~~his the repairer's~~ proper use of correct equipment, to perform those tests and calibrations. The state sealer shall note ~~his the~~ determination of that qualification on the ~~repairman's~~ repairer's registration certificate and shall make a new determination of qualification each time the certificate is renewed.

~~Such a A~~ metering device ~~which that~~ has been tested and, if necessary, calibrated by a ~~repairman~~ repairer in accordance with this section ~~shall may~~ not be tested or calibrated by the state sealer within the 12-month period following the date of the testing and calibration unless testing or calibration by the state sealer is requested by the owner or operator of the device, except that the state sealer may test and, if necessary, calibrate any such device for the purpose of evaluating the competency of any ~~repairman~~ repairer or for the purpose of investigation of a complaint. When the state sealer tests or calibrates such a device for those purposes, ~~he shall~~ the state sealer may not charge any fee if the device has been tested and, if necessary, calibrated within the previous 12 months and ~~he the state sealer~~ finds the device to be correct.

**Sec. C-64. 10 MRSA §2655**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is corrected to read:

**§2655. Suspension or revocation of registration of dealers or ~~repairmen~~ repairers**

The state sealer is authorized to refuse to renew the certificate of any registered dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer when ~~he the state sealer~~ is satisfied, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act as to adjudicatory hearings, that the registrant has violated this subchapter or is found to be an incompetent, inefficient, unscrupulous or unsuitable person to be engaged as a dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer. The District Court, upon complaint of the state sealer or the Attorney General, is authorized to suspend or revoke the certificate of any registered dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer on the same grounds.

**Sec. C-65. 10 MRSA §2656, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. E, §8 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is corrected to read:

**2. Conducting business without license; first and subsequent offenses.** A person may not conduct a business of dealer or ~~repairman~~ repairer without having a certificate in full force.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having previously violated this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$200 may be adjudged.

**Sec. C-66. 10 MRSA §2701, 3rd ¶** is corrected to read:

~~No A~~ sealer ~~shall may not~~ charge a fee provided by this section unless ~~he the sealer~~ has adequate equipment to test accurately and ~~which the~~ equipment has been approved to perform the service rendered by the state sealer.

**Sec. C-67. 10 MRSA §2701, 4th ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 33, §2, is corrected to read:

The state sealer or ~~sealers shall~~ a sealer may not charge a fee for testing or calibrating, weighing and measuring devices ~~which that~~ have been calibrated or tested and approved within a period of 3 months from time of approval, ~~provided the same as long as the devices~~ are found to be correct, except fees for testing or calibrating retail vehicle tank metering devices tested or calibrated by a ~~repairman~~ repairer in accordance with section 2654-A ~~shall must~~ be charged as provided in that section.

**Sec. C-68. 10 MRSA §3252** is corrected to read:

**§3252. Prevention of lien**

If the labor, materials or services were not furnished by a contract with the owner of the property affected, the owner may prevent ~~such a lien~~ under section 3251 for labor, materials or services not then performed or furnished, by giving written notice to the person performing or furnishing the ~~same labor, materials or services~~ that he the owner will not be responsible therefor for the performing or furnishing of the labor, materials or services.

**Sec. C-69. 10 MRSA §3254** is corrected to read:

**§3254. Inaccuracy does not void lien if reasonably certain**

~~No~~ An inaccuracy in ~~such~~ the statement under section 3253 relating to ~~said~~ the property, if the ~~same~~ prop-  
erty can be reasonably recognized, or in stating the amount due for labor, materials or services ~~invalidates~~ does not invalidate the proceedings, unless it appears that the person making it willfully claims more than ~~his~~ the person's due.

**Sec. C-70. 10 MRSA §3255, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 734, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

~~In no case shall the~~ The total amount due from the owner to those performing or furnishing labor, materials or services without a contract with the owner may not exceed the balance due from the owner to the person with whom ~~he~~ the owner has directly contracted at the time of service of process on the owner in a lien action or receipt of the written notice described above, whichever occurs first.

**Sec. C-71. 10 MRSA §3255, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 734, is corrected by correcting the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

If the owner does not reside in the place where the property is located, but has a known agent ~~therein~~ in that place, notice may be given to the agent or to the owner at the place where ~~he~~ the owner resides. If the notice provided by this subsection is given, the lien claimant must also comply with the notice requirements of section 3253 and commence the legal action required by subsection 1 to the extent that this compliance is required in order to preserve ~~his~~ the claimant's lien claim.

**Sec. C-72. 10 MRSA §3256**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 91, §3, is corrected to read:

**§3256. Extension of lien**

When the owner dies, the owner is adjudicated a bankrupt or a warrant in insolvency issues against ~~his~~ the owner's estate within the 120 days and before the commencement of an action, the action may be commenced within 90 days after such adjudication, or after notice given of the election or appointment of the assignee in insolvency, executor or administrator, or the

revocation of the warrant. The lien ~~shall~~ must be extended accordingly.

**Sec. C-73. 10 MRSA §3260** is corrected to read:

**§3260. Deficiency; judgment for balance**

If the proceeds of the sale after payment of costs and expenses of sale are insufficient to pay the lien claims and costs in full, the court may render judgment against the debtor in favor of each individual lienor for the balance of ~~his~~ the individual lienor's claim and costs remaining unpaid, and may issue executions ~~therefor~~ for the judgments. If the proceeds of sale, after the payment of costs and expenses of sale, are more than sufficient to pay the lien claims and all costs in full, the balance remaining ~~shall~~ must be paid to the person or persons legally or equitably entitled ~~thereto~~ to the remaining balance.

**Sec. C-74. 10 MRSA §3265** is corrected to read:

**§3265. Sale on execution; several judgments; redemption**

When a judgment is rendered in ~~any~~ an action authorized by chapters 601 to 631 against any house, building or appurtenances, wharf, pier or building ~~thereon~~ on a wharf or pier, and the land on which it stands, or any interest that the owner of such house, building or appurtenances, wharf or pier has in such land, ~~said~~ the property shall must be taken and sold on execution in the same manner that rights of redeeming mortgaged real estate may be taken and sold. If 2 or more such judgments are rendered at the same term of the same court, the court shall direct in writing on which execution the property ~~shall~~ must be sold, and in that event, and in the event that the officer holding any execution recovered under chapters 601 to 631 ~~shall be~~ is notified in writing by any lienor who has caused ~~said~~ the property to be attached or who has filed his the lienor's action claiming a lien as provided, that ~~he~~ the lienor claims a portion of the proceeds of the sale, ~~said~~ that officer, unless all owners of such judgments and all lienors so notifying such officer otherwise direct, shall ~~thereupon~~ sell said the property and, after deducting the fees and expenses of sale, shall return the balance into the court of highest jurisdiction in which any such lien action is pending or in which such a lien judgment has been rendered, and ~~such~~ the court shall distribute ~~such~~ the fund pro rata among the lienors who shall satisfactorily prove their right to share in the same. The court issuing execution on which the sale is made may fix the time within which the owner ~~shall have~~ has the right to redeem the property from such sale. The court distributing the fund may make such decree in regard to costs as is equitable. Any balance not required to pay such lien claims and costs ~~shall~~ must be paid to the person or persons legally or equitably entitled ~~thereto~~ to the balance.

**Sec. C-75. 10 MRSA §3323**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §190, is corrected to read:

**§3323. Producer's lien attached to processed agricultural goods**

Every A producer of potatoes ~~which that~~ the producer grows, harvests and sells to any processor under contract, express or implied, has a lien upon ~~such the~~ product and upon all processed or manufactured forms of potatoes for ~~his the producer's~~ labor, care and expense in growing and harvesting the raw product. The producer's lien attached to the finished product ~~shall~~ must be the full extent of the agreed price, if any, or the unpaid balance of the agreed price of the raw product delivered to the processor. If there is no agreed price or a method for determining it ~~which that~~ is agreed upon, the extent of the lien ~~shall~~ must be the full value of the raw product as of the date of delivery and ~~shall~~ must be determined by the commissioner upon notice and opportunity for a hearing, provided in a manner consistent with the provisions as to adjudicatory proceedings of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

**Sec. C-76. 10 MRSA §3325, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

If ~~any~~ a financial institution described in this section ~~shall foreclose~~ forecloses upon its lien, the proceeds realized after foreclosure ~~shall~~ must be applied first to satisfy all producers' liens having priority over the lien of the financial institution and then to satisfy the lien of the financial institution. The balance of the proceeds, if any, ~~shall~~ must be remitted to the ~~Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry commissioner or his the commissioner's~~ designee for distribution to producers having liens approved by the commissioner under section 3324 in the order of their priority. Any surplus remaining ~~thereafter shall~~ after the distribution to producers must be remitted to the processor.

**Sec. C-77. 10 MRSA §3327, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 725, is corrected to read:

This chapter does not impair or affect the right of any claimant that possesses a lien to maintain a personal action to recover ~~such that~~ debt against a processor, either in an action to foreclose ~~his the claimant's~~ lien or in a separate action. ~~He~~ The claimant is not required to state in ~~his an~~ affidavit to procure an attachment that ~~his the claimant's~~ demand is not secured by a lien.

**Sec. C-78. 10 MRSA §3327, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 725, is corrected to read:

**3. Presentation of evidence to court.** ~~Such~~ The processor may also, on motion duly noticed, introduce evidence to the court before whom any such action is pending to the effect that ~~he the~~ processor has sufficient security or money on deposit with the commissioner to protect the lien or other rights of plaintiff. If ~~he the~~ pro-

cessor does so, the court may order the release of a portion or the whole ~~or such of the~~ product upon which the lien of plaintiff is attached and deny to plaintiff any recovery in ~~such that~~ action. Such action by the court does not prejudice any other rights or remedies ~~which that~~ are possessed by the plaintiff.

**Sec. C-79. 10 MRSA §3328**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 725, is corrected to read:

**§3328. Request for an injunction**

The plaintiff in an action ~~which that~~ is brought to foreclose any of the liens ~~which that~~ are provided for in this chapter may, in a proper case, and upon proper allegations, secure an injunction against the processor to restrain the doing of any acts on the part of ~~such the~~ processor ~~which that~~ are designed to or ~~which that~~ would, in effect, remove any processed product in ~~his the~~ possession of or under ~~his the~~ control of ~~the processor~~ and upon which valid liens exist, beyond the process of the court, to plaintiff's injury.

**Sec. C-80. 10 MRSA §3401** is corrected to read:

**§3401. Cutting**

~~Whoever~~ A person who labors in cutting or harvesting hay has a lien on all the hay cut or harvested by ~~him that person and his that person's~~ co-laborers for the amount due for ~~his that person's~~ personal services and the services performed by ~~his that person's~~ team, which takes precedence of all other claims except liens reserved to the State, continues for 30 days after the last of such services are performed, and may be enforced by attachment.

**Sec. C-81. 10 MRSA §3412**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 373, is corrected to read:

**§3412. Notice**

~~No such~~ A lien ~~shall~~ may not be perfected unless a written notice containing the name and address of the injured person, as it ~~shall appear~~ appears on the records of the hospital, the date of the accident, the name and location of the hospital, and the name of the person or persons, firm or firms; or corporation or corporations alleged to be liable to the injured party for the injuries received, ~~shall be~~ is filed under the name of the patient and under the name of all persons, firms or corporations liable for damages arising from ~~such those~~ injuries with the clerk of the municipality in which ~~such the~~ hospital is located not later than 10 days after the patient has been discharged from the hospital and prior to the payment of any moneys to ~~such the~~ injured person, ~~his or the injured person's~~ attorneys or legal representatives as compensation for ~~such those~~ injuries; ~~nor and~~ unless the hospital ~~shall mail~~ mails, registered mail, return receipt requested, a copy of ~~such the~~ notice with a statement of the date of filing ~~thereof of the~~ notice to:

**1. Persons alleged to be liable.** The person or persons, firm or firms; or corporation or corporations; alleged to be liable to the injured patient for the injuries sustained prior to the payment of any moneys to ~~such~~ the injured person, his or the injured person's attorneys or legal representatives, as compensation for such those injuries; and;

**2. Insurance carrier.** ~~To the~~ The home office, or district office handling the carrier's business within the State, of any insurance carrier ~~which that~~ has insured such the person, firm or corporation against such liability. The person or persons, firm or firms; or corporation or corporations alleged to be liable to the injured patient shall upon written request of the hospital disclose the name of ~~his or its~~ the person's, firm's or corporation's insurance carrier ~~which that~~ has insured such person, firm or corporation against such liability.

**3. Hospital records available.** For the purposes of determining the reasonableness of the hospital charges, the hospital shall, at the written request of the person alleged to be liable, or ~~his that~~ that person's insurance carrier, make available any hospital records ~~which that~~ may be pertinent to determining the reasonableness of the hospital charge, but in no event shall they may the hospital disclose any other records ~~which that~~ it may have; including, but not limited to, records or reports with regard to the nature of the injury of the patient, the nature of ~~his the patient's~~ the patient's condition or the state of ~~his the patient's~~ the patient's recovery.

**Sec. C-82. 10 MRSA §3413,** as enacted by PL 1967, c. 373, is corrected to read:

**§3413. Duration**

~~No~~ A release of such causes of action, or any of them, or of any judgment ~~thereon shall be on such a cause of action is not valid or effectual as against such a lien under this chapter unless such the lien holder shall join therein joins in the action, or execute executes a~~ release of ~~such the~~ the lien, and any person or persons, firm or firms; or corporation or corporations, including an insurance carrier, making any payment to ~~such the~~ the patient or to ~~his the patient's~~ the patient's attorneys or heirs or legal representatives, or to any other person as compensation for the injuries sustained, after the filing and receipt of such notice, without paying to ~~such the~~ the hospital the amount of its lien or so much ~~thereof of the amount of its lien~~ as can be satisfied out of the moneys due under any final judgment or compromise or settlement agreement after paying the amount of any prior liens, shall are and remain, for a period of one year from the date of payment to such the patient or his the patient's heirs, attorneys or legal representatives, or other person, as provided, be and remain liable to such the hospital for the amount which such the hospital was entitled to receive; and any such association, corporation or other institution maintaining such the hospital may, within such period, enforce its lien by a civil action against such the person or persons, firm or firms; or corporation or corporations

making any such payment. The assertion, claim or filing of such a lien ~~shall may~~ in no way be deemed considered an election on behalf of the hospital, and the hospital ~~shall retain retains~~ retains all its rights to collect from the patient or from any other person legally liable for care, treatment and maintenance of the injured party.

**Sec. C-83. 10 MRSA §3414,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 51, is corrected to read:

**§3414. Index**

~~Every~~ A municipal clerk shall, at the expense of the municipality, provide a book or card filing system to be called the hospital lien docket in which, upon the filing of ~~any a~~ a lien claim under this chapter, ~~he the clerk~~ the clerk shall enter the name of the injured person, the name of the person, firm or corporation alleged to be liable for the injuries, the date of the accident and the name of the hospital or other institution making the claim. The clerk shall make a proper index of the same in the name of the injured person and ~~such the clerk shall be is~~ entitled to be paid a fee of \$5 by the lien claimant for such that filing, which ~~shall must~~ must be prepaid.

**Sec. C-84. 10 MRSA §3551** is corrected to read:

**§3551. Wages**

~~Whoever~~ A person who performs labor in ~~any a~~ a tannery where leather of any kind is manufactured completely or partially, whether ~~such that~~ that labor is performed directly on the hides and skins or in any capacity in or about the establishment, has a lien for ~~his that person's~~ that person's wages on all leather so manufactured in ~~such the~~ the tannery for labor performed by ~~him that person or his that person's~~ that person or his that person's co-laborers, which continues for 30 days after ~~such the~~ the leather is made and manufactured, and until ~~such the~~ the leather is shipped on board a vessel or taken in a car, and may be enforced by attachment within that time.

**Sec. C-85. 10 MRSA §3602** is corrected to read:

**§3602. Boomage paid by officer; lien not defeated by note; notice**

The officer making ~~such the~~ the attachment pursuant to section 3601 may pay the boomage thereon, not exceeding the rate per thousand on the quantity actually attached by ~~him the officer,~~ the officer, and return the amount paid on the writ of attachment, which ~~shall must~~ must be included in the damages recovered. The action or lien is not defeated by taking a note, unless it is taken in discharge of the amount due and of the lien. ~~Such The~~ The notice of the action as the court orders ~~shall must~~ must be given to the owner of the logs or lumber, and ~~he the owner~~ the owner may be admitted to defend it.

**Sec. C-86. 10 MRSA §3603** is corrected to read:

**§3603. Logs driven by contract**

~~Whoever~~ A person who drives logs or lumber by contract with the owner or with any other person has a lien on ~~said those~~ logs or lumber for the amount payable under ~~said the~~ contract, which takes precedence of all other claims, except liens for labor, for stumpage and for towing, continues for 60 days after the logs or lumber arrive at the place of destination for sale or manufacture and may be enforced by attachment. When the contract is made with any person other than the owner of the logs or lumber, actual notice in writing ~~shall~~ must be given to the owner before work is begun, stating ~~therein~~ the terms of the contract. If the owner, at the time ~~said the~~ notice is given ~~him~~ to the owner or immediately thereafter, notifies ~~said the~~ contractor in writing that ~~he the owner~~ will not be responsible for the amount payable or to become payable under ~~said the~~ contract, ~~then said the~~ contractor ~~shall~~ does not have a lien on ~~said the~~ logs or lumber so driven.

**Sec. C-87. 10 MRSA §3606** is corrected to read:

**§3606. Hemlock bark, cordwood and pulpwood**

~~Whoever~~ A person who labors at cutting, peeling or hauling hemlock bark, or cutting, yarding or hauling cordwood, or cutting, peeling, yarding or hauling pulpwood or any wood used in the manufacture of pulpwood, or at cooking for persons engaged in such labor, has a lien thereon for the amount due for ~~his the person's~~ personal labor and the services performed by his the person's team, which takes precedence of all other claims, continues for 30 days after the contract is completed; and may be enforced by attachment.

**Sec. C-88. 10 MRSA §3607** is corrected to read:

**§3607. Last blocks, shovel handle blocks, railroad ties and ship knees**

~~Whoever~~ A person who labors in the manufacturing of last blocks, shovel handle blocks, railroad ties or ship knees, or is engaged in cooking for persons engaged in such labor, or cuts or furnishes wood for the manufacture of last blocks or shovel handle blocks, or furnishes a team for the hauling of last blocks or shovel handle blocks or the lumber from which they are made, or for the hauling of railroad ties or ship knees, has a lien on ~~said those~~ last blocks, shovel handle blocks, railroad ties and ship knees, as the case may be, for the amount due ~~him the person~~ for his the person's personal labor ~~thereon~~ and for the services of ~~his the person's~~ team and for the amount due for wood so cut or furnished for the manufacture of ~~said those~~ last blocks or shovel handle blocks, which takes precedence of all other claims, except liens reserved to the State, and continues for 30 days after ~~said the~~ last blocks are stored or housed for drying purposes, or for 30 days after ~~said the~~ shovel handle blocks arrive at their destination either for shipment or to be turned, or for 30 days after ~~said the~~ railroad ties are on the line of a railroad, or for 30

days after ~~said the~~ ship knees are delivered in a shipyard. ~~Such The~~ lien may be enforced by attachment.

**Sec. C-89. 10 MRSA §3608**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 625, §58, is corrected to read:

**§3608. Shingles, staves, laths, dowels and spool timber**

~~Whoever~~ A person who labors at cutting, hauling or sawing shingle, stave, lath, dowel or spool timber, or in the manufacture of shingle, stave, lath, dowel or spool timber into shingles, staves, laths, dowels or spool bars, or at piling staves, laths, dowels or spool bars, or at bunching shingles or dowels, or at cooking for persons engaged in such labor, has a lien thereon for the amount due for ~~his the person's~~ personal labor thereon and the services performed by ~~his the person's~~ team, which takes precedence of all other claims and continues for 60 days after such shingles, staves, laths and dowels are manufactured, ~~provided as long as~~ the same have not been sold and shipped, or for 60 days after such spool timber or spool bars arrive at the place of destination for sale or manufacture. ~~Such The~~ lien may be enforced by attachment.

**Sec. C-90. 10 MRSA §3651** is corrected to read:

**§3651. Lien for wages; preference**

~~Whoever~~ A person who digs, hauls or furnishes rock for the manufacture of lime has a lien ~~thereon on~~ the lime for his that person's personal service, and on the rock so furnished, for 30 days after ~~such the~~ rock is manufactured into lime or until ~~such the~~ lime is sold or shipped on board a vessel. ~~Whoever~~ A person who labors in quarrying or cutting and dressing granite in ~~any a~~ quarry has a lien for ~~his that person's~~ wages on all the granite quarried or cut and dressed in the quarry by him that person or his that person's co-laborers for 30 days after ~~such the~~ granite is cut and dressed or until ~~such the~~ granite is sold or shipped on board a vessel. ~~Whoever~~ A person who labors in mining, quarrying or manufacturing slate in ~~any a~~ quarry has a lien for the wages of ~~his that person's~~ labor on all slate mined, quarried or manufactured in the quarry by him that person or his that person's co-laborers for 30 days after the slate arrives at the port of shipment and until it has been shipped on board a vessel or laden in a car. ~~Such The~~ liens take precedence over all other claims and may be enforced by attachment within the times ~~aforsaid in~~ this section.

**Sec. C-91. 10 MRSA §3701** is corrected to read:

**§3701. Contract price; attachment**

~~Whoever~~ A person who, under express contract fixing the price to be paid by the other party ~~thereto to the~~ contract, sells, erects or furnishes any monument, tablet, headstone, vault, posts, curbing or other monumental work has a lien ~~thereon on the monument, tablet, headstone, vault, posts, curbing or other monumental work~~

to secure the payment of ~~such the~~ contract price, which continues for 2 years after the completion, delivery or erection of ~~such the~~ monument, tablet, headstone, vault, posts, curbing or other monumental work. ~~Such The~~ lien may be enforced by an action for damages with an attachment, which ~~shall must~~ be recorded within ~~said 2 years the 2-year period~~ by the clerk of the town in which the property subject to the lien is then situated; or ~~such the~~ lien may be enforced by complaint setting forth the names and residences of the parties to the contract, the contract price, the sum due, the description and location of the property on which the lien is claimed and such other facts as are necessary to make it appear that ~~such the~~ plaintiff is entitled to an enforcement of ~~such the~~ lien, and praying for judgment for title and possession of the property ~~therein~~ described. ~~Said The~~ complaint, before service ~~thereof of the complaint~~ and within ~~said 2 years the 2-year period~~, ~~shall must~~ be recorded by the clerk of the town in which ~~such the~~ property is situated and a certificate of ~~such the~~ record indorsed ~~thereon~~. The sum alleged to be due ~~shall must~~ be ~~deemed con-~~ sidered to be the damage and, after the complaint has been recorded, an action may be commenced upon the complaint in any court of proper venue for a transitory action between the parties. Service ~~shall must~~ be made as in other actions. If the plaintiff prevails, ~~he shall re-~~ cover ~~the plaintiff recovers~~ judgment for title and possession of the property on which the lien is claimed, and for ~~his the plaintiff's~~ costs, and a possessory execution may issue. By virtue of ~~such the~~ judgment, the judgment creditor, if unopposed, may take possession and remove the property described in ~~his the judgment creditor's~~ execution; otherwise any officer qualified to serve civil process, having ~~said that~~ execution, may take possession of ~~said the~~ property and deliver the same to the judgment creditor, and shall make ~~his the officer's~~ return on ~~said the~~ execution accordingly. ~~Said The~~ lien may be discharged at any time before final judgment by tendering the plaintiff the amount of the debt and costs.

**Sec. C-92. 10 MRSA §3751, first ¶** is corrected to read:

Whenever the amount due for the use of any safe or box in the vaults of any bank or safe deposit company ~~shall has not have~~ been paid for one year, ~~such the~~ bank or company may, at the expiration of ~~such that~~ period, notify the person in whose name ~~such the~~ safe or box stands on its books, by a notice in writing in a securely closed, postpaid, registered letter directed to ~~such that~~ person at ~~his post office that person's post office~~ address as recorded upon the books of ~~said the~~ bank or company, that if the amount then due for the use of ~~such the~~ safe or box is not paid within 60 days from the date of ~~such the~~ notice, ~~said the~~ bank or company will then cause ~~such the~~ safe or box to be opened in the manner provided. At the expiration of 60 days after the mailing of ~~said the~~ notice, ~~said the~~ bank or company may then cause ~~such the~~ safe or box to be opened in the presence of any officer or branch manager of ~~said the~~ bank or

company, and of a notary public not an officer or in the employ of ~~said the~~ bank or company, and the contents of ~~said the~~ safe or box ~~shall must~~ then be sealed up by ~~such the~~ notary public in a package and a certificate of ~~such the~~ sealing ~~shall must~~ be indorsed ~~thereon on the package~~, signed by ~~such the~~ notary and attested by ~~his the notary's~~ seal, and ~~said the~~ package ~~shall must~~ be distinctly marked with the name and address of the person in whose name ~~such the~~ safe or box stands upon the books of ~~said the~~ bank or company, and the estimated value ~~thereof of the contents of the package~~. ~~Said The~~ package ~~shall must~~ then be placed in one of the general safes or boxes of ~~said the~~ bank or company, and ~~shall must~~ be held subject to redemption by the owner ~~thereof of the package~~, who shall ~~be required to~~ pay the rent due for ~~said the~~ safe or box and all costs and damages attending the opening ~~thereof of the safe or box~~, together with reasonable charges for the custody of ~~said the~~ package by ~~said the~~ bank or company, and ~~said the~~ bank or company ~~shall have has~~ a lien upon ~~said the~~ package to secure the payment of ~~such the~~ rent, damages and charges.

**Sec. C-93. 10 MRSA §3852** is corrected to read:

**§3852. Labor and materials; owners of dry docks or marine railways**

~~Whoever~~ A person who furnishes labor or materials for building a vessel has a lien on it ~~therefor for the labor and materials~~, which may be enforced by attachment ~~thereof of the vessel~~ within 4 days after it is launched; but if the labor and materials have been so furnished by virtue of a contract not fully completed at the time of the launching of the vessel, the lien may be enforced within 4 days after ~~such the~~ contract has been completed. ~~He The person~~ has a lien on the materials furnished before they become part of the vessel, which may be enforced by attachment. The owners of ~~any a~~ dry dock or marine railway used for ~~any a~~ vessel have a lien on ~~said the~~ vessel for the use of ~~said the~~ dock or railway, to be enforced by attachment within 4 days after the last day in which the ~~same dock or railway~~ is used or occupied by ~~said the~~ vessel.

**Sec. C-94. 10 MRSA §3853, first ¶** is corrected to read:

The form of writ for enforcing such lien ~~shall must~~ be in substance as follows:

"State of Maine.

....., ss.

To the sheriff of our County of ....., or either of ~~his the~~ sheriff's deputies:

We command you to attach the vessel" (here give such a description of the vessel as will identify it.) "in an action brought by" (name of plaintiff)

"of" (plaintiff's place of residence including town and county) "against" (name of defendant) "of" (defendant's place of residence including town and county) "in the Superior Court for ~~said~~ the County of ..., in which action ~~the said~~" (name of plaintiff) "claims a lien on ~~said~~ such vessel for" (here describe briefly the nature of the lien) "to the amount of .... dollars and .... cents, and make due return of this writ with your doings thereon.

.....

Clerk of ~~said~~ Superior Court

(Seal of the court)

Dated .....

**Sec. C-95. 10 MRSA §3854** is corrected to read:

**§3854. —~~particulars~~ Particulars; verification**

The plaintiff shall annex to the complaint a just, true and particular account of the demand claimed to be due to ~~him~~ the plaintiff with all just credits, the names of the persons personally liable to ~~him~~ the plaintiff and names of the owners of the vessel if known to ~~him~~ the plaintiff. It ~~shall~~ must be verified by the oath of one plaintiff, or of some person ~~in his~~ on the plaintiff's behalf, that the amount claimed in ~~said~~ the account is justly due from the person named in the complaint and account as owing it, and that ~~he~~ the plaintiff believes that by the law of the State ~~he~~ the plaintiff has a lien on ~~such~~ the vessel for the whole or a part ~~thereof~~ of the vessel.

**Sec. C-96. 10 MRSA §3857** is corrected to read:

**§3857. Subsequent writs to be served by same officer unless disqualified**

On all writs of attachment made after the first attachment and while any lien attachment is pending, the attachment and services ~~shall~~ must be made by the same officer, or, if ~~he~~ that officer is disqualified, by any qualified officer, by ~~his~~ the officer giving notice thereof to the first attaching officer.

**Sec. C-97. 10 MRSA §3858** is corrected to read:

**§3858. Entry of action; who may defend; bond**

The actions ~~shall~~ must be entered on the docket as follows: ~~The~~ the person claiming the lien, as plaintiff, the person alleged to be personally liable, as defendant, and the name or other description of the vessel attached. The owners or mortgagees of the vessel, or any plaintiff in an action ~~wherein~~ in which it is attached for a lien, may appear and defend any action so far as relates to

the validity and amount of the lien claim, ~~but no such~~ the plaintiff shall may not so defend until ~~he~~ the plaintiff gives bond, to the satisfaction of the court, to pay the costs awarded against ~~him~~ the plaintiff.

**Sec. C-98. 10 MRSA §3859** is corrected to read:

**§3859. Offer of default; admission of sum due**

The defendant may offer to be defaulted as in other cases. The owners of the vessel may admit, in writing filed with the clerk, that a certain sum is due the plaintiff as a lien on the vessel. If the plaintiff does not recover a greater sum as lien, ~~he~~ the plaintiff recovers no costs against ~~such~~ the owner or the vessel or its proceeds after the admission is filed, ~~but such~~ the owner recovers costs thereafter.

**Sec. C-99. 10 MRSA §3862** is corrected to read:

**§3862. Judgment against defendant**

Upon ascertaining the amount, judgment ~~shall~~ must be rendered in ~~his~~ the plaintiff's favor against the defendant as in other personal actions, for the amount found not to be a lien on the vessel, with such costs as the court awards. A separate judgment ~~shall~~ must be rendered in ~~his~~ the plaintiff's favor against ~~said~~ the defendant and the vessel attached for the amount decided to be a lien, with such costs as the court awards. Separate executions ~~shall~~ must be issued ~~thereon~~ on the judgments.

**Sec. C-100. 10 MRSA §3866** is corrected to read:

**§3866. Vessel under attachment attached on lien claim**

If the vessel has been already attached by a sheriff or ~~his~~ the sheriff's deputy when a writ of attachment is issued for ~~such~~ a lien claim, ~~such~~ the writ of attachment ~~shall~~ must be served by ~~such~~ the officer. If attached by a constable, ~~he~~ the constable shall give up to the officer having the lien writ of attachment the possession and the precept upon which ~~he~~ the constable attached it with ~~his~~ the constable's return of the facts ~~thereon~~. The attachment ~~shall hold~~ holds subject to the legal priorities of the lien claim.

**Sec. C-101. 10 MRSA §4002** is corrected to read:

**§4002. Complaint filed; contents**

~~The~~ A person claiming the lien may file, in the Superior Court in the county where ~~he~~ that person resides, a complaint briefly setting forth the nature and amount of ~~his~~ the claim, a description of the article possessed and the names and residences of its owners, if known to ~~him~~ that person, and a prayer for enforcement of ~~his~~ the lien.

**Sec. C-102. 10 MRSA §4003** is corrected to read:

**§4003. Attachments have precedence; enforcement on death or insolvency**

Actions to enforce any of the liens before named have precedence over attachments and encumbrances made after the lien attached and not made to enforce a lien, and may be maintained although the employer or debtor is dead and ~~his the employer's or debtor's~~ estate has been represented insolvent. ~~His~~ The employer's or debtor's executor or administrator may be summoned and held to answer to an action brought to enforce the lien. The complaint must show that the action is brought to enforce the lien; but all the other forms and proceedings ~~therein shall be~~ are the same as in other actions.

**Sec. C-103. 10 MRSA §4006** is corrected to read:

**§4006. Appearance by owner**

In ~~all a~~ lien actions action, when the labor or materials were not furnished by a contract with the owner of the property affected, ~~such the~~ owner may voluntarily appear and become a party to the action. If ~~he the~~ owner does not so appear, such notice of the action as the court orders ~~shall must~~ be given ~~him to the~~ owner and ~~he shall the~~ owner then ~~become~~ becomes a party to the action. Any person interested in the article as owner, mortgagee or otherwise may appear and defend. Questions of fact at the instance of either party ~~shall must~~ be submitted to a jury on an issue framed under the direction of the court.

**Sec. C-104. 10 MRSA §4007** is corrected to read:

**§4007. Bond for costs**

If, in the opinion of the court, the article on which the lien is claimed is not of sufficient value to pay the plaintiff's claim with the probable costs of suit, the court may order the defendant to give bond to the plaintiff, with sufficient sureties approved by the court, to pay such costs as are awarded against ~~him the~~ defendant, so far as they are not paid out of the proceeds of the articles on which the lien is claimed.

**Sec. C-105. 10 MRSA §4008** is corrected to read:

**§4008. Sale on court order**

After trial and final adjudication in favor of the plaintiff, the court may order any competent officer to sell the article on which the lien is claimed, as personal property is sold on execution, and out of the proceeds, after deducting ~~his the~~ officer's fees and the expenses of sale, to pay to the plaintiff the amount and costs awarded ~~him the~~ plaintiff, and the balance to the person entitled to it, if ~~he that~~ person is known to the court, otherwise into court.

**Sec. C-106. 10 MRSA §4011** is corrected to read:

**§4011. Discharge**

All liens named herein may be discharged by tender of the sum due made by the debtor or owner of the property or ~~his the~~ debtor's or owner's agents.

**Sec. C-107. 10 MRSA §9022, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 550, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Dealers.** ~~Dealers~~ A dealer who ~~are is~~ licensed according to this chapter may install or service, or may have ~~their the~~ dealer's employees install or service, any manufactured housing in compliance with this chapter, and the dealer and ~~his the~~ dealer's employees ~~shall be~~ are exempt from any requirements for trade or mechanic licenses of any other type. The dealer is not exempt from any requirements for a permit ~~which that~~ any state or political subdivision may require.

**EXPLANATION**

This Part corrects gender-specific references within statutory units in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10 pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 475, section 52, and, as authorized by Title 1, section 93, this Part also incorporates certain administrative changes and corrections to those statutory units.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. 15 MRSA §6** is corrected to read:

**§6. Acquittal in part; conviction in part**

When a person, indicted for an offense, is acquitted of a part by verdict of the jury and found guilty of the residue thereof, ~~such the~~ verdict may be received and recorded by the court. ~~He~~ The person may be considered as convicted of the offense, if any, ~~which that~~ is substantially charged by ~~such the~~ residue, and be punished accordingly, although ~~such the~~ offense would not otherwise be within the jurisdiction of ~~said the~~ court.

**Sec. D-2. 15 MRSA §7**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 49, is corrected to read:

**§7. Removal of persons charged with crime in 2 counties**

When a person is imprisoned or held under arrest in one county, a judge of the District Court or ~~any a~~ Justice of the Superior Court, whichever court has jurisdiction over the matter to be heard, may order ~~his the~~ person's removal into another county, when complaint has been made and warrant issued or an indictment has been found, charging the person so arrested or imprisoned with the commission of a crime in ~~such the~~ other county, for examination or trial under ~~said the~~ complaint or indictment; but, before issuing ~~such the~~ order, ~~he shall the~~ judge or justice must be satisfied that the

administration of speedy and impartial justice requires it.

**Sec. D-3. 15 MRSA §8** is corrected to read:

**§8. Duties of officer holding prisoner or holding court's order of removal**

The officer holding the person described in the court order shall deliver ~~him~~ the person to the officer presenting ~~it~~ the order, upon receiving an attested copy of the ~~same~~ order and of the complaint and warrant or indictment on which ~~such~~ the order is founded. The officer receiving the accused person shall bring ~~him~~ the accused person before the proper court or judge in the county to which ~~he~~ the accused person is removed, for examination and trial, and make due return of ~~his~~ the accused person's proceedings.

**Sec. D-4. 15 MRSA §101-C, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §109, is corrected to read:

**5. Failure to produce records.** ~~Any~~ A person who is required to produce records by this section and intentionally or knowingly fails to do so within 20 days of the service of the written request upon ~~him~~, the person may be subject to civil contempt for ~~his~~ the person's failure to comply with the request.

**Sec. D-5. 15 MRSA §104-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 796, §4, is corrected to read:

**4. Return to institution upon commissioner's order.** The commissioner may order any person released under subsection 1, paragraph A, who fails to comply with the conditions of release ordered by the court, as evidenced by the affidavit of any interested person, to return to the institution from which ~~he~~ the person was released. A hearing ~~shall~~ must be held for the purpose of reviewing the order for release within 7 days of the person's return if the person will be detained for 7 or more days. At the hearing, the court shall receive testimony of the psychiatrist who observed or treated the person upon the person's return to the institution, any member of the State Forensic Service who has examined the person upon the person's return, and any other relevant testimony. Following hearing, the court may reissue or modify the previous order of release.

**Sec. D-6. 15 MRSA §104-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 796, §4, is corrected to read:

**5. Reinstitutionalization due to likelihood of causing injury.** ~~Any~~ A person released under subsection 1, paragraph A, whose reinstitutionalization, due to the likelihood that ~~he~~ the person will cause injury to ~~himself~~ the person or others due to mental disease or mental defect, is considered necessary, upon the verified petition of any interested person, may be brought before any Justice of the Superior Court upon ~~his~~ the justice's order. A hearing ~~shall~~ must be held for the purpose of reviewing the mental condition of the person

and the order for release. The court may order the person detained for observation and treatment, if appropriate, at the institution from which ~~he~~ the person was released pending the hearing, ~~which~~ and that detention ~~shall~~ may not exceed 14 days. The psychiatrist responsible for the observation or treatment of the person shall report to the court prior to the hearing as to the mental condition of the person, indicating specifically whether the person can remain in the community without likelihood that ~~he~~ the person will cause injury to ~~himself~~ the person or others due to mental disease or mental defect. The court shall receive the testimony of the psychiatrist who observed or treated the person during the period of detention; ~~and of~~ any member of the State Forensic Service who has examined the person during the period of detention; and any other relevant testimony. Following the hearing, the court may reissue, modify or rescind the previous order of release.

**Sec. D-7. 15 MRSA §154**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 791, §2, is corrected to read:

**§154. Arrest; exception**

~~Any~~ A member of a duly organized state, county or municipal police unit of another state of the United States, who enters this State in fresh pursuit and continues within this State in ~~such~~ that fresh pursuit of a person in order to arrest ~~him~~ the person on the ground that ~~he~~ the person is believed to have committed a crime punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment equal to or exceeding one year or to have operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in ~~such~~ that other state, ~~shall have~~ has the same authority to arrest and hold ~~such~~ the person in custody as has any member of any duly organized state, county or municipal police unit of this State to arrest and hold in custody a person on the ground that ~~he~~ the person is believed to have committed such a crime or operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in this State. This section ~~shall~~ may not be construed so as to make unlawful any arrest in this State ~~which~~ that would otherwise be lawful.

**Sec. D-8. 15 MRSA §155** is corrected to read:

**§155. Hearing**

If an arrest is made in this State by an officer of another state in accordance with section 154, ~~he~~ the officer shall without unnecessary delay take the person arrested before a magistrate of the county in which the arrest was made, who shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining the lawfulness of the arrest. If the magistrate determines that the arrest was lawful, ~~he~~ the magistrate shall commit the person arrested to await for a reasonable time the issuance of an extradition warrant by the Governor of this State or admit ~~him~~ the person to bail for ~~such~~ that purpose. If the magistrate determines that the arrest was unlawful, ~~he~~ the magistrate shall discharge the person arrested.

**Sec. D-9. 15 MRSA §201, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 317, §1, is corrected to read:

**4. Fugitive from justice.** "Fugitive from justice" means:

A. ~~Any~~ A person accused of a crime in the demanding state who is not in that state, unless ~~he~~ the person is lawfully absent pursuant to the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail or other release. ~~This definition shall include~~ "Fugitive from justice" includes both a person who was present in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and thereafter left the demanding state and a person who committed an act in this State or in a 3rd state or elsewhere resulting in or constituting a crime in the demanding state; or

B. ~~Any~~ A person convicted of a crime in the demanding state who is not in that state, unless ~~he~~ the person is lawfully absent pursuant to the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail or other release, who has not served or completed a sentence imposed pursuant to the conviction. ~~This definition shall include~~ "Fugitive from justice" includes, but is not be limited to, a person who has been released pending appeal or other review of the conviction, the review having been completed; a person who has been serving a sentence in this State; a person who has escaped from confinement in the demanding state; ~~or~~ and a person who has broken the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail, probation or parole.

**Sec. D-10. 15 MRSA §203, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 671, §5, is corrected to read:

A. An allegation that the accused is a fugitive from justice, as defined in section 201, subsection 4, paragraph A. The allegation ~~shall be~~ is sufficient if it alleges that the accused was present in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the alleged crime and that ~~he~~ the accused thereafter left the demanding state; or that ~~he~~ the accused committed an act in this State or in a 3rd state, or elsewhere, resulting in or constituting a crime in the demanding state; and

**Sec. D-11. 15 MRSA §203, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 843, §1, is corrected to read:

**4. Showing of substantial prejudice.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, defects in the written demand of the executive authority of another state or in any accompanying document or in the application for requisition may not be raised as a defense to extradition, in a petition contesting extradition pursuant to sections 210 and 210-A, unless it is shown by the petitioner that any such defect is substantially prejudicial to ~~him~~ the petitioner.

**Sec. D-12. 15 MRSA §204** is corrected to read:

**§204. Attorney General to investigate at demand of Governor**

When a demand is made upon the Governor of this State by the executive authority of another state for the surrender of a person so charged with crime, the Governor may call upon the Attorney General or any prosecuting officer in this State to investigate or assist in investigating the demand; and to report to ~~him~~ the Governor the situation and circumstances of the person so demanded; and whether ~~he~~ the person ought to be surrendered.

**Sec. D-13. 15 MRSA §205** is corrected to read:

**§205. Extradition of prisoners or those awaiting trial or absent by compulsion**

When it is desired to have returned to this State a person charged in this State with a crime, and ~~such~~ the person is imprisoned or is held under criminal proceedings then pending against ~~him~~ the person in another state, the Governor of this State may agree with the executive authority of ~~such~~ the other state for the extradition of ~~such~~ the person before the conclusion of ~~such~~ those proceedings or ~~his~~ the person's term of sentence in ~~such~~ the other state, upon condition that ~~such~~ the person be returned to ~~such~~ the other state at the expense of this State as soon as the prosecution or imprisonment following conviction in this State is terminated.

The Governor may surrender on demand of the executive authority of any other state any person in this State who is charged in the manner provided in section 223 with having violated the laws of the state whose executive authority is making the demand, even though ~~such~~ the person left the demanding state involuntarily.

**Sec. D-14. 15 MRSA §207**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 843, §2, is corrected to read:

**§207. Governor to issue warrant and deliver to officer**

If the Governor decides that the demand should be complied with, ~~he~~ the Governor shall sign a warrant of arrest, which ~~shall~~ must be sealed with the state seal and be directed to any law enforcement officer or other person whom ~~he~~ the Governor may think fit to entrust with the execution ~~thereof~~ of the warrant. The warrant must substantially recite the facts necessary to the validity of its issue. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, defects in the Governor's warrant may not be raised as a defense to extradition; in a petition contesting extradition pursuant to sections 210 and 210-A, unless it is shown by the petitioner that any such defect is substantially prejudicial to ~~him~~ the petitioner.

**Sec. D-15. 15 MRSA §208**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 843, §3, is corrected to read:

**§208. Warrant to authorize arrest**

Such warrant ~~shall authorize~~ authorizes the officer or other person to whom directed to arrest the accused at any place where ~~he~~ the accused may be found within

the State and to command the aid of any law enforcement officer in the execution of the warrant and to deliver the accused, subject to this chapter, to the duly authorized agent of the demanding state. A law enforcement officer may arrest a fugitive from justice pursuant to a warrant issued by the Governor even if ~~he~~ the law enforcement officer does not have physical possession of it upon the representation of the prosecuting attorney that such a warrant has, in fact, been issued.

**Sec. D-16. 15 MRSA §211**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §89, is corrected to read:

**§211. Disobedience of officer**

~~Any An~~ officer who ~~shall deliver~~ delivers to the agent for extradition of the demanding state a person in ~~his~~ the officer's custody under the Governor's warrant in disobedience of section 210 is guilty of a Class E crime.

**Sec. D-17. 15 MRSA §212** is corrected to read:

**§212. Prisoner confined in jail**

The officer or person executing the Governor's warrant of arrest or the agent of the demanding state to whom the prisoner may have been delivered may, when necessary, confine the prisoner in the jail of any county or city through which ~~he~~ the prisoner may pass. The keeper of ~~such~~ the jail ~~must shall~~ receive and safely keep the prisoner until the person having charge of ~~him~~ the prisoner is ready to proceed on ~~his~~ the person's route, such person being chargeable with the expense of keeping.

The officer or agent of a demanding state to whom a prisoner may have been delivered following extradition proceedings in another state, or to whom a prisoner may have been delivered after waiving extradition in ~~such~~ the other state, and who is passing through this State with such a prisoner for the purpose of immediately returning ~~such~~ the prisoner to the demanding state may, when necessary, confine the prisoner in the jail of any county or city through which ~~he~~ the prisoner may pass. The keeper of ~~such~~ the jail ~~must shall~~ receive and safely keep the prisoner until the officer or agent having charge of ~~him~~ the prisoner is ready to proceed on ~~his~~ the officer's or agent's route, such officer or agent being chargeable with the expense of keeping. ~~Such~~ The officer or agent shall produce and show to the keeper of ~~such~~ the jail satisfactory written evidence of the fact that ~~he~~ the officer or agent is actually transporting ~~such~~ the prisoner to the demanding state after a requisition by the executive authority of ~~such~~ the demanding state. ~~Such~~ The prisoner ~~shall is~~ not be entitled to demand a new requisition while in this State.

**Sec. D-18. 15 MRSA §213, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 671, §12 and amended by PL 1979, c. 274, §5, is corrected to read:

B. Having been convicted of a crime in another state and with having escaped from confinement or

with having broken the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail, probation or parole.

**Sec. D-19. 15 MRSA §213, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 671, §12, is corrected to read:

**2. Apprehension by warrant.** A warrant issued by a judge or magistrate pursuant to subsection 1 ~~shall~~ must command the law enforcement officer to whom it is directed to apprehend the person named therein, wherever ~~he~~ the person may be found in this State, and to bring ~~him~~ the person before the same or any other judge or magistrate who may be available in or convenient of access to the place where the arrest may be made, to answer the charge on the complaint and affidavit.

**Sec. D-20. 15 MRSA §214** is corrected to read:

**§214. Arrest without warrant; hearing**

The arrest of a person may be lawfully made by an officer or a private citizen without a warrant, upon reasonable information that the accused stands charged in the courts of another state with a crime punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year; but when so arrested, the accused must be taken before a judge or magistrate with all practicable speed, and complaint must be made against ~~him~~ the accused under oath setting forth the ground for the arrest as in section 213. Thereafter ~~his~~ the accused's answer ~~shall~~ must be heard as if ~~he~~ the accused had been arrested on a warrant.

**Sec. D-21. 15 MRSA §215, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 671, §13, is corrected to read:

If, from the examination by the judge or magistrate of the complaint, affidavits in support thereof, formal charging documents or judgments supplied by the demanding state or any other evidence, including reliable hearsay evidence, ~~which that~~ may be presented, it appears that the person held is the person charged with having committed the crime alleged and that there is probable cause to believe that ~~he~~ the person committed the crime, and that ~~he~~ the person is a fugitive from justice, the judge or magistrate shall continue the case and may commit the person to jail, by a warrant specifying the accusation, for any time not exceeding 60 days ~~which will enable~~ that enables the arrest of the accused to be made under a warrant of the Governor on a requisition of the executive authority of the state having jurisdiction of the offense.

**Sec. D-22. 15 MRSA §216**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 701, §9, is corrected to read:

**§216. Bail permitted in discretion of court except in certain cases**

Except as otherwise provided, the judge or magistrate may admit the person arrested to bail by bond or undertaking, with sufficient sureties and in such sum as ~~he deems~~ the judge or magistrate determines proper, for ~~his~~ the person's appearance before ~~him~~ the judge or

magistrate at a time specified in that bond or undertaking and for ~~his the person's~~ surrender to be arrested upon the warrant of the Governor of this State or waiver of it. The following persons ~~shall~~ may not be admitted to bail pursuant to this section:

**1. Death or life imprisonment sentence.** ~~Any~~ A person charged with an offense for which a sentence of death or life imprisonment is possible under the laws of the demanding state;

**2. Crime of escape.** ~~Any~~ A person who is charged with or has been convicted of the crime of escape in the demanding state; or

**3. Escape status.** ~~Any~~ A person whose extradition is being sought on the ground that ~~he the person~~ has been convicted of a crime in the demanding state and:

A. Has escaped from confinement; or

B. Is under sentence of imprisonment imposed upon the denial of an appeal or other review of a conviction or revocation of probation or parole, the person having been released on bail pending appeal or other review.

**Sec. D-23. 15 MRSA §217**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 843, §7, is corrected to read:

**§217. Extension of time of commitment**

If the accused is not arrested under a warrant of the Governor by the expiration of time specified in the warrant, bond or undertaking, the judge or magistrate may discharge ~~him the accused~~ or may continue the case for any further time not to exceed 60 days. If, after the expiration of any further time specified by the judge or magistrate, the accused has not been arrested under a Governor's warrant, the complaint ~~shall~~ must be dismissed. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section may not be construed to prevent the rearrest of the accused upon a Governor's warrant issued subsequent to the expiration of the time period specified in this section. The court shall grant a reasonable extension of time under this section upon the representation of the prosecuting attorney that a written demand of the executive authority of another state has been issued but has not been received or acted upon by the Governor.

**Sec. D-24. 15 MRSA §218** is corrected to read:

**§218. Failure to appear**

If the prisoner is admitted to bail and fails to appear and surrender ~~himself~~ according to the condition of ~~his~~ the prisoner's bond, the court, by proper order, shall declare the bond forfeited. Recovery may be had thereon in the name of the State as in the case of other bonds or undertakings given by the accused in criminal proceedings within the State.

**Sec. D-25. 15 MRSA §219** is corrected to read:

**§219. Governor may surrender or hold prisoner where proceedings begun in this State**

If a criminal prosecution has been instituted against such person under the laws of this State and is still pending, the Governor at ~~his the Governor's~~ discretion either may surrender ~~him the person~~ on the demand of the executive authority of another state or may hold ~~him the person~~ until ~~he the person~~ has been tried and discharged or convicted and punished in this State.

**Sec. D-26. 15 MRSA §220**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 671, §17, is corrected to read:

**§220. Guilt or innocence not inquired into after extradition demanded**

The guilt or innocence of the accused as to the crime of which ~~he the accused~~ is charged may not be inquired into by the Governor or in any proceeding after the demand for extradition accompanied by a charge of crime in legal form as provided ~~shall have~~ has been presented to the Governor, except as it may be involved in identifying the person held as the person charged with the crime, and except insofar as it may be inquired into for the purpose of establishing probable cause as required by sections 203 and 210-A.

**Sec. D-27. 15 MRSA §221** is corrected to read:

**§221. Warrant for arrest recalled or another issued**

The Governor may recall ~~his the Governor's~~ warrant of arrest or may issue another warrant whenever ~~he deems~~ the Governor considers it proper.

**Sec. D-28. 15 MRSA §222**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 843, §8, is corrected to read:

**§222. Warrant for agent to receive accused from another state**

Whenever the Governor ~~shall demand~~ demands a fugitive from justice, charged with crime or with escaping from confinement or breaking the terms of ~~his the fugitive's~~ bail, probation or parole in this State, from the executive authority of any other state, or from the Chief Justice or an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia authorized to receive ~~such the demand~~ under the laws of the United States, ~~he the Governor~~ shall issue a commission under the seal of this State to some agent; commanding ~~him the agent~~ to receive the person so charged, if delivered to ~~him the agent~~, and convey ~~him the person~~ to the proper officer of the county in this State in which the offense was committed.

**Sec. D-29. 15 MRSA §223, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 671, §18, is corrected to read:

**1. Person charged with crime.** When it is required to return to this State a person charged with a crime in this State, the prosecuting attorney shall present to the Governor a written application for a requisition for the return of the person charged. The application ~~shall~~ must state:

- A. The name of the person charged;
- B. The crime with which ~~he~~ the person is charged;
- C. The approximate time, place and circumstances of ~~its~~ the commission of the crime under paragraph B; and
- D. The state in which the accused is believed to be, including ~~his~~ the accused's location therein at the time the application is made.

The prosecuting attorney shall certify in ~~his~~ the application that in ~~his~~ the prosecuting attorney's opinion the ends of justice require the arrest and return of the accused to this State for trial and that the proceeding is not instituted to enforce a private claim.

**Sec. D-30. 15 MRSA §223, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 671, §18, is corrected to read:

**2. Person convicted of a crime.** When it is required to return to this State a person who has been convicted of a crime in this State and who has escaped from confinement or broken the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail, probation or parole, the prosecuting attorney, the State Parole Board, the warden of the institution or the sheriff of the county from which the escape was made shall present to the Governor a written application for a requisition for the return of that person. The application ~~shall~~ must state:

- A. The name of the person;
- B. The crime of which ~~he~~ the person was convicted;
- C. The circumstances of ~~his~~ the person's escape from confinement; or of the breach of the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail, probation or parole; and
- D. The state in which ~~he~~ the person is believed to be, including ~~his~~ the person's location therein at the time the application is made.

**Sec. D-31. 15 MRSA §223, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 671, §18, is corrected to read:

**3. Verification; filing.** The application ~~shall~~ must be verified by affidavit, executed in duplicate and accompanied by 2 certified copies of:

- A. The indictment return;
- B. The information filed or the complaint made to the judge or magistrate stating the offense with which the accused is charged, together with the affidavit in support of the information or complaint; or
- C. The judgment of conviction.

The prosecuting attorney, State Parole Board, warden or sheriff may attach any further affidavits and other

documents ~~which he shall deem~~ that the prosecuting attorney, State Parole Board, warden or sheriff considers proper to be submitted with the application, including affidavits with attached photographs or fingerprints ~~which~~ that serve to establish that the person named and shown therein is the person for whom a requisition is sought. One copy of the application with the action of the Governor indicated thereon, and one of the certified copies of the indictment, complaint, information and affidavits, or of the judgment of conviction, or of the sentence ~~shall~~ must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State to remain of record in that office. The other copies of all papers ~~shall~~ must be forwarded with the Governor's requisition.

**Sec. D-32. 15 MRSA §224, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 66, is corrected to read:

**3. Prosecuting attorney not liable.** A prosecuting attorney ~~shall~~ is not be liable for payment of such expenses unless ~~he~~ the prosecuting attorney has previously consented to ~~such~~ that rendition in writing.

**Sec. D-33. 15 MRSA §224, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 66, is corrected to read:

**6. Expense funds advanced.** The treasurer or other appropriate official of the governmental unit responsible for payment of expenses pursuant to this section shall, upon written request of the prosecuting attorney, advance to ~~him~~ the prosecuting attorney or officers designated by ~~him~~ the prosecuting attorney a reasonable sum to defray necessary expenses. A full accounting of all expenses and return of unused funds ~~shall~~ must be made to the issuing official no later than 3 business days from the date of return. All funds returned ~~shall~~ must be credited to the account from which they were paid.

**Sec. D-34. 15 MRSA §225** is corrected to read:

**§225. Extradited persons except from civil process**

A person brought into this State on extradition based on a criminal charge ~~shall~~ is not be subject to service of personal process in civil actions arising out of the same facts as the criminal proceeding to answer which ~~he~~ the person is returned; until ~~he~~ the person has been convicted in the criminal proceeding or, if acquitted, until ~~he~~ the person has had ample opportunity to return to the state from which ~~he~~ the person was extradited.

**Sec. D-35. 15 MRSA §226**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 843, §12, is corrected to read:

**§226. Waiver of extradition**

~~Any~~ A person arrested in this State charged with having committed any crime in another state or alleged to have escaped from confinement; or broken the terms of ~~his~~ the person's bail, probation or parole may waive the issuance and service of the warrant provided for in sections 207 and 208 and all other ~~procedure~~ procedures incidental to extradition proceedings; by executing or

subscribing in the presence of a judge of any court of record within this State a writing ~~which that~~ states that ~~he the person~~ consents to return to the demanding state. Before ~~such a~~ waiver ~~shall be~~ is executed or subscribed by such a person, it ~~shall be~~ is the duty of ~~such the~~ judge to inform ~~such the~~ person of ~~his the person's~~ rights to await the issuance and service of a warrant of extradition and to contest extradition following issuance of the warrant of the Governor as provided for in section 210. Following waiver of extradition, the person ~~shall must~~ be placed in custody without bail to await delivery to the agent of the demanding state. The agent of the demanding state need not be present at the waiver.

If and when such consent has been duly executed, it ~~shall must~~ forthwith be forwarded to the office of the Governor of this State and filed therein. The judge shall direct the officer having ~~such the~~ person in custody to deliver forthwith ~~such the~~ person to the duly accredited agent or agents of the demanding state; and shall deliver or cause to be delivered to ~~such the~~ agent or agents a copy of ~~such the~~ consent. ~~Nothing in this section shall be deemed to~~ This section does not limit the rights of the accused person to return voluntarily and without formality to the demanding state, nor ~~shall this may the~~ waiver procedure be ~~deemed~~ considered to be an exclusive procedure or to limit the powers, rights or duties of the officers of the demanding state or of this State.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency in this State holding a person who is alleged to have broken the terms of ~~his the person's~~ probation, parole, bail or any other release in the demanding state, shall immediately deliver the person to the duly authorized agent of the demanding state without the requirement of a Governor's warrant; if all of the following apply:

1. **Waiver.** The person has signed a prior waiver of extradition as a term of ~~his the person's~~ current probation, parole, bail or other release in the demanding state; and
2. **Authenticated copy.** The law enforcement agency holding the person has received an authenticated copy of the prior waiver of extradition signed by the person and photographs or fingerprints or other evidence properly identifying the person as the person who signed the waiver.

**Sec. D-36. 15 MRSA §226-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 843, §13, is corrected to read:

**§226-A. Delivery of fugitive to agents**

Whenever a person held as a fugitive in this State has exhausted ~~his the person's~~ remedies under this chapter to challenge ~~his the person's~~ extradition or has waived extradition, the district attorney shall promptly notify the agents of the demanding state that the fugitive is available to be returned to that state. If ~~no an~~ agent ~~appears~~ does not appear within 30 days after ~~such the~~

notification, the fugitive may be discharged from custody, ~~provided except~~ that after the discharge the fugitive may be rearrested and delivered to the agent for return to the demanding state, unless the Governor's warrant has been recalled.

**Sec. D-37. 15 MRSA §228** is corrected to read:

**§228. Trial for crimes other than specified**

After a person has been brought back to this State upon extradition proceedings, ~~he the person~~ may be tried in this State for other crimes ~~which he that the person~~ may be charged with having committed ~~here in this State~~ as well as that specified in the requisition for ~~his the person's~~ extradition.

**Sec. D-38. 15 MRSA §282** is corrected to read:

**§282. Complaint that offense threatened**

~~Any A~~ judge described in section 281, on complaint that any person threatens to commit an offense against the person or property of another, shall examine, on oath, the complainant and any other witnesses produced, reduce the complaint to writing and cause the complainant to sign it. If on examination of the facts ~~he the judge~~ thinks that there is just cause to fear the commission of ~~such an~~ offense, ~~he the judge~~ shall issue a warrant reciting the substance of the complaint; and commanding the officer; to whom it is directed; ~~forthwith~~ to arrest ~~forthwith~~ the accused and bring ~~him the accused~~ before ~~such the~~ judge or court.

**Sec. D-39. 15 MRSA §284** is corrected to read:

**§284. Sureties to keep peace; costs; binding over**

When the accused is brought before the judge and ~~his the accused's~~ defense is heard, ~~he the accused~~ may be ordered to recognize, with sufficient sureties, in the sum required by the judge, to keep the peace toward all persons and especially toward the person requiring the security, for a term of less than one year, and to pay the costs of prosecution; but ~~he the accused shall may~~ not be bound over to any court, unless ~~he the accused~~ is charged with some other specific offense requiring it.

**Sec. D-40. 15 MRSA §285** is corrected to read:

**§285. Discharge on compliance; commitment**

If the accused complies with such order, ~~he shall the accused must~~ be discharged. If ~~he the accused~~ does not ~~comply~~, ~~he shall the accused must~~ be committed to jail for the time for which ~~he the accused~~ was required to find sureties or until ~~he the accused~~ complies with ~~such the~~ order. The judge shall state in the mittimus the cause of commitment and the time and sum for which security was required; and return a copy of the warrant to the next term of the Superior Court in ~~said the~~ county, and ~~such the~~ court shall have cognizance of the case, as if the accused had appealed ~~thereto to that court~~.

**Sec. D-41. 15 MRSA §286** is corrected to read:

**§286. Appeals**

~~Any~~ A person aggrieved by the order of a judge requiring ~~him~~ the person to recognize as provided in section 284 may, on giving the security required, appeal to the next term of the Superior Court in the county. The judge shall thereupon require such witnesses as ~~he~~ the judge thinks proper to recognize to appear at the appellate court. ~~Such~~ The court may affirm or reverse the order of the judge, require the accused to recognize anew with sufficient sureties and make ~~such an~~ such an order as to costs as ~~it deems~~ the court determines reasonable.

**Sec. D-42. 15 MRSA §287** is corrected to read:

**§287. Failure to prosecute appeal**

If the appellant fails to prosecute ~~his~~ the appellant's appeal, ~~his~~ the appellant's recognizance ~~shall~~ must be in force for any breach of its conditions without an affirmation of ~~said~~ the order and ~~shall~~ must stand as security for any costs ~~which he~~ that the appellant is ordered by the court to pay.

**Sec. D-43. 15 MRSA §290** is corrected to read:

**§290. Sureties may surrender principals; new recognizances**

~~Any~~ A surety in a recognizance taken under this chapter may surrender the principal the same as bail in civil cases, and ~~he shall~~ the surety must thereupon be discharged from liability for any subsequent breach of the recognizance. The principal may recognize anew with sufficient sureties for the residue of the term before a judge; and then be discharged.

**Sec. D-44. 15 MRSA §291** is corrected to read:

**§291. Judge on view; sureties without formal complaint**

~~Whoever~~ A person who in the presence of any of the judges aforesaid or of any court of record makes an affray; threatens to kill or beat another or to commit any violence against ~~his~~ another's person or property; or contends with hot and angry words to the disturbance of the peace; may be ordered, without process or other proof, to recognize to keep the peace and be of good behavior for a term not exceeding 3 months; and may be otherwise dealt with as is provided in sections 281 to 290.

**Sec. D-45. 15 MRSA §292** is corrected to read:

**§292. Persons going armed without reasonable cause**

~~Whoever~~ A person who goes armed with any dirk, pistol or other offensive and dangerous weapon, without just cause to fear an assault on ~~himself~~, that person or that person's family or property, may, on complaint of any person having cause to fear an injury or breach of the peace, be required to find sureties to keep the peace for a term of less than one year; and, in case of refusal, may be committed as provided in section 285.

**Sec. D-46. 15 MRSA §703**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 736, §22, is corrected to read:

**§703. Officer's oath to complaint**

When it is the duty of an officer to make complaint before ~~any~~ a judge, clerk or justice of the peace, ~~he~~ the officer may make oath to it according to ~~his~~ the officer's knowledge and belief.

**Sec. D-47. 15 MRSA §704** is corrected to read:

**§704. Arrests without warrant; liability**

~~Every~~ A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, city or deputy marshal, or police officer shall arrest and detain persons found violating any law of the State or any legal ordinance or bylaw of a town; until a legal warrant can be obtained and may arrest and detain ~~such~~ those persons against whom a warrant has been issued though the officer does not have the warrant in ~~his~~ the officer's possession at the time of the arrest, and ~~they shall be~~ the officer is entitled to legal fees for ~~such~~ that service; but if, in so doing, ~~he~~ the officer acts wantonly or oppressively, or detains a person without a warrant longer than is necessary to procure it, ~~he shall be~~ the officer is liable to ~~such~~ that person for the damages suffered thereby.

**Sec. D-48. 15 MRSA §705**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 356, §21, is corrected to read:

**§705. Arrests in other counties**

When a person charged with an offense in any county, before or after the issue of the warrant, removes, escapes or is found out of ~~it~~ that county, the officer having the warrant may pursue and arrest ~~him~~ the person in any other county and command aid as in ~~his~~ the officer's own county.

**Sec. D-49. 15 MRSA §708**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 736, §25, is corrected to read:

**§708. Preparation of complaints**

The clerk may, in the absence or unavailability of a justice of the peace or of a prosecuting attorney or any of ~~his~~ the justice of the peace's or prosecuting attorney's assistants, prepare and draft complaints upon the request of any law enforcement officer, except that ~~no~~ a complaint ~~shall~~ may not issue to any person who is not a law enforcement officer or for any criminal homicide or Class A, B or C crime unless approved by the district attorney or ~~his~~ the district attorney's designee or the Attorney General or ~~his~~ the Attorney General's designee.

Except in prosecutions instituted by the Attorney General or ~~his~~ the Attorney General's designee, the district attorney or ~~his~~ the district attorney's designee shall, whenever practical, prepare all complaints for criminal homicide and Class A, B and C crimes and for all complainants who are not law enforcement officers. ~~No~~ A complaint ~~shall~~ may not be filed nor process issued until such time as the complainant has made oath to the complaint or process before the proper official.

Each district attorney shall establish written guidelines for the approval of issuance of complaints pursuant to this section. In those guidelines, the district attorney may extend the above procedure to Class D and E crimes, ~~provided that~~ as long as the approval of the district attorney ~~shall is not be~~ necessary for any complaint issued with the approval of the Attorney General or ~~his~~ the Attorney General's designee.

Whenever a complaint is not approved for prosecution by the district attorney or ~~his~~ the district attorney's designee; or the Attorney General or ~~his~~ the Attorney General's designee, ~~he~~ the district attorney or the district attorney's designee or the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall, if requested, inform the complainant, orally or in writing, of the reasons ~~therefor~~ the complaint was not approved.

**Sec. D-50. 15 MRSA §710, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 663, §97, is corrected to read:

**3. Disclosure, or use of wire or oral communications prohibited.** A person is guilty of a Class C crime if ~~he~~ the person:

- A. Intentionally or knowingly discloses or attempts to disclose to any person the contents of any wire or oral communication, knowing that the information was obtained through interception; or
- B. Intentionally or knowingly uses or attempts to use the contents of any wire or oral communication, knowing that the information was obtained through interception.

**Sec. D-51. 15 MRSA §806**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 356, §28, is corrected to read:

**§806. Complaint adjudged frivolous or malicious; appeal**

If following an examination, it appears that ~~no~~ an offense has not been committed or that there is not probable cause to charge the accused, on motion of the defendant the judge shall render judgment whether or not the complaint is frivolous or malicious. If the judge judges the complaint to be frivolous or malicious, ~~he~~ the judge shall order the complainant to pay the costs of prosecution and shall issue execution in favor of the county and against the complainant for ~~such that~~ said those costs, and may receive and pay over ~~said those~~ said costs to the county treasurer for the use of the county; and, if the ~~same~~ same costs are not paid, the judge shall return ~~said the~~ said execution to the county commissioners, for the use of the county. The complainant has the same right of appeal as in civil cases.

**Sec. D-52. 15 MRSA §941**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 356, §42, is corrected to read:

**§941. Private claims paid out of forfeited bail**

When the penalty of a bond to prosecute an appeal is paid to the clerk of the court or county treasurer, the

court may award to any person therefrom the same sum that ~~he~~ the person would have been entitled to receive from the penalty for the offense, if paid on conviction and not on forfeiture of bail.

**Sec. D-53. 15 MRSA §1253** is corrected to read:

**§1253. Affirmations**

When ~~any~~ a person returned as grand juror is conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, ~~he~~ the person may make affirmation, substituting the word "affirm" instead of "swear" and the words "This you do under the pains and penalties of perjury" instead of "So help you God."

**Sec. D-54. 15 MRSA §1258**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 482, §1, is corrected to read:

**§1258. Juries for criminal offenses; challenges**

When a person charged with a criminal offense, who has not waived ~~his~~ the person's right to trial by jury, is put upon ~~his~~ the person's trial, the clerk, under the direction of the court, shall place the names of all the traverse jurors summoned and in attendance in a box upon separate tickets, and the names, after being mixed, ~~shall must~~ be drawn from the box by the clerk, one at a time. The Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule provide the manner of exercising all challenges, and the number and order of peremptory challenges.

Whenever by reason of the prospective length of a criminal trial the court in its discretion ~~shall deem~~ considers it advisable, ~~it~~ the court may direct that jurors in addition to the regular panel be called and impanelled to sit as alternate jurors. ~~Such Those~~ Those alternate jurors in the order in which they are called ~~shall must~~ replace jurors who, prior to the time the jury retires to consider its verdict, become unable or disqualified to perform their duties. ~~Such The~~ The alternate jurors ~~shall must~~ be drawn in the same manner, ~~shall must~~ have the same qualifications, ~~shall must~~ be subject to the same examination and challenges, ~~shall must~~ take the same oath and ~~shall must~~ have the same functions, powers, facilities and privileges and be subject to the same obligations and penalties as jurors on the regular panel. An alternate juror who does not replace a juror on the regular panel ~~shall must~~ be discharged when the jury retires to consider its verdict. The Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule provide the number of alternate jurors, the manner of exercising all challenges to alternate jurors, and the order and number of peremptory challenges to alternate jurors.

**Sec. D-55. 15 MRSA §1313**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §105, is corrected to read:

**§1313. Punishment of state witness for nonattendance**

~~Whoever~~ A person who, having been subpoenaed as a witness ~~in~~ on behalf of the State before any court

or grand jury, without reasonable cause fails to appear at the time and place designated in the subpoena, if ~~he~~ the person is not punished therefor as for contempt, is guilty of a Class E crime.

**Sec. D-56. 15 MRSA §1314** is corrected to read:

**§1314. No witness fees until 2nd or 3rd day in continued cases**

~~No fees~~ Fees in criminal cases continued after the first term ~~shall are not be~~ allowed to witnesses on the part of the State until the 2nd day of the term in Hancock, Oxford, Franklin, Piscataquis and Aroostook; nor until the 3rd day in any other county, unless ~~they~~ the witnesses were summoned at an earlier day. In all criminal cases, previous to the determination thereof, the court may allow ~~such~~ the costs for justices, officers, aids, jurors and witnesses, as are provided by law, to be paid from the county treasury; but ~~no~~ a court or judge ~~shall may not~~ allow any charge for aid or other expenses of the officer in serving a warrant, except ~~his~~ the officer's stated fees for service and travel unless, on ~~his~~ the officer's examination upon oath or on other evidence, ~~they find such~~ the court or judge finds the additional charges reasonable.

**Sec. D-57. 15 MRSA §1315**, as amended by PL 1969, c. 333, is corrected to read:

**§1315. Self-incrimination; failure to testify; husband or wife spouse as witness**

In all criminal trials, the accused shall, at ~~his~~ the ~~accused's~~ own request but not otherwise, be a competent witness. ~~He shall~~ The accused may not be compelled to testify on cross-examination to facts that would convict, or furnish evidence to convict ~~him~~ the accused of any other crime than that for which ~~he~~ the accused is on trial. The fact that ~~he~~ the accused does not testify ~~in his~~ on the accused's own behalf ~~shall may~~ not be taken as evidence of ~~his~~ the accused's guilt. The ~~husband or wife~~ spouse of the accused is a competent witness except in regard to marital communications.

**Sec. D-58. 15 MRSA §1320**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 566, §5, is corrected to read:

**§1320. Authorization of payment of witness fees of state witnesses in criminal prosecutions**

In all criminal prosecutions in the Superior Court, payment of witness fees for state witnesses, fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers as witnesses and as complainants; and fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers in serving criminal process ~~shall must~~ be made upon authorization by the prosecuting attorney or ~~his~~ the prosecuting attorney's designee. The amount of the fees and expenses ~~shall must~~ be determined in accordance with these statutes.

**1. Payments.** Payments made under this section must be made first from the Extradition and Prosecution Expenses Account established in section 224-A and, if there are insufficient funds in that account, next from the county treasury upon authorization of the prosecuting attorney, unless otherwise expressly directed by law. Payments from the county treasury must be made from the sums set aside in the county budget for the payments on account of Superior Court criminal proceedings.

**2. Expenditures.** In fixing the amount of direct expenditures by the counties in calendar year 1975 for the support of the Superior Court pursuant to Title 4, section 118, the Treasurer of State ~~shall may~~ not consider sums expended in criminal prosecutions in the Superior Court on account of witness fees for state witnesses, fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers as witnesses and as complainants; and fees and expenses payable on account of the services of police officers in serving criminal process.

**Sec. D-59. 15 MRSA §1413** is corrected to read:

**§1413. Summons to testify in another state**

If a judge of a court of record in any state, ~~which~~ that by its laws has made provision for commanding persons within that state to attend and testify in this State, certifies under the seal of ~~such~~ the court that there is a criminal prosecution pending in ~~such~~ the court or that a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence, that a person being within this State is a material witness in ~~such~~ that prosecution or grand jury investigation and that ~~his~~ the person's presence will be required for a specified number of days, upon presentation of ~~such~~ the certificate to any judge of a court of record in the county in which ~~such~~ the person is, ~~such~~ the judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing and shall make an order directing the witness to appear at a time and place certain for the hearing.

If at a hearing the judge determines that the witness is material and necessary, that it will not cause undue hardship to the witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the prosecution or a grand jury investigation in the other state; and that the laws of the state in which the prosecution is pending; or grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence; and of any other state through which the witness may be required to pass by ordinary course of travel; will give to ~~him~~ the witness protection from arrest and the service of civil and criminal process, ~~he~~ the judge shall issue a summons, with a copy of the certificate attached, directing the witness to attend and testify in the court where the prosecution is pending or where a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence at a time and place specified in the summons. In any such hearing the certificate ~~shall be~~ is prima facie evidence of all the facts stated therein.

If ~~said~~ the certificate recommends that the witness be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of the requesting state to assure ~~his~~ the witness's attendance in the requesting state, ~~such~~ the judge may, in lieu of notification of the hearing, direct that ~~such~~ the witness be forthwith brought before ~~him~~ the judge for ~~said~~ the hearing. The judge at the hearing being satisfied of the desirability of ~~such~~ the custody and delivery, for which determination the certificate ~~shall be~~ is prima facie proof of ~~such~~ the desirability, may, in lieu of issuing subpoena or summons, order that ~~said~~ the witness be forthwith taken into custody and delivered to an officer of the requesting state.

If the witness, who is summoned as provided, after being paid or tendered by some properly authorized person the sum of 10¢ a mile for each mile by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the prosecution is pending and \$5 for each day that ~~he~~ the witness is required to travel and attend as a witness, fails without good cause to attend and testify as directed in the summons, ~~he shall~~ the witness must be punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any witness who disobeys a summons issued from a court of record in this State.

**Sec. D-60. 15 MRSA §1414** is corrected to read:

**§1414. Summons to testify in this State**

If a person in any state, ~~which that~~ by its laws has made provision for commanding persons within its borders to attend and testify in criminal prosecutions or grand jury investigations commenced or about to commence in this State; is a material witness in a prosecution pending in a court of record in this State or in a grand jury investigation ~~which that~~ has commenced or is about to commence, a judge of ~~such~~ the court may issue a certificate under the seal of the court stating these facts and specifying the number of days the witness will be required. ~~Said~~ The certificate may include a recommendation that the witness be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of this State to ~~assure his~~ ensure the witness's attendance in this State. This certificate ~~shall~~ must be presented to a judge of a court of record within whose territorial jurisdiction the witness is found.

If the witness is summoned to attend and testify in this State, ~~he shall~~ the witness must be tendered the sum of 10¢ a mile for each mile by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the prosecution is pending and \$15 for each day that ~~he~~ the witness is required to travel and attend as a witness. In addition, ~~such~~ the witness, upon submission of proper vouchers to the court, may be allowed reasonable allowance for meals and lodging at the discretion of the presiding justice. A witness who has appeared in accordance with the summons ~~shall~~ may not be required to remain within this State a longer period of time than the period mentioned in the certificate, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

If ~~such~~ the witness, after coming into this State, fails without good cause to attend and testify as directed in the summons, ~~he shall~~ the witness must be punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any witness who disobeys a summons issued from a court of record in this State.

**Sec. D-61. 15 MRSA §1415** is corrected to read:

**§1415. Exemption from arrest and service of process**

If a person comes into this State in obedience to a summons directing ~~him~~ the person to attend and testify in this State ~~he shall~~ the person may not while in this State pursuant to ~~such~~ the summons be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters ~~which that~~ arose before ~~his~~ the person's entrance into this State under the summons.

If a person passes through this State while going to another state in obedience to a summons to attend and testify in that state or while returning ~~therefrom~~ from that state, ~~he shall~~ the person may not while so passing through this State be subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, in connection with matters ~~which that~~ arose before ~~his~~ the person's entrance into this State under the summons.

**Sec. D-62. 15 MRSA §1462**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 317, is corrected to read:

**§1462. Summons to testify in another state**

A judge of the state court of record in another state, ~~which that~~ by its laws has made provision for commanding persons confined in penal institutions within that state to attend and testify in this State; may certify that there is a criminal proceeding or investigation by a grand jury or a criminal action pending in the court, that a person who is confined in a penal institution in this State may be a material witness in the proceeding, investigation or action; and that ~~his~~ the person's presence will be required during a specified time. Upon presentation of the certificate to any judge having jurisdiction over the person confined, and upon notice to the Attorney General, the judge in this State shall fix a time and place for a hearing and shall make an order directed to the person having custody of the prisoner requiring that the prisoner be produced before ~~him~~ the judge at the hearing.

**Sec. D-63. 15 MRSA §1463**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 317, is corrected to read:

**§1463. Court order**

If at the hearing the judge determines that the witness may be material and necessary, that ~~his~~ the witness's attending and testifying are not adverse to the interests of this State or to the health or legal rights of the witness, that the laws of the state in which ~~he~~ the wit-

ness is requested to testify will give ~~him~~ the witness protection from arrest and the service of civil and criminal process because of any act committed prior to ~~his~~ the witness's arrival in the state under the order; and that as a practical matter the possibility is negligible that the witness may be subject to arrest or to the service of civil or criminal process in any state through which ~~he~~ the witness will be required to pass, the judge shall issue an order, with a copy of the certificate attached, directing the witness to attend and testify, directing the person having custody of the witness to produce ~~him~~ the witness, in the court where the criminal action is pending; or where the grand jury investigation is pending, at a time and place specified in the order, and prescribing such conditions as the judge ~~shall determine~~ determines.

**Sec. D-64. 15 MRSA §1464**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 317, is corrected to read:

**§1464. Terms and conditions**

The order to the witness and to the person having custody of the witness ~~shall~~ must provide for the return of the witness at the conclusion of ~~his~~ the witness's testimony, proper safeguards on ~~his~~ the witness's custody, and proper financial reimbursement or prepayment by the requesting jurisdiction for all expenses incurred in the production and return of the witness; and may prescribe such other conditions as the judge thinks proper or necessary. The order ~~shall may~~ not become effective until the judge of the state requesting the witness enters an order directing compliance with the conditions prescribed.

**Sec. D-65. 15 MRSA §1466**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 317, is corrected to read:

**§1466. Summon to testify in this State**

If a person confined in a penal institution in any other state may be a material witness in a criminal action pending in a court of record or in a grand jury investigation in this State, a judge of the court may certify that there is a criminal proceeding or investigation by a grand jury or a criminal action pending in the court, that a person who is confined in a penal institution in the other state may be a material witness in the proceeding, investigation or action; and that ~~his~~ the person's presence will be required during a specified time. The certificate ~~shall~~ must be presented to a judge of a court of record in the other state having jurisdiction over the prisoner confined, and a notice ~~shall~~ must be given to the attorney general of the state in which the prisoner is confined.

**Sec. D-66. 15 MRSA §1468**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 317, is corrected to read:

**§1468. Exemption from arrest and service of process**

If a witness from another state comes into or passes through this State under an order directing ~~him~~ the witness to attend and testify in this State or another state, ~~he shall~~ the witness is not while in this State pursuant to the order ~~be~~ subject to arrest or the service of process, civil or criminal, because of any act committed prior to ~~his~~ the witness's arrival in this State under the order.

**Sec. D-67. 15 MRSA §1706** is corrected to read:

**§1706. Sureties to keep peace for misdemeanor**

In addition to the punishment prescribed by law, the court may require any person convicted of an offense not punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison to recognize to the State, with sufficient sureties, in a reasonable sum, to keep the peace and be of good behavior for a term not exceeding 2 years, and to stand committed until ~~he~~ the person so recognizes.

**Sec. D-68. 15 MRSA §1792** is corrected to read:

**§1792. Alternative sentences to work-jails; authority of inspectors over incorrigible or dangerous convicts**

When a convict is sentenced to imprisonment and labor in any of the work-jails, the court or judge may in addition sentence ~~him~~ the convict to the other punishment provided by law for the same offense, with the condition that if ~~such~~ the convict cannot be received at the work-jail to which ~~he~~ the convict is sentenced, or if at any time before the expiration of ~~said~~ the sentence, in the judgment of the inspectors of jails, ~~he~~ the convict becomes incorrigible or unsafe, they may order that ~~he~~ the convict suffer ~~such~~ the alternative sentence or punishment. If ~~said~~ the alternative sentence is to the State Prison, the sheriff of the county where ~~such~~ the convict is imprisoned shall forthwith, upon receiving the order of ~~said~~ the inspectors, cause ~~said~~ the convict to be conveyed to the State Prison at the expense of the county where ~~he~~ the convict was sentenced.

**Sec. D-69. 15 MRSA §1793** is corrected to read:

**§1793. Sentence to any work-jail nearest county of offense; prison sentence includes labor**

The Superior Court and the District Court, in the county where a work-jail is situated or in any county where there is no work-jail, may, subject to section 1704, sentence any person convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment to any of the work-jails nearest or most convenient to the county where the offense is committed, and all sentences of imprisonment ~~shall~~ must include labor. The keeper of ~~such~~ the work-jail shall receive and detain ~~such~~ the prisoner in the same manner as if committed by a court sitting in the county where ~~such~~ the work-jail is situated. ~~Any~~ An officer of any county qualified to serve criminal precepts in ~~his~~ the officer's county may serve any precept required by

this section and section 1792, whether ~~such~~ the service is performed in whole or in part in one or more counties, and processes ~~shall~~ must be issued and directed accordingly.

**Sec. D-70. 15 MRSA §1843**, as amended by PL 1965, c. 356, §58, is corrected to read:

**§1843. Removal to State Prison; clothing**

When a convict is sentenced to confinement in the State Prison, the judgment of the court ~~shall~~ must direct the sheriff of the county in which trial was had to cause ~~such~~ the convict, without needless delay, to be removed from the county jail to the State Prison. All sheriffs and jail keepers shall strictly obey the directions of the judgment. The clerk, as soon as may be, shall deliver a certified copy of ~~such~~ the judgment to the sheriff of the county, and ~~he~~ the ~~sheriff~~ shall forthwith deliver it and the convict to ~~said~~ the warden. The sheriff shall provide the convict with comfortable clothing in which to be removed to the State Prison.

**Sec. D-71. 15 MRSA §1941**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 114, §29, is corrected to read:

**§1941. Duties of clerks as to certificates of fines**

Clerks ~~A~~ clerk of court shall attest triplicate copies of certificates of all fees, fines and bail forfeitures imposed and accruing to the State at such intervals as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or ~~his~~ the Chief Justice's designee may direct; and deliver one of these copies to the State Auditor; and to the Chief Justice or ~~his~~ the Chief Justice's designee and retain one in the clerk's office.

**Sec. D-72. 15 MRSA §1942**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 567, §20, is corrected to read:

**§1942. Duty of clerks to collect fines and costs or to issue process for collection**

Each ~~A~~ clerk of court, in default of payment to ~~him~~ the clerk of fines, forfeitures and bills of costs, shall issue warrants of distress, or such other process therefor as the court finds necessary to enforce the execution of any order, sentence or judgment ~~in~~ on behalf of the State, deliver them to the sheriff, or to ~~such~~ a constable as the district attorney directs, and enter of record the name of the officer and the time when they are delivered to ~~him~~ the officer.

**Sec. D-73. 15 MRSA §1981**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 114, §§30 and 31, is corrected to read:

**§1981. Payment over of fines and costs collected**

Sheriffs, jailers and constables who by virtue of their office receive any fines or forfeitures; shall forthwith pay ~~them~~ the fines and forfeitures to the Treasurer of State.

If any such officer neglects to pay over ~~such~~ the fine or forfeiture for 30 days after the receipt ~~thereof~~; of

the fine or forfeiture or if ~~he~~ the officer permits any person, sentenced to pay ~~such~~ the fine or forfeiture and committed to ~~his~~ the officer's custody; to go at large without payment, unless by order of court, and does not within 30 days after the escape pay the amount ~~thereof~~ of the fine or forfeiture to the clerk of the court, ~~he~~ the officer forfeits to the State double the amount. The Treasurer of State shall give notice of ~~such~~ that neglect to the Attorney General, who shall sue therefor in a civil action in the name of ~~such~~ treasurer the Treasurer of State.

All such fines imposed by the District Court ~~shall~~ must be paid over to the District Court.

**Sec. D-74. 15 MRSA §1983**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 383, §18 and c. 408, §33, is corrected to read:

**§1983. Disposal of securities for fines and costs**

~~Each~~ A sheriff, as often as every 3 months, shall deliver to the Treasurer of State all securities taken by ~~him~~ the sheriff for fines and costs, on the liberation of poor convicts from prison pursuant to law.

All such securities taken for fines imposed by the District Court ~~shall~~ must be paid over to the District Court.

**Sec. D-75. 15 MRSA §2032**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 383, §20 and c. 408, §34, is corrected to read:

**§2032. Schedule of securities**

A schedule of all securities with the amount due on each, received by the Treasurer of State from the sheriff pursuant to section 1983, ~~shall~~ must be filed by the sheriff with the clerk. The clerk, from time to time, shall examine ~~such~~ the securities; and, ~~where he deems~~ when the clerk determines it appropriate, shall request that the court order the Attorney General to take such measures for ~~their~~ the collection of the securities as are ~~deemed~~ determined expedient or authorize the ~~treasurer~~ Treasurer of State to compound and cancel them on such terms as may be ordered.

**Sec. D-76. 15 MRSA §2062**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 567, §20, is corrected to read:

**§2062. Delinquent sheriff or other officer summoned before court by district attorney**

When it appears that ~~any~~ a sheriff or other officer is not discharged of any fine, forfeiture or bill of costs committed to ~~him~~ the sheriff or other officer to collect, the district attorney shall cause ~~him~~ the sheriff or other officer to be summoned and brought before the court that imposed ~~such~~ the fine, forfeiture or bill of costs to show a proper discharge or the cause for not collecting the ~~same~~ fine, forfeiture or bill of costs and paying it over. ~~Such~~ The sheriff or other officer shall carry into execution all lawful orders of the court relating to the collection and payment ~~thereof~~, of the fine, forfeiture or bill of costs and shall, by all other means pertaining to

~~his the sheriff's~~ or other officer's office, promote and enforce the same.

**Sec. D-77. 15 MRSA §2116** is corrected to read:

**§2116. Court action after federal court has acted**

Whenever ~~any a~~ federal court finds that a prisoner in any penal institution in this State has been deprived of any of the rights guaranteed to ~~him the prisoner~~ by the ~~Constitution of the~~ United States Constitution before, at or after ~~his the prisoner's~~ trial, so that the judgment or sentence or both are erroneous and ~~said the~~ court holds the case on its docket pending corrective action by the proper state official, the Attorney General may act as follows. ~~He The Attorney General~~ may file a petition in the Superior Court of the county where the prisoner was tried and convicted in term time or with any justice of ~~said the~~ court in vacation, setting forth the petition of the prisoner to the federal court and the decision of that court, and the Superior Court of conviction or any justice ~~thereof of the court~~ in vacation shall then recall the judgment and sentence held erroneous and order it stricken from the records of ~~said the~~ court and shall set the prisoner down for trial if in term time or bind ~~him the prisoner~~ over to the next criminal term in ~~said the~~ county if in vacation, after setting ~~his the~~ prisoner's bail. If the sentence only is erroneous, the Superior Court of the county of conviction in term time or any justice ~~thereof of the court~~ in vacation, on presentation of the Attorney General's petition, shall recall the erroneous sentence and order it stricken from the records and shall, in term time or in vacation, sentence the prisoner anew in accordance with the indictment against ~~said the~~ prisoner.

**Sec. D-78. 15 MRSA §2117**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 356, §64, is corrected to read:

**§2117. Objections in criminal cases**

For all purposes for which an exception has heretofore been necessary in criminal cases, it is sufficient that a party, at the time the ruling or order of the court is made or sought, makes known to the court the action ~~which he that the party~~ desires the court to take or ~~his the party's~~ objection to the action of the court and ~~his the party's~~ grounds ~~therefor~~ for that desired action or objection. If a party ~~has no~~ does not have an opportunity to object to a ruling or order, the absence of an objection does not thereafter prejudice ~~him the~~ party.

**Sec. D-79. 15 MRSA §2129, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 238, §5, is corrected to read:

B. If the petitioner desires to have counsel appointed, ~~he the petitioner~~ shall file an affidavit of indigency in the form prescribed by the Supreme Judicial Court. If the petitioner is incarcerated, the affidavit ~~shall must~~ be accompanied by a certificate of the appropriate officer of the institution in which the petitioner is incarcerated as to the amount of

money or securities on deposit to the petitioner's credit in any account in the institution. The failure to include an affidavit of indigency with the petition does not bar the court from appointing counsel upon a subsequent filing of an affidavit of indigency.

**Sec. D-80. 15 MRSA §2161**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 667, §16, is corrected to read:

**§2161. Notice to district attorney and Attorney General of all petitions for pardon or commutation**

On all petitions to the Governor for pardon or commutation of sentences, written notice thereof ~~shall must~~ be given to the Attorney General and the district attorney for the county where the case was tried at least 4 weeks before the time of the hearing thereon, and 4 weeks' notice in a newspaper of general circulation in ~~said the~~ county. If the crime for which ~~said the~~ pardon is asked or for which commutation of sentence is sought is punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, the Attorney General or the district attorney for the county where the case was tried shall, upon the request of the Governor, attend the meeting of the Governor or the Parole Board at which the petition is to be heard and the Governor shall allow ~~said the~~ district attorney ~~his the~~ district attorney's necessary expenses for such attendance and a reasonable compensation for ~~said the~~ district attorney's services to be paid from the State Treasury out of the appropriation for costs in criminal prosecutions. The Governor may require the judge and prosecuting officer who tried the case to furnish ~~him the~~ Governor or the Parole Board a concise statement thereof as proved at the trial and any other facts bearing on the propriety of granting pardon or commutation.

**Sec. D-81. 15 MRSA §2163**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §161, is corrected to read:

**§2163. Conditional pardons by Governor**

In any case in which the Governor is authorized by the Constitution to grant a pardon, ~~he the Governor~~ may, upon petition of the person convicted, grant it upon such conditions and with such restrictions and under such limitations as ~~he deems the Governor considers~~ proper, and ~~he the Governor~~ may issue ~~his the Governor's~~ warrant to all proper officers to carry ~~such the~~ pardon into effect; ~~which the~~ warrant ~~shall must~~ be obeyed and executed instead of the sentence originally awarded.

**Sec. D-82. 15 MRSA §2164**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §162, is corrected to read:

**§2164. Violations of conditions; rearrest**

When a convict has been pardoned on conditions to be observed and performed by ~~him the convict~~, and the ~~Warden warden~~ of the State Prison or keeper of the jail where the convict was confined has reason to believe

that ~~he~~ the convict has violated ~~the same~~ those conditions, such officer shall forthwith cause ~~him~~ the convict to be arrested and detained until the case can be examined by the Governor, and the officer making the arrest shall forthwith give them notice thereof, in writing.

**Sec. D-83. 15 MRSA §2165**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §163, is corrected to read:

**§2165. Remand to prison on finding of violation**

The Governor shall, upon receiving the notice provided for in section 2164, examine the case of ~~such~~ the convict; and, if it appears by ~~his~~ the convict's own admission or by evidence that ~~he~~ the convict has violated the conditions of ~~his~~ the convict's pardon, the Governor shall order ~~him~~ the convict to be remanded and confined for the unexpired term of the sentence. In computing the period of ~~his~~ the convict's confinement, the time between the pardon and the subsequent arrest ~~shall~~ may not be reckoned as part of the term of ~~his~~ the convict's sentence. If it appears to the Governor that ~~he~~ the convict has not broken the conditions of ~~his~~ the convict's pardon, ~~he~~ shall the convict must be discharged.

**Sec. D-84. 15 MRSA §2166** is corrected to read:

**§2166. Return of warrant for pardon or commutation**

When a convict is pardoned or ~~his~~ the convict's punishment is commuted, the officer to whom the warrant for that purpose is issued shall, as soon as may be after executing the ~~same~~ warrant, make return thereof, under ~~his~~ the officer's hand, with ~~his~~ the officer's doings thereon, to the office of the Secretary of State. ~~He~~ The officer shall file in the clerk's office of the court in which the offender was convicted an attested copy of the warrant and return, a brief abstract whereof the clerk shall subjoin to the record of the conviction and sentence.

**Sec. D-85. 15 MRSA §2302, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

D. Place each mentally disordered offender in a legal status ~~which will facilitate his~~ that facilitates the mentally disordered offender's care, treatment and rehabilitation;

**Sec. D-86. 15 MRSA §2303, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**3. Sending state.** "Sending state" means a state party to this compact in which the mentally disordered offender was convicted; ~~or~~ the state in which ~~he~~ the mentally disordered offender would be subject to trial on or conviction of an offense, except for ~~his~~ the mentally disordered offender's mental condition; or, within the meaning of Article V of this compact, the state whose authorities have filed a petition in connection with an untried indictment, information or complaint.

**Sec. D-87. 15 MRSA §2305, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**4. Reports.** Each receiving state shall provide regular reports to each sending state on the patients of that sending state in facilities pursuant to this compact, including a psychiatric and behavioral record of each patient, and certify that record to the official designated by the sending state, in order that each patient may have the benefit of ~~his or her~~ the patient's record in determining and altering the disposition of that patient in accordance with the law which may obtain in the sending state and in order that the same may be a source of information for the sending state.

**Sec. D-88. 15 MRSA §2305, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**8. Civil process.** ~~Any~~ A patient pursuant to the terms of this compact ~~shall be~~ is subject to civil process and ~~shall have~~ has any and all rights to sue, be sued and participate in and derive any benefits or incur or be relieved of any obligations or have such obligations modified or ~~his~~ the patient's status changed on account of any action or proceeding in which ~~he~~ the patient could have participated if in any appropriate facility of the sending state or being supervised therefrom, as the case may be, located within such state.

**Sec. D-89. 15 MRSA §2305, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**9. Exercise of power.** The parent, guardian, trustee or other person or persons entitled under the laws of the sending state to act for, advise or otherwise function with respect to any patient ~~shall~~ may not be deprived of or restricted in ~~his~~ the parent's, guardian's, trustee's or other person's or persons' exercise of any power in respect of any patient pursuant to the terms of this compact.

**Sec. D-90. 15 MRSA §2306, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**1. Responsibility.** Whenever the authorities responsible for the care and treatment of a mentally disordered offender, whether convicted or adjudicated in the state or subject to care, aftercare, treatment or rehabilitation pursuant to a contract, are of the opinion that charges based on untried indictments, informations or complaints in another party state present obstacles to the proper care and treatment of a mentally disordered offender or to the planning or execution of a suitable program for ~~him~~ the mentally disordered offender, ~~such~~ those authorities may petition the appropriate court in the state where the untried indictment, information or complaint is pending for prompt disposition thereof. If the mentally disordered offender is a patient in a receiving state, the appropriate authorities in the receiving state, shall, if they concur in the recommendation, file the petition contemplated by this subsection.

**Sec. D-91. 15 MRSA §2306, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**2. Hearing on petition.** The court shall hold a hearing on the petition within 30 days of the filing thereof. ~~Such~~ The hearing ~~shall~~ must be only to determine whether the proper safeguarding and advancement of the public interest, the condition of the mentally disordered offender, and the prospects for more satisfactory care, treatment and rehabilitation of ~~him~~ the mentally disordered offender warrant disposition of the untried indictment, information or complaint prior to termination of the defendant's status as a mentally disordered offender in the sending state. The prosecuting officer of the jurisdiction from which the untried indictment, information or complaint is pending, the petitioning authorities and such other persons as the court may determine ~~shall be~~ are entitled to be heard.

**Sec. D-92. 15 MRSA §2306, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**3. Adjournment or continuance.** Upon any hearing pursuant to this Article, the court may order such adjournments or continuances as may be necessary for the examination or observation of the mentally disordered offender or for the securing of necessary evidence. In granting or denying any such adjournment or continuance, the court shall give primary consideration to the purposes of this compact and more particularly to the need for expeditious determination of the legal and mental status of a mentally disordered offender so that ~~his~~ the mentally disordered offender's care, treatment and discharge to the community only under conditions ~~which will be~~ that are consonant with the public safety may be implemented.

**Sec. D-93. 15 MRSA §2306, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**4. Petition pending.** The presence of a mentally disordered offender within a state wherein a petition is pending or being heard pursuant to this Article, or ~~his~~ the mentally disordered offender's presence within any other state through which ~~he~~ the mentally disordered offender is being transported in connection with such petition or hearing, ~~shall be~~ is only for the purposes of this compact, and ~~no~~ a court, agency or person ~~shall may not~~ have or obtain jurisdiction over such mentally disordered offender for any other purpose by reason of ~~his~~ the mentally disordered offender's presence pursuant to this Article. The mentally disordered offender ~~shall~~ must, at all times, remain in the custody of the sending state. Any acts of officers, employees or agencies of the receiving state in providing or facilitating detention, housing or transportation for the mentally disordered offender ~~shall be~~ are only as agents for the sending state.

**Sec. D-94. 15 MRSA §2306, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 303, is corrected to read:

**6. Established or adjudicated.** ~~No~~ A fact or other matter established or adjudicated at any hearing pursuant to this Article, or in connection therewith, ~~shall may~~ not be deemed considered established or adjudicated, nor ~~shall may~~ the same be admissible in evidence, in any subsequent prosecution of the untried indictment, information or complaint concerned in a petition filed pursuant to this Article unless:

A. The defendant or ~~his~~ the defendant's duly empowered legal representative requested or expressly acquiesced in the making of the petition, and was afforded an opportunity to participate in person in the hearing; or

B. The defendant ~~himself~~ personally offers or consents to the introduction of the determination or adjudication of such subsequent proceedings.

**Sec. D-95. 15 MRSA §3501, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 664, §47, is corrected to read:

**9. Interim care, identification of juvenile.** ~~No fingerprints~~ Fingerprints of a juvenile taken into interim care pursuant to this section may not be obtained from the juvenile. Solely for the purpose of restoring a juvenile to ~~his~~ the juvenile's residence, the juvenile's name, address, photograph and other reasonably necessary information may be obtained and transmitted to any appropriate person or agency.

## EXPLANATION

This Part corrects gender-specific references within statutory units in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15 pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 475, section 52, and, as authorized by Title 1, section 93, this Part also incorporates certain administrative changes and corrections to those statutory units.

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## PART E

**Sec. E-1. 26 MRSA §6** is corrected to read:

### §6. Interlocutory appeal

~~Any~~ A party may appeal to the law court from an interlocutory order granting or denying a preliminary injunction in a case involving or growing out of a labor dispute, but such a preliminary injunction ~~shall may~~ not be stayed by the taking of such an appeal. Any such appeal ~~shall~~ must be heard at the first term of the law court commencing not less than 14 days after the appellant has filed the record on appeal with the clerk of the Superior Court and furnished the required copies of ~~his~~ the appellant's brief to the clerk of the law court. Copies of the briefs of other parties ~~shall~~ must be furnished to the clerk of the law court not more than 10 days after the appellant's brief has been filed. The law court shall affirm, modify or set aside the order with the greatest possible expedition and shall give such proceedings precedence over all other matters except older matters of the same character.

**Sec. E-2. 26 MRSA §44-A**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 519, §5, is corrected to read:

**§44-A. Walkaround inspections**

A representative of the employer and an authorized employee representative ~~shall must~~ be given an opportunity to accompany the director or ~~his the director's~~ authorized agent during the physical inspection of the workplace of ~~any an~~ employer, subject to this section, for the purpose of aiding ~~such that~~ inspection. ~~Where~~ When there is no authorized employee representative, the director or ~~his the director's~~ authorized agent shall consult with a reasonable number of employees concerning matters of safety in the workplace. The employee representative ~~shall may~~ not lose any privilege or compensation during or because of ~~his the employee representative's~~ attendance in any such inspection.

**Sec. E-3. 26 MRSA §46, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 620, §13, is corrected to read:

~~Whoever~~ A person who, being duly summoned under section 43, willfully neglects or refuses to attend, or refuses to answer any question propounded to ~~him that~~ person concerning the subject of ~~such an~~ examination as provided in ~~said~~ section 43, or ~~whoever a person who~~, being furnished by the director with a written or printed list of interrogatories, neglects or refuses to answer and return the same under oath, ~~shall must~~ be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both. ~~No A~~ witness ~~shall may not~~ be compelled to go outside the county in which ~~he the~~ witness resides to testify.

**Sec. E-4. 26 MRSA §47**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 620, §13, is corrected to read:

**§47. Municipal officers to furnish information**

All state, county, city and town officers are directed to furnish the director, upon ~~his the director's~~ request, ~~such~~ statistical or other information contemplated by sections 42 to 45 ~~as shall be~~ in their possession as ~~such~~ officers.

**Sec. E-5. 26 MRSA §48**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 168, §6, is corrected to read:

**§48. Reports**

All reports to the Bureau of Labor Standards involving deaths, injuries and occupational diseases ~~shall must~~ be available to the injured employee, ~~his and the~~ employee's survivors or representatives upon written request and upon payment of reasonable cost for the copies.

**Sec. E-6. 26 MRSA §50**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 95, §2, is corrected to read:

**§50. Inspections in response to complaint**

~~Any An~~ employee or a representative of an employee of the State, a state agency, county, municipal corporation, school district or other public corporation

or political subdivision who believes that a violation of an occupational safety or health standard exists that threatens physical harm or that an imminent danger exists may request an inspection by giving notice to the director or ~~his the director's~~ authorized agent of ~~such the~~ violation or danger. Except in cases of imminent danger, any such notice ~~shall must~~ be in writing, ~~shall~~ set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, ~~shall and~~ be signed by the employee or ~~his the~~ employee's representative, and a copy ~~shall must~~ be provided to the employer or ~~his the employer's~~ agent no later than the time of the inspection, except that, upon the request of the person giving such notice, ~~his that per-~~ son's name and the names of individual employees referred to ~~therein shall in the notice may~~ not appear in ~~such the~~ copy or upon any record published, released or made available in any other respect. If upon the receipt of such notification, the director or ~~his the director's~~ authorized agent determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that ~~such a~~ violation or danger exists, ~~he the director or the director's authorized agent~~ shall make a special inspection as soon as practicable to determine if ~~such a~~ violation or danger exists. If the director or ~~his the director's~~ authorized agent determines that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation or danger exists, ~~he the director or the director's authorized agent~~ shall notify the employee or representative of the employee in writing of ~~such that~~ determination.

**Sec. E-7. 26 MRSA §564, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 519, §14, is corrected to read:

The term of office for the appointed members ~~shall be is~~ 4 years. In the first appointment, 3 ~~shall members must~~ be appointed for a term of 2 years, 3 ~~shall members must~~ be appointed for a term of 3 years and 3 ~~shall members must~~ be appointed for a term of 4 years. The ~~chairman shall chair must~~ be elected biennially by the members of the board. Each member ~~shall hold holds~~ office until ~~his that member's~~ successor is duly appointed and qualified.

**Sec. E-8. 26 MRSA §564, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 812, §159, is corrected to read:

The 9 appointed members of the board ~~shall must~~ be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379. The ~~chairman chair~~ of the board shall approve and countersign all vouchers for expenditures under this section.

**Sec. E-9. 26 MRSA §571, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 15, §2, is corrected to read:

~~Any An~~ affected employer may apply to the director for ~~an~~ order for a variance from a standard promulgated under this chapter. Affected employees ~~shall must~~ be given notice of each application and an opportunity to participate in a hearing. The director shall issue the order if ~~he the director~~ determines on the record, after a hearing and, ~~where when~~ appropriate, an inspection,

that the proponent of a variance has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that the conditions, practices, means, methods, operations or processes used or proposed to be used by an employer will provide employment and places of his employment to his that employer's employees which that are as safe and healthful as those which that would prevail if he the employer complied with the standard. Such an order may be summarily revoked by the director on his the director's own motion or modified or revoked by the director upon application by an employer or employee in the manner prescribed for its issuance.

**Sec. E-10. 26 MRSA §595, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 558, §1, is corrected to read:

A. The practice of receiving applicants for employment, conducting interviews of job applicants or performing medical examinations of job applicants at the worksite of an employer who is currently engaged in a labor dispute with his that employer's employees tends to incite violence by bringing individuals who may be considered as replacements for workers to the physical focus of the labor dispute and by encouraging a direct confrontation between these individuals and the prior employees; and

**Sec. E-11. 26 MRSA §595, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 558, §1, is corrected to read:

**4. Hiring off-site permitted.** An employer involved in a labor dispute, strike or lockout may perform hiring activities prohibited under subsection 3 at any site other than his the employer's customary plants, facilities, places of business or worksites where a labor dispute, strike or lockout involving the employees of that employer is in progress.

A. The employer must notify the law enforcement agencies of the county and municipality in which these the hiring activities will be conducted at least 10 days before commencing hiring activities.

B. ~~No An~~ employee of the employer conducting hiring activities under this subsection and who is involved in the labor dispute, strike or lockout may not picket, congregate or in any way protest the hiring activity activities of the employer within 200 feet of the building or structure at which such activities are taking place. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime.

**Sec. E-12. 26 MRSA §604**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 84, §1, is corrected to read:

**§604. Nursing mothers in the workplace**

An employer, as defined in section 603, subsection 1, paragraph A, shall provide adequate unpaid break time or permit an employee to use paid break time or meal time each day to express breast milk for her the employee's nursing child for up to 3 years following childbirth. The employer shall make reasonable efforts

to provide a clean room or other location, other than a bathroom, where an employee may express breast milk in privacy. An employer may not discriminate in any way against an employee who chooses to express breast milk in the workplace.

**Sec. E-13. 26 MRSA §611, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 623, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Employment agency.** "Employment agency" means ~~any~~ a person who conducts a full-time or part-time service for the purpose of procuring or attempting to procure permanent or temporary employment or engagement for persons seeking employment or engagement; or for giving information about where employment or engagement may be procured when a fee paid by the employee is charged for that service. Employment agencies do not include teachers' agencies, nurses' associations, charitable institutions, arrangers of employment for ~~seamen crew members of vessels~~ and professional or occupational associations which that serve only their own membership and which that charge only a nominal fee; and persons employed by a public or private nonprofit agency.

**Sec. E-14. 26 MRSA §627, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 184, §24, is corrected to read:

~~No An~~ assignment of wages is not valid against any other person than the parties ~~thereto~~, to the assignment unless such the assignment is recorded by the clerk in the office of the Secretary of State. ~~No such An~~ assignment of wages may not be valid against the employer; unless he the employer has actual notice ~~thereof~~ of the assignment.

**Sec. E-15. 26 MRSA §629-A**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 448, is corrected to read:

**§629-A. Fringe benefits as wages**

Whenever a person ceases to be employed because of the insolvency of his that person's employer, ~~if in claiming and claims~~ from the employer wages earned but not yet paid to ~~him that person~~, the term "wages earned" ~~shall include~~ includes all fringe benefits earned by the employee that were considered in the employment contract, including plans for retirement, insurance, health care and vacations.

**Sec. E-16. 26 MRSA §629-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 660, is corrected to read:

**1. Application.** This section applies to health benefit plans which that an employer provides or agrees to provide to his the employer's employees. It does not apply to employee health benefit plans separately provided by any employee organization or bargaining agent, regardless of any financial contribution to that plan by the employer.

**Sec. E-17. 26 MRSA §629-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 660, is corrected to read:

**2. Failure to implement a health benefit plan.** If an employer fails to implement a health benefit plan ~~which that~~ the employer had agreed to provide to ~~his~~ that employer's employees, the employer shall notify the employees of the failure to implement the plan as soon as possible after ~~he the employer~~ knows that ~~he the~~ the plan will not ~~implement the plan~~ be implemented. The employer is liable for benefits ~~which that~~ would have been payable to a covered employee, if the health benefit plan had been in force during the period of time from the date ~~which that~~ the employer had agreed to implement the health benefit plan, until the employer gives the employee notice of ~~his the employer's~~ failure or inability to provide the health benefit plan.

**Sec. E-18. 26 MRSA §629-B, sub-§7, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 231, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

The statement must be subscribed and sworn to by the person claiming the lien or by someone on ~~his~~ the person's behalf. Upon the filing of the statement, the amount claimed in the statement ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a lien upon the property for which the statement is filed.

**Sec. E-19. 26 MRSA §629-B, sub-§7, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 231, is corrected to read:

B. A lien created under this subsection is void 20 days after the date on which the statement described in paragraph A was filed unless, within the 20-day period, the person claiming the lien or someone on ~~his the person's~~ behalf notifies the employer, by certified or registered mail sent to the employer's last known address, of the existence of the lien. The notice must contain the following:

- (1) The fact that a lien has been filed;
- (2) The date and place the lien was filed;
- (3) The amount of the claim on which the lien is based;
- (4) The name of the person making the claim and ~~his the person's~~ attorney, if any, including their addresses; and
- (5) The following statement: "To dissolve this lien, please contact (the person making the claim or ~~his the person's~~ attorney). A bond may be given to the claimant to replace the lien."

**Sec. E-20. 26 MRSA §629-B, sub-§7, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 231, is corrected to read:

D. An employer may, at any time after ~~he receives~~ receiving notice of a lien under paragraph B, give bond, with sufficient sureties, in the amount of the claim to the person claiming the lien. Within 7 days of receipt of the bond, the person claiming the lien or someone on ~~his the person's~~ behalf shall discharge the lien.

**Sec. E-21. 26 MRSA §632, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 172, is corrected to read:

**1. Fund established.** There is established a the Maine Wage Assurance Fund to be used by the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for the purpose of assuring that all former employees of employers within the State receive payment for wages for a maximum of 2 weeks for the work they have performed. The Legislature intends that payment of earned wages from the fund be limited to those cases when the employer has terminated ~~his the employer's~~ business and there are no assets of the employer from which earned wages may be paid; or when the employer has filed under any provision of the Federal Bankruptcy Act. ~~No An~~ An officer or director in the case of a corporation, ~~no partner~~ in the case of a partnership ~~and no~~ or owner in the case of a sole proprietorship may not be considered an employee for purposes of this section.

**Sec. E-22. 26 MRSA §633, sub-§1,** as reallocated by PL 1979, c. 663, §158, is corrected to read:

**1. Wage statement.** ~~Every A~~ A railroad corporation in the State shall furnish each employee of that corporation with a statement with every payment of wages to that employee, listing accrued total earnings and taxes to date, and further furnish that employee at the same time with a separate listing of ~~his that employee's~~ daily wages and how they were computed.

**Sec. E-23. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 1967, c. 385, is corrected to read:

**7. Minimum wage for ~~firemen~~ firefighters.** Members of municipal ~~fire fighting~~ firefighting departments, other than volunteer or call-departments, who are paid salaries or regular wages; are deemed to be employees within the meaning of this section and are covered by this subchapter. ~~Firemen's~~ Firefighters' wages may be paid by the municipality based upon the average number of hours worked during any one work cycle, which is may not ~~to~~ exceed 12 weeks in duration. However, 1 1/2 times the hourly rate ~~shall~~ may not be paid for all work done over 48 hours under this subsection;

**Sec. E-24. 26 MRSA §665, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, §465, is corrected to read:

**2. Rules and regulations.** The director may make and ~~promulgate~~ adopt from time to time, pursuant to Title 5, ~~section 8051 et seq. chapter 375, subchapter 2-A,~~ such rules ~~and regulations,~~ not inconsistent with this subchapter, as ~~he may deem~~ the director considers appropriate or necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this subchapter. The rules ~~and regulations~~ affecting any particular class of employees and employers ~~shall~~ must be made and ~~promulgated~~ adopted only after notice and opportunity to be heard to those employees and employers affected.

**Sec. E-25. 26 MRSA §672**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 466, §7, is corrected to read:

**§672. Unfair contracts**

~~No An~~ employer shall ~~may not~~ by a special contract with an employee or by any other means ~~exempt him- self be exempted~~ from this subchapter.

**Sec. E-26. 26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 4, headnote** is corrected to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 4**

**EMPLOYMENT OF ~~WOMEN AND CHILDREN~~**

**Sec. E-27. 26 MRSA §783** is corrected to read:

**§783. —~~failure~~ Failure to perform duties of office**

~~Whoever A~~ person who, being authorized to issue a work permit, knowingly fails to perform the duties of ~~his~~ that person's office as required by this subchapter shall ~~must~~ be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50, for each offense.

**Sec. E-28. 26 MRSA §821**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §154, is corrected to read:

**§821. Person employed in position other than temporary**

~~Any A~~ person, except a person covered under Title 20-A, section 13602, employed in a position other than a temporary position shall ~~must~~ be granted a leave of absence to fulfill the duties of a Legislator, ~~provided that as long as~~ the employee gives written notice to ~~his~~ the employee's employer of ~~his~~ the employee's intent to become a candidate for the Legislature within 10 days after taking action under Title 21-A to place ~~his~~ the employee's name on a primary or general election ballot. Following ~~his~~ the employee's term of service as a Legislator, the employee, if ~~he~~ the employee is still qualified to perform the duties of the position from which ~~he~~ the employee was granted leave, shall ~~be is~~ entitled to be restored to ~~his~~ the employee's previous, or a similar, position with the same status, pay and seniority. This leave of absence shall ~~may~~, within the discretion of the employer, be with or without pay and shall ~~be is~~ limited to one legislative term of 2 years.

**Sec. E-29. 26 MRSA §823**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 128, §1, is corrected to read:

**§823. Waiver of right**

An employee who fails to provide the notice to ~~his~~ the employee's employer required by section 821 waives any rights to a leave of absence provided by this subchapter.

**Sec. E-30. 26 MRSA §824, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 128, §1, is corrected to read:

**2. Proceedings.** The ~~chairman~~ chair of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, or any member of the board designated by the ~~chairman~~ chair, shall

serve as an arbitrator of any case appealed under this section. The proceeding shall ~~must~~ provide an opportunity for the employee to respond, orally or in writing, to the allegations contained in the appeal. Within 30 days of receipt of the notice of appeal, the arbitrator shall issue an order, binding on both parties, either affirming or denying the claim of unreasonable hardship. If the claim is affirmed, the employee is not entitled to a leave of absence under this subchapter. In reaching ~~his~~ a decision, the arbitrator shall consider, but is not limited to, the following factors:

- A. The length of time the employee has been employed by the employer;
- B. The number of employees in the employer's business;
- C. The nature of the employer's business;
- D. The nature of the position held by the employee and the ease or difficulty and cost of temporarily filling the position during the leave of absence; and
- E. Any agreement entered into between the employee and employer as a condition of employment.

**Sec. E-31. 26 MRSA §841** is corrected to read:

**§841. Not subject to rule against perpetuities**

A trust of real or personal property, or real and personal property combined, created by an employer as part of a stock bonus, pension, disability, death benefit or ~~profit-sharing~~ profit-sharing plan for the benefit of some or all of ~~his~~ the employer's employees, to which contributions are made by the employer or employees, or both, for the purpose of distributing to the employees the earnings or the principal, or both earnings and principal, of the fund held in trust, may continue in perpetuity or for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is created, and shall ~~may~~ not be invalid as violating any rule of law against perpetuities or suspension of the power of alienation of the title to property.

~~No A~~ rule of law against perpetuities or suspension of the power of alienation of the title to property shall ~~may not~~ operate to invalidate any trust created or attempted to be created, prior to August 20, 1951, by an employer as a part of a stock bonus, pension, disability, death benefit or ~~profit-sharing~~ profit-sharing plan for the benefit of some or all of ~~his~~ the employer's employees to which contributions are made by the employer or employees, or both, for the purpose of distributing to the employees earnings or principal, or both earnings and principal, of the fund held in trust, unless the trust is terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil action instituted within 3 years after August 20, 1951.

**Sec. E-32. 26 MRSA §850, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §59 and affected by §65, is corrected to read:

**1. Required leave.** An employer must grant reasonable and necessary leave from work, with or without pay, for an employee to:

- A. Prepare for and attend court proceedings;
- B. Receive medical treatment or attend to medical treatment for a victim who is the employee's ~~daughter, son~~ child, parent or spouse; or
- C. Obtain necessary services to remedy a crisis caused by domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

The leave must be needed because the employee or the employee's ~~daughter, son~~ child, parent or spouse is a victim of violence, assault, sexual assaults under Title 17-A, chapter 11, stalking or any act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103. An employer may not sanction an employee or deprive an employee of pay or benefits for exercising a right granted by this section.

**Sec. E-33. 26 MRSA §850, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 685, §2, is corrected to read:

**1-A. Definitions.** For purposes of this subchapter, ~~the terms "child" has the same meaning as "daughter," or "son," "parent" and "spouse" have the same meanings as those terms have~~ under federal regulations adopted pursuant to 29 United States Code, Section 2654, as in effect on January 1, 2002. ~~For purposes of this subchapter, "parent" and "spouse" have the same meanings as under federal regulations adopted pursuant to 29 United States Code, Section 2654, as in effect on January 1, 2002.~~ An employer may require an employee to provide reasonable documentation of the family relationship, which may include a statement from the employee, a birth certificate, a court document or similar documents.

**Sec. E-34. 26 MRSA §852**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 189, is corrected to read:

**§852. Employment of replacements prohibited**

~~No~~ A person, partnership, union, agency, firm or corporation or officer, employee or agent thereof ~~shall~~ may not recruit, procure, supply or refer any person for employment who customarily and repeatedly offers ~~himself for~~ to accept employment in place of any employee involved in a labor, strike or lockout in which ~~such that~~ person, partnership, union, agency, firm or corporation is not directly involved.

**Sec. E-35. 26 MRSA §853**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 189, is corrected to read:

**§853. Arrangements**

~~No~~ A person, partnership, union, firm or corporation involved in a labor, strike or lockout ~~shall~~ may not, directly or indirectly, employ in the place of an employee involved in ~~such that~~ strike or lockout any person who customarily and repeatedly offers ~~himself for~~

to accept employment in the place of employees involved in a labor strike or lockout; or contract or arrange with any other person, partnership, union, agency, firm or corporation to recruit, procure, supply or refer persons for employment who customarily and repeatedly ~~offers themselves for~~ offer to accept employment in place of employees involved in ~~such a~~ labor, strike or lockout.

**Sec. E-36. 26 MRSA §854**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 189, is corrected to read:

**§854. Offers**

~~No~~ A person who customarily and repeatedly offers ~~himself for~~ to accept employment in place of employees involved in a labor, strike or lockout ~~shall~~ may not take or offer to take the place of employment of any employee involved in a labor, strike or lockout.

**Sec. E-37. 26 MRSA §855**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 189, is corrected to read:

**§855. Evidence**

~~It shall be~~ is prima facie evidence that a person customarily and repeatedly offers ~~himself for~~ to accept employment in place of employees involved in a labor, strike or lockout, if ~~such the~~ person ~~shall have~~ has 2 times before offered to take the place of employment of persons involved in labor, strikes or lockouts.

**Sec. E-38. 26 MRSA §872, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 620, §1, is corrected to read:

C. The lessor is not an entity owned or controlled by a bond worker or a bond worker's spouse, parent, child, sibling, ~~aunt, uncle~~ or cousin; a sibling of a bond worker's parent; or a person related to a bond worker in the same manner by marriage; or by any combination of a bond worker and the bond worker's family members described in this paragraph;

**Sec. E-39. 26 MRSA §931, 4th ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

The board's responsibility is to further harmonious labor-management relations in this State. It may serve as a board of inquiry or as a board of conciliation in the private sector, or as a board of arbitration in either the public or private sector, ~~provided that~~ as long as the parties appearing before it so agree. ~~No~~ A member of the board may not participate in any case in which ~~he~~ the member has a personal interest.

**Sec. E-40. 26 MRSA §932, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

The ~~chairman~~ chair of the board or ~~his~~ the chair's alternate may administer oaths and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; and the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the matter before ~~the~~ the board.

**Sec. E-41. 26 MRSA §934, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

Whenever it appears to the employer or employees concerned in a labor dispute, or when a strike or lockout is threatened, or actually occurs, ~~he~~ the employer or they employees concerned may request the services of the board.

**Sec. E-42. 26 MRSA §935, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

In cases of controversy, ~~where~~ when conciliation, mediation or arbitration is refused by one of the parties or the board has ~~deemed~~ determined that those processes have been or will be ineffective, either party may request the board to make inquiry. The application for inquiry may be signed by the employer or by a substantial number of the employees in the department, section or division of the business in which the controversy exists or by their agent or representative or by both parties and, if signed by an agent or representative claiming to represent the employees, the board shall satisfy itself that ~~he~~ the agent or representative is duly authorized to do so.

**Sec. E-43. 26 MRSA §935, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

Upon receipt of the application for inquiry, the ~~chairman chair~~, or in ~~his~~ the chair's absence or disability the alternate ~~chairman chair~~, through the auspices of the Maine Labor Relations Board, shall give notice of the time and place of hearing and may, at the board's discretion, give public notice by publishing in at least one newspaper the time and place of the hearing.

**Sec. E-44. 26 MRSA §936, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

The ~~chairman chair~~ of the board shall immediately, after the filing, give notice of the time and place of the hearing to both parties.

**Sec. E-45. 26 MRSA §937, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 294, §§2 and 3, is corrected to read:

The board may hear grievance arbitration matters referred to it pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. It may hear any labor dispute jointly referred to it for resolution by arbitration by the representatives of management and labor. In cases of arbitration, the parties concerned must submit in writing to the board; the matters ~~which~~ that they mutually agree to submit to arbitration and such other details pertinent to the issues involved as they may agree upon. When the matter is submitted to arbitration by the board, the board shall investigate the matter in controversy, shall hear all interested persons who come before it and shall make an award and written opinion, which ~~shall~~ must be published by the ~~chairman chair~~ of the board and ~~shall be~~ is binding on the parties who join in the agreement.

**Sec. E-46. 26 MRSA §954** is corrected to read:

#### **§954. Appointment of arbitrators or umpires**

If in the agreement provision is made for a method of naming or appointing an arbitrator or arbitrators or an umpire, ~~such that method shall~~ must be followed; but if ~~no~~ a method is not provided ~~therein~~, or if a method is provided and any party ~~thereto shall fail to the agree-~~ ment fails to avail himself of such follow that method, or if for any other reason there ~~shall be~~ is a lapse in the naming of an arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire, or in filling a vacancy, then upon the application of either party to the controversy the court shall designate and appoint an arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire, as the case may require, who shall act under the ~~said~~ agreement with the same force and effect as if ~~he or they~~ the arbi- trator or arbitrators or umpire had been specifically named ~~therein in the agreement~~; and unless otherwise provided in the agreement, the arbitration ~~shall~~ must be by a single arbitrator.

**Sec. E-47. 26 MRSA §956** is corrected to read:

#### **§956. Witnesses before arbitrators; fees; compelling attendance**

The arbitrators selected either as prescribed in this subchapter or otherwise, or a majority of them, may summon in writing any person to attend before them, or any of them, as a witness and in a proper case to bring with ~~him or them~~ that person any book, record, document or paper ~~which that~~ may be deemed material as evidence in the case. The fees for such attendance ~~shall~~ must be the same as the fees of witnesses before the Superior Court. ~~Said~~ The summons ~~shall~~ must issue in the name of the arbitrator or arbitrators, or a majority of them, and ~~shall~~ must be signed by the arbitrators, or a majority of them, and ~~shall~~ must be directed to the ~~said~~ person and ~~shall~~ must be served in the same manner as subpoenas to appear and testify before the Superior Court. If any person or persons so summoned to testify ~~shall~~ refuse or neglect to obey ~~said~~ a summons, upon complaint, any Justice of the Superior Court may compel the attendance of ~~such~~ the person or persons before ~~said~~ the arbitrator or arbitrators, or punish ~~said~~ the person or persons for contempt in the same manner provided by law for securing the attendance of witnesses or their punishment for neglect or refusal to attend in the courts of the State of Maine.

**Sec. E-48. 26 MRSA §957** is corrected to read:

#### **§957. Awards; confirmation; jurisdiction; procedure**

If the parties in their collective bargaining contract or written submission agreement have agreed that a judgment of the court ~~shall~~ be entered upon the award made pursuant to the arbitration, and ~~shall~~ specify the court, then at any time within one year after the award is made any party to the arbitration may apply to the court so specified for an order confirming the award, and ~~thereupon~~ the court must grant such an order unless

the award is vacated, modified or corrected as prescribed in sections 958 and 959. In the absence of such a provision in the collective bargaining contract or written submission agreement of the parties, ~~such~~ the application to have judgment entered upon the award may be made to the Superior Court in the county within which ~~such~~ the award was made. Notice of application ~~shall~~ must be served upon the adverse party. If the adverse party is a resident of the State, ~~such~~ service ~~shall~~ must be made upon the adverse party or ~~his~~ the adverse party's attorney as prescribed by law for service of motion in an action in the same court. If the adverse party ~~shall~~ be is a nonresident, then the notice of the application ~~shall~~ must be served in like manner as other process of the court is served upon nonresidents.

**Sec. E-49. 26 MRSA §964, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1969, c. 424, §1, is corrected to read:

D. Discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee because ~~he~~ the employee has signed or filed any affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or testimony under this chapter;

**Sec. E-50. 26 MRSA §964, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1969, c. 424, §1, is corrected to read:

A. Interfering with, restraining or coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in section 963 or a public employer in the selection of ~~his~~ a representative for purposes of collective bargaining or the adjustment of grievances;

**Sec. E-51. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §170, is corrected to read:

E. The Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board shall serve as Executive Director of the Panel of Mediators. ~~He~~ The Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board shall annually, on or before the first day of July, make a report to the Governor. The Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board, upon request of one or both of the parties to a dispute between an employer and its employees, shall, or upon ~~his~~ the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board's own motion or motion of the Maine Labor Relations Board may, proffer the services of one or more members of the panel to be selected by ~~him,~~ the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board to serve as mediator or mediators in ~~such a~~ the dispute. The member or members so selected shall exert every reasonable effort to encourage the parties to the dispute to settle their differences by conference or other peaceful means. If the mediator or mediators are unable to accomplish this objective and to obtain an amicable settlement of the dispute between the parties, it ~~shall then be~~ is the duty of the mediator or mediators to advise the parties of the services available to assist them in settlement

of their dispute. At this time, the mediator or mediators shall submit a written report to the ~~executive director~~ Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board stating the action or actions that have been taken and the results of their endeavors.

**Sec. E-52. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§3, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §204, is corrected to read:

D. If the parties do not agree to follow the fact-finding procedures outlined in paragraph A, they may jointly apply to the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee to waive fact-finding. The executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee may accept or refuse to accept the parties' agreement to waive fact-finding and ~~his~~ that decision ~~shall~~ is not be reviewable.

**Sec. E-53. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 564, §18, is corrected by correcting the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

If the controversy is not resolved by the parties themselves, the arbitrators shall proceed as follows: With respect to a controversy over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrators ~~will~~ shall recommend terms of settlement and may make findings of fact; ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings ~~will be~~ are advisory only and ~~will~~ must be made, if reasonably possible, within 30 days after the selection of the neutral arbitrator; the arbitrators may in their discretion, make ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings public, and either party may make ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings public if agreement is not reached with respect to ~~such~~ those findings and recommendations within 10 days after their receipt from the arbitrators; ~~the arbitrators shall make determinations~~ with respect to a controversy over subjects other than salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrators shall make determinations with respect thereto if reasonably possible within 30 days after the selection of the neutral arbitrator; ~~such~~ those determinations may be made public by the arbitrators or either party; and, if made by a majority of the arbitrators, ~~such~~ those determinations ~~will be~~ are binding on both parties and the parties ~~will~~ shall enter an agreement or take whatever other action that may be appropriate to carry out and effectuate ~~such~~ those binding determinations; and ~~such~~ those determinations ~~will be~~ are subject to review by the Superior Court in the manner specified by section 972. The results of all arbitration proceedings, recommendations and awards conducted under this section ~~shall~~ must be filed with the Maine Labor Relations Board at the offices of its executive director simultaneously with the submission of the recommendations and award to the parties. In the event the parties settle their dispute during the arbitration proceeding, the arbitrator or the ~~chairman~~ chair of the arbitration panel ~~will~~ shall submit a report of ~~his~~ the arbitrator's or the chair's activities to the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board not more than 5 days after the arbitration proceeding has terminated.

**Sec. E-54. 26 MRSA §966, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 697, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Bargaining unit standards.** In the event of a dispute between the public employer and an employee or employees as to the appropriateness of a unit for purposes of collective bargaining or between the public employer and an employee or employees as to whether a supervisory or other position is included in the bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall make the determination, except that anyone excepted from the definition of "public employee" under section 962 may not be included in a bargaining unit. The executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee conducting unit determination proceedings ~~shall have~~ has the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; and the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues represented to them. In determining whether a supervisory position should be excluded from the proposed bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall consider, among other criteria, if the principal functions of the position are characterized by performing such management control duties as scheduling, assigning, overseeing and reviewing the work of subordinate employees, or performing such duties as are distinct and dissimilar from those performed by the employees supervised, or exercising judgment in adjusting grievances, applying other established personnel policies and procedures and in enforcing a collective bargaining agreement or establishing or participating in the establishment of performance standards for subordinate employees and taking corrective measures to implement those standards. ~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter is not intended to require the exclusion of principals, assistant principals, or other supervisory employees from school system bargaining units ~~which that~~ include teachers and nurses in supervisory positions.

**Sec. E-55. 26 MRSA §966, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 564, §20, is corrected to read:

**2. Bargaining unit compatibility.** The executive director of the board or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall decide in each case whether, in order to ~~insure~~ ensure to employees the fullest freedom in exercising the rights guaranteed by this chapter and in order to ~~insure~~ ensure a clear and identifiable community of interest among employees concerned, the unit appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining ~~shall be~~ is the public employer unit or any subdivision thereof. ~~No~~ A unit ~~shall may not~~ include both professional and nonprofessional employees unless a majority of ~~such~~ the professional employees vote for inclusion in ~~such~~ the unit, except that teachers may be included in a unit consisting of other certificated employees.

**Sec. E-56. 26 MRSA §968, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §160, is corrected to read:

**2. Executive director.** ~~As~~ The Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the board to serve at ~~their~~ the board's will and pleasure. The person ~~so~~ appointed ~~shall~~ must be experienced in the field of labor relations. ~~He~~ The executive director shall perform the duties designated by statute and such other duties as ~~shall~~ may from time to time be assigned to ~~him~~ the executive director by the board. ~~He~~ The executive director shall serve as secretary of the board and shall maintain a record of all proceedings before the board. ~~No~~ A board member ~~shall~~ may not serve as executive director.

The salary of the executive director ~~shall~~ must be established by the board within salary range 86 and may be adjusted periodically by the board within the limits for salary review procedures established in Title 2, section 6, subsection 5.

**Sec. E-57. 26 MRSA §968, sub-§5, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 697, §4, is corrected to read:

**B.** ~~Any~~ A public employer, ~~any~~ public employee, ~~any~~ public employee organization or ~~any~~ bargaining agent ~~which that~~ believes that any person, any public employer, any public employee, any public employee organization or any bargaining agent has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice may file a complaint with the executive director of the board stating the charges in that regard. ~~No such~~ A complaint ~~shall~~ may not be filed with the executive director until the complaining party ~~shall have~~ has served a copy ~~thereof~~ of the complaint upon the party complained of. Upon receipt of ~~such~~ the complaint, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall review the charge to determine whether the facts as alleged ~~may~~ constitute a prohibited act. If it is determined that the facts do not, as a matter of law, constitute a violation, the charge ~~shall~~ must be dismissed by the executive director, subject to review by the board. If a formal hearing is ~~deemed~~ determined necessary by the executive director or by the board, the executive director shall serve upon the parties to the complaint a notice of the prehearing conference and of the hearing before the board, and that notice ~~to~~ must designate the time and place of hearing for the prehearing conference or the hearing, as appropriate, ~~provided except that no~~ a hearing shall may not be held based upon any alleged prohibited practice occurring more than 6 months prior to the filing of the complaint with the executive director. The party complained of ~~shall have~~ has the right to file a written answer to the complaint and to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony at the place and time fixed for the hearing. In the discretion of the board, any other person or organization

may be allowed to intervene in the proceeding and to present testimony. ~~Nothing in this~~ This paragraph ~~shall does not~~ restrict the right of the board to require the executive director or ~~his the execu~~ the executive director's designee to hold a prehearing conference on any prohibited practice complaint prior to the hearing before the board and ~~taking to take~~ whenever appropriate, subject to review by the board.

**Sec. E-58. 26 MRSA §968, sub-§5, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 609, §9, is corrected to read:

C. After hearing and argument, if, upon a preponderance of the evidence received, the board ~~shall be~~ is of the opinion that any party named in the complaint has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice, ~~then~~ the board shall in writing state its findings of fact and the reasons for its conclusions and shall issue and cause to be served upon ~~such the party~~ an order requiring ~~such the party~~ to cease and desist from ~~such the~~ prohibited practice and to take such affirmative action, including reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter. ~~No~~ An order of the board ~~shall may not~~ require the reinstatement of ~~any an~~ individual as an employee who has been suspended or discharged, or the payment to ~~him the individual~~ of any back pay, if ~~such the~~ individual was suspended or discharged for cause.

After hearing and argument, if, upon a preponderance of the evidence received, the board ~~shall is not~~ is of the opinion that the party named in the complaint has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice, ~~then~~ the board shall in writing state its findings of fact and the reasons for its conclusions and shall issue an order dismissing ~~said the~~ complaint.

**Sec. E-59. 26 MRSA §968, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 609, §9, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

The ~~chairman shall have~~ chair has the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; and the presentation of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to the board for determination. Witnesses subpoenaed by the board ~~shall must~~ must be allowed the same fees as are paid to witnesses in the Superior Court. These fees, together with all necessary expenses of the board, ~~shall must~~ must be paid by the Treasurer of State on warrants drawn by the State Controller.

**Sec. E-60. 26 MRSA §979-C, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is corrected to read:

D. Discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee because ~~he the employee~~ has signed or filed any affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or testimony under this chapter;

**Sec. E-61. 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is corrected to read:

B. If the parties have not resolved their controversy by the end of ~~said the~~ 45-day period, either party may petition the board to initiate compulsory final and binding arbitration of the negotiations impasse. On receipt of the petition, the executive director of the board shall investigate to determine if an impasse has been reached. If ~~he the executive director~~ so determines, he the executive director shall issue an order requiring arbitration and requesting the parties to select one or more arbitrators. If the parties within 10 days after the issuance of the order have not selected an arbitrator or a Board of Arbitration, the board shall ~~then~~ order each party to select one arbitrator, and if these 2 arbitrators cannot in 5 days select a 3rd neutral arbitrator, the board shall submit a list from which the parties may alternately strike names until a single name is left, ~~who shall and that person must~~ be appointed by the board as arbitrator.

**Sec. E-62. 26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§4, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is corrected to read:

E. The arbitrator ~~shall have~~ has a period of 30 days from the termination of the hearing in which to submit ~~his a~~ report to the parties and to the board, unless the ~~aforsaid 30-day~~ 30-day time limitation ~~shall be~~ is extended by the executive director.

**Sec. E-63. 26 MRSA §979-E, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 697, §8, is corrected to read:

**1. Bargaining unit standards.** In the event of a dispute between the public employer and an employee or employees as to the appropriateness of a unit for purposes of collective bargaining or between the public employer and an employee or employees as to whether a supervisory or other position is included in the bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his the execu~~ the executive director's designee shall make the determination, except that anyone excepted from the definition of "state employee" under section 979-A may not be included in a bargaining unit. The executive director or ~~his the execu~~ the executive director's designee conducting unit determination proceedings ~~shall have~~ has the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; and the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues represented to them. In determining whether a supervisory position should be excluded from the proposed bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his the~~ the executive director's designee shall consider, among other criteria, if the principal functions of the position

are characterized by performing such management control duties as scheduling, assigning, overseeing and reviewing the work of subordinate employees, or performing such duties as are distinct and dissimilar from those performed by the employees supervised, or exercising judgment in adjusting grievances, applying other established personnel policies and procedures and in enforcing a collective bargaining agreement or establishing or participating in the establishment of performance standards for subordinate employees and taking corrective measures to implement those standards.

**Sec. E-64. 26 MRSA §979-E, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 612, §1, is corrected to read:

**2. Bargaining unit compatibility.** In order to ~~insure~~ ensure to employees the fullest freedom in exercising the rights guaranteed by this chapter, to ~~insure~~ ensure a clear and identifiable community of interest among employees concerned; and to avoid excessive fragmentation among bargaining units in State Government, the executive director of the board or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall decide in each case the unit appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining.

**Sec. E-65. 26 MRSA §979-H, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, §39, is corrected to read:

**3. Prohibited practice; board order.** After hearing and argument, if, upon a preponderance of the evidence received, the board ~~shall be~~ is of the opinion that any party named in the complaint has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ a prohibited practice, ~~then~~ the board shall in writing state its findings of fact and the reasons for its conclusions and shall issue and cause to be served upon ~~such~~ the party an order requiring ~~such~~ the party to cease and desist from ~~such~~ the prohibited practice and to take such affirmative action, including reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter. ~~No~~ An order of the board ~~shall may not~~ require the reinstatement of ~~any~~ an individual as an employee who has been suspended or discharged, or the payment to ~~him~~ the individual of any back pay, if ~~such~~ the individual was suspended or discharged for cause.

**Sec. E-66. 26 MRSA §979-I, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is corrected to read:

**2. Subpoena power.** The ~~chairman~~ chair ~~shall have~~ has the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; ~~and~~ and the presentation of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to the board for determination. Witnesses subpoenaed by the board ~~shall must~~ be allowed the same fees as are paid to witnesses in the Superior Court. These fees, together with all necessary expenses of the board, ~~shall must~~ be paid by the Treasurer of State on warrants drawn by the State Controller.

**Sec. E-67. 26 MRSA §979-J, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 168, §8, is corrected to read:

**1. Report; budget.** The board shall annually, on or before the first day of July, make a report to the Governor. The appropriation for the board and the executive director ~~shall must~~ be included in the budget of the Department of Labor and authorization for expenditures ~~shall be~~ is the responsibility of the ~~chairman~~ chair or executive director. The board shall prepare a biennial budget for submission to the Legislature for appropriations sufficient to carry out its duties. Authorization for expenditures ~~shall be~~ is the responsibility of the board. All expenses of the board and its staff, including all necessary ~~travelling~~ traveling and subsistence expenses, ~~shall must~~ be paid on presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the board or the executive director.

**Sec. E-68. 26 MRSA §1026, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 153, §2, is corrected to read:

B. If the controversy is not resolved by the parties themselves, the arbitrators shall proceed as follows: With respect to a controversy over salaries, pensions and insurance, the arbitrators ~~will~~ shall recommend terms of settlement and may make findings of fact; ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings ~~will be~~ are advisory only and ~~will~~ must be made, if reasonably possible, within 60 days after the selection of the neutral arbitrator. The arbitrators may in their discretion make ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings public, and either party may make ~~such~~ those recommendations and findings public if agreement is not reached with respect to ~~such~~ those findings and recommendations within 10 days after their receipt from the arbitrators. ~~With~~ The arbitrators shall make determinations with respect to a controversy over subjects other than salaries, pensions and insurance, ~~the arbitrators shall make determinations with respect thereto~~ if reasonably possible within 60 days after the selection of the neutral arbitrator. ~~Such~~ Those determinations may be made public by the arbitrators or either party and, if made by a majority of the arbitrators, ~~such~~ those determinations ~~will be~~ are binding on both parties and the parties ~~will~~ shall enter an agreement or take whatever other action that may be appropriate to carry out and effectuate ~~such~~ those binding determinations, and ~~such~~ those determinations ~~will be~~ are subject to review by the Superior Court in the manner specified by section 1033. The results of all arbitration proceedings, recommendations and awards conducted under this section ~~shall must~~ be filed with the Maine Labor Relations Board at the offices of its executive director simultaneously with the submission of the recommendations and award to the parties. In the event the parties settle their dispute during the arbitration proceeding, the arbitrator or the ~~chairman~~ chair of the arbitration panel ~~will~~ shall submit a report of ~~his~~ the arbitrator's or the chair's activities to

the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board not more than 5 days after the arbitration proceeding has terminated.

**Sec. E-69. 26 MRSA §1029, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 603, §1, is corrected to read:

**3. Board action after hearing and argument.** After hearing and argument, if, upon a preponderance of the evidence received, the board ~~shall be~~ is of the opinion that any party named in the complaint has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice, ~~then~~ the board shall, in writing, state its findings of fact and the reasons for its conclusions and shall issue and cause to be served upon ~~such~~ the party an order requiring ~~such~~ the party to cease and desist from ~~such~~ the prohibited practice and to take such affirmative action, including reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this chapter. ~~No~~ An order of the board ~~shall~~ may not require the reinstatement of ~~any~~ an individual as an employee who has been suspended or dismissed, or the payment to ~~him~~ the individual of any back pay, if ~~such~~ the individual was suspended or dismissed for cause.

**Sec. E-70. 26 MRSA §1030, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 603, §1, is corrected to read:

**2. Power of chairman chair.** ~~The chairman shall have chair has~~ the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; ~~and~~ the presentation of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to the board for determination. Witnesses subpoenaed by the board ~~shall~~ must be allowed the same fees as are paid to witnesses in the Superior Court. These fees, together with all necessary expenses of the board, ~~shall~~ must be paid by the Treasurer of State on warrants drawn by the State Controller.

**Sec. E-71. 26 MRSA §1042** is corrected to read:

**§1042. Policy**

Economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, morals and welfare of the people of this State. Unemployment is therefore a subject of general interest and concern ~~which that~~ requires appropriate action by the Legislature to prevent its spread and to lighten its burden, which may fall upon the unemployed worker, ~~his~~ the unemployed worker's family and the entire community. The achievement of social security requires protection against this greatest hazard of our economic life. This objective can be furthered by operating free public employment offices in affiliation with a ~~nation-wide~~ nationwide system of public employment services; by devising appropriate methods for reducing the volume of unemployment; and by the systematic accumulation of funds during periods of employment from which benefits may be paid for periods of unemployment, thus maintaining purchasing power, promoting the use of the highest skills

of unemployed workers and limiting the serious social consequences of unemployment.

**Sec. E-72. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1973, c. 555, §4, is corrected to read:

**3. Base period.** "Base period" means the first 4 of the last 5 completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year; ~~provided that except that,~~ if the first quarter of the last 5 completed calendar quarters was included in the base period applicable to ~~any~~ an individual's previous benefit year, ~~his~~ that individual's base period ~~shall be~~ is the last 4 completed calendar quarters. In the case of a combined-wage claim pursuant to the arrangement approved by the secretary in accordance with section 1082, subsection 12, the base period ~~shall be~~ is that applicable under the unemployment compensation law of the paying state.

**Sec. E-73. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§4** is corrected to read:

**4. Benefits.** "Benefits" means the money payments payable to an individual, as provided in this chapter, with respect to ~~his~~ that individual's unemployment.

**Sec. E-74. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§8, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 555, §6, is corrected to read:

A. "Contributions" means the money payments required by this chapter to be made into the fund by an employer on account of having individuals performing services for ~~him~~ the employer.

**Sec. E-75. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§10,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 570, §5, is corrected to read:

**10. Employing unit.** "Employing unit" means ~~any~~ an individual or type of organization, including ~~any~~ any a partnership, association, trust, estate, joint stock company, insurance company or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal representative of a deceased person, ~~which that~~ has or subsequent to January 1, 1935 had in its employ one or more individuals performing services for it within this State. On and after January 1, 1978, "employing unit" ~~shall also mean~~ includes the State or any of its instrumentalities or any political subdivision thereof or any of its instrumentalities or any instrumentality of more than one of the foregoing or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing and one or more other states or political subdivisions. All individuals performing services within this State for ~~any~~ an employing unit ~~which that~~ maintains 2 or more separate establishments within this State ~~shall be~~ are deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter. Whenever ~~any~~ an employing unit contracts with or has under it ~~any~~ a contractor or subcontractor for ~~any~~ work ~~which that~~ is part of its usual trade, occupation, profession or business,

unless the employing unit as well as each such contractor or subcontractor is an employer by reason of subsection 9 or section 1222, subsection 3, the employing unit ~~shall~~ for all the purposes of this chapter ~~be~~ is deemed to employ each individual in the employ of each such contractor or subcontractor for each day during which ~~such~~ that individual is engaged in performing such work; except that each such contractor or subcontractor who is an employer by reason of subsection 9 or section 1222, subsection 3, ~~shall~~ is alone ~~be~~ liable for the employer's contributions measured by wages to individuals in ~~his~~ the employer's employ; and except that ~~any an~~ an employing unit who ~~shall become~~ becomes liable for and ~~pay~~ pays contributions with respect to individuals in the employ of any such contractor or subcontractor who is not an employer by reason of subsection 9 or section 1222, subsection 3 may recover the same from ~~such the~~ contractor or subcontractor. Each individual employed to perform or to assist in performing the work of ~~any an~~ an agent or employee of an employing unit ~~shall be~~ is deemed to be employed by ~~such the~~ employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter, whether ~~such the~~ individual was hired or paid directly by ~~such the~~ employing unit or by ~~such the~~ agent or employee, ~~provided as long as~~ provided as long as the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of ~~such the~~ work.

**Sec. E-76. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §99, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

If the services performed during 1/2 or more of any pay period by an individual for the person employing ~~him~~ that individual constitute employment, all the services of ~~such that~~ individual for ~~such that~~ period ~~shall be~~ are deemed to be employment; but if the services performed during more than 1/2 of any ~~such~~ pay period by an individual for the person employing ~~him~~ that individual do not constitute employment, then none of the services of ~~such that~~ individual for ~~such that~~ period ~~shall be~~ are deemed to be employment. As used in this paragraph, the term "pay period" means a period of not more than 31 consecutive days for which a payment of remuneration is ordinarily made to ~~the an~~ an individual by the person employing ~~him~~ that individual. This paragraph ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ applicable with respect to services performed in a pay period by an individual for the person employing ~~him~~, ~~where~~ that individual when any of such service is excepted by paragraph F, subparagraph (3).

**Sec. E-77. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶A-2,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §159, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1), division (c), subdivision (ii) to read:

(ii) ~~Such~~ The other person ~~shall~~ must be treated as having paid wages to ~~such the~~ individual in an amount equal to the amount of wages paid to ~~such the~~ individual by the crew leader, either on ~~his~~ the crew leader's

own behalf or on behalf of ~~such the~~ other person for the service in agricultural labor performed for ~~such the~~ other person.

**Sec. E-78. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶A-2,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §159, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1), division (d) to read:

(d) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "crew leader" means an individual who:

(i) Furnishes individuals to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person;

(ii) Pays either on ~~his~~ the crew leader's own behalf or on behalf of ~~such the~~ other person; the individuals so furnished by ~~him~~ the crew leader for the service in agricultural labor performed by ~~them~~, the individuals; and

(iii) Has not entered into a written agreement with ~~such the~~ other person under which ~~such individual~~ the crew leader is designated as an employee of ~~such the~~ other person.

**Sec. E-79. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 728, §4, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) Service performed by an individual in the employ of that individual's ~~son, daughter~~ child or spouse and service performed by a child under 18 years of age in the employ of that child's ~~father or mother~~ parent, except for periods of ~~such~~ service for which unemployment insurance contributions are paid;

**Sec. E-80. 26 MRSA §1044, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 515, §6, is corrected to read:

**1. Waiver of rights void; penalty.** Any agreement by an individual to waive, release or commute ~~his~~ that individual's rights to benefits or any other rights under this chapter ~~shall be~~ is void. Any agreement by an individual in the employ of any person or concern to pay all or any portion of an employer's contributions, required under this chapter from ~~such that~~ employer, ~~shall be~~ is void. ~~No An~~ An employer ~~shall~~ may not directly or indirectly make or require or accept any deduction from wages to finance the employer's contributions required from ~~him~~ the employer, or require or accept any waiver of any right hereunder by ~~any an~~ an individual in ~~his~~ the employer's employ.

~~Any An~~ An employer or officer or agent of an employer who violates any provision of this subsection ~~shall~~ is, for each offense, ~~be~~ guilty of a Class E crime.

**Sec. E-81. 26 MRSA §1044, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §6, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

In the event a claimant has retained counsel for the purpose of prosecuting an appeal from a decision of the commission, and the final decision of ~~such the~~ court results in a reversal, in whole or in part, of the decision appealed from, the fees for ~~such the~~ service ~~shall must~~ be paid by the commissioner from ~~his the~~ commissioner's administrative fund.

**Sec. E-82. 26 MRSA §1044, sub-§3** is corrected to read:

**3. No assignment of benefits; exemptions.** Any assignment, pledge or encumbrance of any right to benefits ~~which that~~ are or may become due or payable under this chapter ~~shall be is~~ void. Such rights to benefits ~~shall be are~~ exempt from levy, execution, attachment or any other remedy ~~whatsoever~~ provided for the collection of debt. Benefits received by ~~any an~~ individual, ~~so~~ as long as they are not mingled with other funds of the recipient, ~~shall be are~~ exempt from any remedy ~~whatsoever~~ for the collection of all debts except debts incurred for necessities furnished to ~~such the~~ individual or ~~his the~~ individual's spouse or dependents during the time when ~~such the~~ individual was unemployed. ~~No A~~ waiver of any exemption provided for in this subsection ~~shall be is~~ not valid.

**Sec. E-83. 26 MRSA §1051, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §44, is corrected to read:

**4. Nondisclosure or misrepresentation to receive benefits.** Any ~~A~~ person who, by reason of the nondisclosure or misrepresentation by ~~him that~~ person or by another, of a material fact, ~~and such if that~~ nondisclosure or misrepresentation was known to ~~him that~~ person or ought to have been known by ~~him that~~ person to be fraudulent, has received any sum as benefits under this chapter while any conditions for the receipt of benefits imposed by this chapter were not fulfilled in ~~his that~~ person's case, or while ~~he that~~ person was disqualified from receiving benefits, ~~shall is~~ either ~~be~~ liable to have ~~such the~~ sum deducted from any future benefits payable to ~~him that~~ person under this chapter or ~~shall be is~~ liable to repay to the bureau for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, a sum equal to the amount so received by ~~him that~~ person, and ~~such the~~ sum ~~shall must~~ be collectible in the manner provided in subsection 6.

**Sec. E-84. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Commission.** The Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission ~~shall consist~~ consists of 3 members, one of whom ~~shall must~~ be a representative of labor, one of whom ~~shall must~~ be a representative of employers and one of whom ~~shall must~~ be a representative of the general public who shall be impartial ~~and, must~~ be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in the

State and ~~shall be is~~ the ~~chairman~~ chair of the commission. Except as provided in this subsection, the 3 members and their successors ~~shall must~~ be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor ~~matters~~ and to confirmation by the Senate, to hold office for a term of 6 years or until a successor has been duly appointed and confirmed, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which a predecessor was appointed ~~shall must~~ be appointed for the remainder of the term. During a term of membership on the commission, a member ~~shall may~~ not engage in any other business, vocation or employment, nor serve as an officer or committee member of any political organization.

**Sec. E-85. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 641, §2, is corrected to read:

**3. Quorum.** Any 2 members of the commission ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a quorum. Whenever the commission hears ~~any a~~ case under this chapter and Title 36, chapter 831, the ~~chairman~~ chair shall act alone in the absence or disqualification of any other member, ~~provided except~~ that in the event of illness or extended absence on the part of the ~~chairman~~ chair or in the event of a vacancy in that position, the remaining members may act on appeals, conduct hearings, and render decisions, ~~provided as long as~~ both members agree. Except as otherwise provided, ~~no~~ a vacancy may ~~not~~ impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the commission. Any action, decision, order, rule or recommendation ~~which that~~ is required by law to be made by the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission ~~shall may~~ not be made until the commission has held a meeting in the regular course of its business for which all members have been provided with reasonable notice of the meeting and its agenda.

**Sec. E-86. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §120, is corrected to read:

**4. Personnel.** Subject to other provisions of this chapter, the ~~Commissioner of Labor~~ commissioner is authorized to appoint and prescribe the duties and powers of, and fix the compensation of, such officers, accountants, attorneys, experts and other persons as may be necessary in the performance of ~~his the~~ commissioner's duties, subject to the Civil Service Law. The commissioner may delegate to any ~~such~~ person so appointed such power and authority as is reasonable and proper for the effective administration of this chapter, and may in ~~his the~~ commissioner's discretion bond any person handling moneys or signing checks under this chapter. On request of the commissioner, the Attorney General shall represent the department, the commission and the State in any court action relating to this chapter or to its administration and enforcement. Special counsel may be retained by the commissioner in accordance with Ti-

tle 5, section 196, whose and the special counsel's service and expenses shall must be paid from the funds provided for the administration of this chapter. The commissioner shall may not employ or pay any person who is an officer or committee member of any political party organization.

**Sec. E-87. 26 MRSA §1084, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 648, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection shall does not apply if the municipality, official or employee settles the claim without the consent of the State; or if the municipality, official or employee does not notify the State within 30 days after receiving actual written notice of the claim against him the municipality, official or employee or within 15 days after the service of the summons and complaint upon him the municipality, official or employee and if the State is prejudiced thereby by the claim.

**Sec. E-88. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 538, §22, is corrected to read:

**5. Minimum amount of benefits.** An individual otherwise eligible for benefits, whether for total or partial unemployment, with respect to any benefit year, shall may not be deemed considered to have exhausted his that individual's benefits in any benefit year, until he that individual has received, in benefits, at least \$300, notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary.

**Sec. E-89. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§4-A**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 220, is corrected to read:

**4-A. Has served a waiting period.** For each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after May 10, 1981, he the eligible individual has served a waiting period of one week of total or partial unemployment. No A week may not be counted as a week of total or partial unemployment for the purpose of this subsection:

- A. If benefits have been paid with respect to that week;
- B. Unless it occurs within the benefit year which that includes the week with respect to which he the individual claims payment of benefits; and
- C. Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect to that week, as provided in this section and section 1193, except for the requirements of this subsection;

**Sec. E-90. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 538, §27, is corrected to read:

**8. No denial or reduction of benefits.** Benefits shall may not be denied or reduced to an individual solely because he the individual files a claim in another state, or a contiguous country with which the United States has an agreement with respect to unemployment compensation, or because he the individual resides in

another state or contiguous country at the time he the individual files a claim for benefits;

**Sec. E-91. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 448, is corrected to read:

**9. No denial of benefits for jury service.** Benefits shall may not be denied to an individual solely because he the individual is selected to serve as a juror. Individuals, An individual who receive receives actual earnings for jury service, shall must be paid a partial benefit in an amount equal to his the individual's weekly benefit amount less that amount earned for jury service;

**Sec. E-92. 26 MRSA §1192, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 453, §5, is corrected to read:

For purposes of subsections 2, 3, 12 and 13, "good cause" means the unemployed individual is ill; the presence of the unemployed individual is required due to an illness of the unemployed individual's spouse, children, parents, stepparents, brothers or sisters, siblings or relatives who have been acting in the capacity of a parent of either the unemployed individual or the unemployed individual's spouse; the unemployed individual is in attendance at the funeral of such a relative; the unemployed individual is observing a religious holiday as required by religious conviction; the unemployed individual is performing either a military or civil duty as required by law; or other cause of a necessitous and compelling nature, including child care emergencies and transportation emergencies. If an unemployed individual has completed reemployment services and eligibility assessment with the Department of Labor within the prior 5 years, that individual is considered to have good cause for not participating in reemployment services and eligibility assessment under subsections 12 and 13. "Good cause" does not include incarceration as a result of a conviction for a felony or misdemeanor.

**Sec. E-93. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §46, is corrected to read:

B. For the duration of his the individual's unemployment period subsequent to his the individual's having retired; or having been retired from his regular employment as a result of a recognized employer policy or program, under which he the individual is entitled to receive pension payments, if so found by the deputy, and disqualification shall continue continues until the claimant has earned 6 times his the claimant's weekly benefit amount in employment by an employer;

**Sec. E-94. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 420, §1, is corrected to read:

**7. Discharged for crime.** For the period of unemployment next ensuing with respect to which he the individual was discharged for conviction of a felony or misdemeanor in connection with his the individual's work. The ineligibility of such the individual shall continue continues for all weeks subsequent until such the

individual has thereafter earned \$600 or 8 times ~~his~~ the individual's weekly benefit amount, whichever is greater, in employment by an employer;

**Sec. E-95. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 515, §17, is corrected to read:

A. ~~Exhaustee~~. "Exhaustee" means an individual who, with respect to any week of unemployment in ~~his~~ the individual's eligibility period:

(1) Has received, prior to ~~such that~~ week, all of the regular benefits that were available to ~~him~~ the individual under this chapter or any other state law, including dependents' allowances and benefits payable to federal civilian employees and ~~ex-servicemen~~ ex-service members under 5 ~~U.S.C.~~ United States Code, Chapter 85, in ~~his~~ the individual's current benefit year that includes ~~such that~~ week; ~~provided~~ except that for the purposes of this paragraph, an individual ~~shall be~~ is deemed to have received all of the regular benefits that were available to ~~him~~ the individual although as a result of a pending appeal with respect to wages or employment, or both, that were not considered in the original monetary determination in ~~his~~ the individual's benefit year, ~~he~~ the individual may subsequently be determined to be entitled to added regular benefits, or ~~he~~ the individual may be entitled to regular benefits with respect to future weeks of unemployment, but ~~such~~ those benefits are not payable with respect to ~~such that~~ week of unemployment by reason of section 1251;

(2) ~~His~~ The individual's benefit year having expired prior to ~~such that~~ week, has no or insufficient wages or employment, or both, to establish a new benefit year or, subsequent to December 31, 1971, ~~he~~ the individual does not qualify by having sufficient wages or employment, or both, as provided by section 1192, subsection 5, since the beginning of ~~his~~ the individual's prior benefit year; and

(3) ~~Has no~~ Does not have a right to unemployment benefits or allowances, as the case may be, under the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, or under such other federal laws as are specified in regulations issued by the United States Secretary of Labor; and has not received and is not seeking unemployment benefits under the unemployment compensation law of Canada; but if ~~he~~ the individual is seeking such benefits and the appropriate agency finally determines that ~~he~~ the individual is not entitled to benefits under such law ~~he shall be~~ the individual is considered an exhaustee if the other provisions of this definition are met.

**Sec. E-96. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 119, is corrected to read:

B. ~~Eligibility period~~. "Eligibility period" of an individual means the period consisting of the weeks in ~~his~~ the individual's benefit year ~~which that~~ begin in an extended benefit period and, if ~~his~~ the individual's benefit year ends within ~~such~~ the extended benefit period, any weeks thereafter ~~which that~~ begin in ~~such~~ the period.

**Sec. E-97. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 119, is corrected to read:

D. ~~Extended benefits~~. "Extended benefits" means benefits, including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ~~ex-servicemen~~ ex-service members pursuant to 5 ~~U.S.C.~~ United States Code, Chapter 85, payable to an individual under this section for weeks of unemployment in ~~his~~ the individual's eligibility period.

**Sec. E-98. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶G**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 698, §118, is corrected to read:

G. ~~Rate of insured unemployment~~. "Rate of insured unemployment," for purposes of paragraphs H and I, means the percentage derived by dividing the average weekly number of individuals filing claims for regular benefits in this State for weeks of unemployment with respect to the most recent 13-consecutive-week period, as determined by the commissioner on the basis of ~~his~~ the commissioner's reports to the United States Secretary of Labor, by the average monthly employment covered under this chapter for the first 4 of the most recent 6 completed calendar quarters ending before the end of ~~such the~~ 13-week period. Computations required by this paragraph ~~shall~~ must be made by the commissioner, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the United States Secretary of Labor.

**Sec. E-99. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§1, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 119, is corrected to read:

J. ~~Regular benefits~~. "Regular benefits" means benefits payable to an individual under this chapter or under any other state law, including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ~~ex-servicemen~~ ex-service members pursuant to 5 ~~U.S.C.~~ United States Code, Chapter 85, other than extended benefits.

**Sec. E-100. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 548, §9, is corrected to read:

**3. Eligibility requirements for extended benefits.** An individual ~~shall be~~ is eligible to receive extended benefits with respect to any week of unemployment in ~~his~~ the individual's eligibility period only if the deputy finds that with respect to ~~such that~~ week:

A. ~~He~~ The individual is an "exhaustee" as defined in subsection 1, paragraph A;

B. ~~He~~ The individual has satisfied the requirements of this chapter for the receipt of regular benefits that are applicable to individuals claiming extended benefits, including not being subject to a disqualification for the receipt of benefits; and

C. For each individual who files an initial claim for extended benefits after September 25, 1982, ~~he~~ the individual has been paid wages for insured work during ~~his~~ the individual's base period equal to at least 1 1/2 times the wages paid in that calendar quarter of ~~his~~ the individual's base period in which those wages were highest.

**Sec. E-101. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§3-B,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 228, is corrected to read:

**3-B. Additional ineligibility.** ~~Any~~ An individual who has been found ineligible for extended benefits for reason of the provisions in subsection 3-A ~~shall~~ must also be denied benefits beginning with the first day of the week following the week in which that failure occurred and until ~~he~~ the individual has been employed in each of 4 subsequent weeks, whether or not consecutive, and has earned remuneration equal to not less than 4 times the extended weekly benefit amount.

**Sec. E-102. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§3-C, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 305, §7, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The individual furnishes satisfactory evidence to the deputy that ~~his~~ the individual's prospects for obtaining work in ~~his~~ the individual's customary occupation within a reasonably short period are good. If the evidence is ~~deemed~~ determined satisfactory for this purpose, the determination of whether any work is suitable with respect to that individual ~~shall~~ must be made in accordance with the ~~definition~~ description of suitable work for regular benefit claimants in section 1193, subsection 3 without regard to the definition specified by this subsection.

**Sec. E-103. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§3-E, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 228, is corrected to read:

B. The individual furnishes tangible evidence that ~~he~~ the individual has engaged in that effort during that week.

**Sec. E-104. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 119, is corrected to read:

**4. Weekly extended benefit amount.** The weekly extended benefit amount payable to an individual for a week of total unemployment in ~~his~~ the eligibility period ~~shall be~~ is an amount equal to the weekly benefit amount payable to ~~him~~ the individual during ~~his~~ the applicable benefit year.

**Sec. E-105. 26 MRSA §1195, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 548, §10, is corrected to read:

**5. Total extended benefit amount.** The total extended benefit amount payable to ~~any~~ an eligible individual with respect to ~~his~~ the individual's applicable benefit year ~~shall be~~ is the lesser of the following amounts:

A. Fifty percent of the total amount of regular benefits ~~which that~~ were payable to ~~him~~ the individual under this chapter in ~~his~~ the applicable benefit year; ~~or~~

B. Thirteen times ~~his~~ the individual's weekly benefit amount ~~which that~~ was payable to ~~him~~ the individual under this chapter for a week of total unemployment in the applicable benefit year; ~~or~~ and

C. Thirty-nine times ~~his~~ the individual's weekly benefit amount ~~which that~~ was payable to ~~him~~ the individual under this chapter for a week of total unemployment in the applicable benefit year, reduced by the total amount of regular benefits ~~which that~~ were paid, or deemed paid, to ~~him~~ the individual under this chapter with respect to the benefit year.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, if the benefit year of ~~any~~ an individual ends within an extended benefit period, the remaining balance of extended benefits that the individual would, except for this subsection, be entitled to receive in that extended benefit period, with respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after the end of the benefit year, ~~shall~~ must be reduced, but not below zero, by the product of the number of weeks for which the individual received any amounts as trade readjustment allowances within that benefit year, multiplied by the individual's weekly benefit amount for extended benefits.

**Sec. E-106. 26 MRSA §1196, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 591, §5, is corrected to read:

C. An individual who is long-term unemployed and has limited opportunities for employment or reemployment in the same or a similar occupation in the area in which ~~he~~ the individual resides, including any older individual who may have substantial barriers to employment because of ~~his~~ the individual's age.

**Sec. E-107. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 745, §2, is corrected to read:

**2. Rate of contribution.** Each employer subject to this chapter, other than those liable for payments in lieu of contributions, shall pay contributions at the rate of 5.4% of the wages paid by ~~him~~ the employer with respect to employment during each calendar year, except as otherwise prescribed in subsection 4.

C. Each employer subject to this chapter, other than those liable for payments in lieu of contributions, shall pay, in addition to the contribution rate as prescribed in subsection 4, 7/10 of 1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during the calendar year 1993, 8/10 of

1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during the calendar year 1994 and 4/10 of 1% of the wages paid by the employer with respect to employment during calendar years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

**Sec. E-108. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §184, is corrected to read:

B. The commissioner shall classify employers in accordance with their actual experience in the payment of contributions on their own behalf and with respect to benefits charged against their "experience rating records" and shall submit in ~~his~~ the commissioner's annual report to the Governor, the results of the actual experience in payment of contributions on behalf of the individual employers and with respect to benefits charged to their "experience rating records" together with the recommendations relative to the advisability of the continuance of the rates based on benefit experience.

**Sec. E-109. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. CCCC, §4, is corrected to read:

**4. Employer's experience classifications.** The commissioner shall compute annually contribution rates for each employer based on ~~his own~~ the employer's experience rating record and shall designate a contribution rate schedule.

A. The standard rate of contributions ~~shall be~~ is 5.4%. ~~No~~ A contributing employer's rate may ~~not~~ be varied from the standard rate, unless and until ~~his~~ the employer's experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to ~~such~~ that year; each contributing employer newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions at the average contribution rate, rounded to the next higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by contributing employers for the 12-month period immediately preceding the last computation date, ~~provided such~~ except that ~~the~~ the rate may not exceed 3.0% nor be less than 1%; ~~provided and except~~ that, with respect to the rate year beginning January 1, 1986, and each rate year thereafter, the rate ~~shall may~~ not exceed 4.0% nor be less than 1% ~~and~~, until such time as ~~his~~ the employer's experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to ~~such~~ that year, and for rate years thereafter ~~his~~ the employer's contribution rate ~~shall be~~ is determined in accordance with ~~subsections~~ subsection 3 and 4 this subsection.

B. Subject to paragraph A, each employer's contribution rate for the 12-month period commencing

January 1st of each year is based upon the employer's experience rating record and determined from the employer's reserve ratio, which is the percent obtained by dividing the amount by which, if any, the employer's contributions credited from the time the employer first or most recently became an employer, whichever date is later, and up to and including June 30th of the preceding year, including any part of the employer's contributions due for that year paid on or before July 31st of that year, exceed the employer's benefits charged during the same period, by the employer's average annual payroll for the 36-consecutive-month period ending June 30th of the preceding year. The employer's contribution rate is the percent shown on the line of the following table on which in column A there is indicated the employer's reserve ratio and under the schedule within which the reserve multiple falls as of September 30th of each year. The following table applies for each 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year as determined by paragraph C.

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer		When Reserve Multiple is:								
Equal to or more than	Reserve Ratio	2.37-	2.23-	2.09-	1.95-	1.81-	1.67-	1.53-		
	Less over than	2.50	2.50	2.36	2.22	2.08	1.94	1.80	1.66	
Column A		Schedules								
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
19.0% and over	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	
18.0%	19.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	
17.0%	18.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	
16.0%	17.0%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	
15.0%	16.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	
14.0%	15.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	
13.0%	14.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	
12.0%	13.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	
11.0%	12.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	
10.0%	11.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	
9.0%	10.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	
8.0%	9.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	
7.0%	8.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	
6.0%	7.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	
5.0%	6.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	
4.0%	5.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	
3.0%	4.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	
2.0%	3.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	
1.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	

.0%	1.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	-1.0%	.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%
-1.0%	.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	-2.0%	-1.0%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	5.0%
-2.0%	-1.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	-3.0%	-2.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	5.1%
-3.0%	-2.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	-4.0%	-3.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	5.2%
-4.0%	-3.0%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	-5.0%	-4.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.3%
-5.0%	-4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	-6.0%	-5.0%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.4%
-6.0%	-5.0%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	-7.0%	-6.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%
-7.0%	-6.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	-8.0%	-7.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%
-8.0%	-7.0%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	-9.0%	-8.0%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.7%
-9.0%	-8.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	-10.0%	-9.0%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%
-10.0%	-9.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	-11.0%	-10.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%
-11.0%	-10.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	-12.0%	-11.0%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	6.3%
-12.0%	-11.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	under	-12.0%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
under	-12.0%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%										

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer		When Reserve Multiple is:									
Reserve Ratio											
Equal to or more than	Less than	1.39-1.52	1.25-1.38	1.11-1.24	.97-1.10	.83-.96	.68-.82	.45-.67	under		
Column A		Schedules									
		I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P		
19.0% and over		1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.4%		
18.0%	19.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%		
17.0%	18.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.6%		
16.0%	17.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.7%		
15.0%	16.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.8%		
14.0%	15.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.9%		
13.0%	14.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%		
12.0%	13.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	3.1%		
11.0%	12.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%		
10.0%	11.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%		
9.0%	10.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.4%		
8.0%	9.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%		
7.0%	8.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.6%		
6.0%	7.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%		
5.0%	6.0%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%		
4.0%	5.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%		
3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%		
2.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.3%		
1.0%	2.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%		
.0%	1.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%		

C. To designate the contribution rate schedule to be effective for a rate year, a reserve multiple must be determined. The reserve multiple must be determined by dividing the fund reserve ratio by the composite cost rate. The determination date is September 30th of each calendar year, and the schedule of contribution rates to apply for the 12-month period commencing January 1st, is determined by this reserve multiple, except that for the 1998 and 1999 rate years Schedule P is in effect.

D. As used in this section, the words "contributions credited" and "benefits charged" mean the contributions credited to and the benefits paid and chargeable against the "experience rating record" of an employer as provided in subsection 3, including all contributions due and paid on or before July 31st following the computation date and all benefits paid and chargeable on or before the computation date.

E. The commissioner:

(1) Shall promptly notify each employer of ~~his~~ the employer's rate of contributions as determined for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year pursuant to this section. The determination ~~shall become~~ becomes conclusive and binding upon the employer unless, within 15 days after the mailing of notice thereof to ~~his~~ the employer's last known address or in the absence of mailing, within 15 days after the delivery of the notice, the employer files an application for review and redetermination, setting forth ~~his~~ the employer's reasons ~~therefor~~ for filing. If the commission grants the review, the employer ~~shall~~ must be promptly notified thereof and ~~shall~~ must be granted an opportunity for a hearing, but ~~no~~ an employer ~~shall~~ does not have standing, in any proceedings involving ~~his~~ the employer's rate of contributions or contribution liability, to

contest the chargeability to ~~his~~ "the employer's experience rating record" of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to section 1194, except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which these benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for ~~him~~ the employer and only in the event that ~~he~~ the employer was not a party to the determination, redetermination or decision or to any other proceedings under this chapter in which the character of these services was determined. The employer ~~shall~~ must be promptly notified of the commission's denial of ~~his~~ the employer's application, or the commission's redetermination, both of which ~~shall be~~ are subject to appeal pursuant to Title 5, ~~section 11001 et seq~~ chapter 375, subchapter 7; and

(2) Shall provide each employer at least monthly with a notification of benefits paid and chargeable to ~~his~~ the employer's experience rating record, and any such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed in such a manner and within such period as the commission may prescribe, ~~shall become~~ becomes conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. Such a redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for hearing, and the commission's findings of fact in connection ~~therewith~~ with the redetermination, may be introduced in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of contributions of any employer for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of any year and ~~shall be~~ is entitled to the same finality as is provided in this section with respect to the findings of fact made by the commission in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rates of an employer.

F. Notwithstanding any other inconsistent law, ~~any~~ an employer, who has been notified of the employer's rate of contribution as required by paragraph E, subparagraph (1), for any year commencing January 1st, may voluntarily make payment of additional contributions; and, upon that payment, is entitled to promptly receive a recomputation and renotification of the employer's contribution rate for that year, including in the calculation the additional contributions so made. Any such additional contribution must be made during the 30-day period following the date of the mailing to the employer of the notice of the employer's contribution rate in any year; unless, for good cause, the time of payment has been extended by the commissioner for a period not to exceed an additional 10 days.

**Sec. E-110. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§10, ¶F,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 570, §30, is corrected to read:

F. ~~Any~~ A nonprofit organization, or governmental entity, ~~which that~~ has been liable for payments in lieu of contributions whose election to make payments in lieu of contributions terminates under ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph A or C; shall pay contributions at the rate established for employers newly subject to this chapter as provided by subsection 4, paragraph A until such time as ~~his~~ the organization's or entity's experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to ~~such~~ that year, and for rate years thereafter ~~his~~ the organization's or entity's contribution rate ~~shall be~~ is determined in accordance with subsections 3 and 4.

**Sec. E-111. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§12,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 351, §24, is corrected to read:

**12. Provision of bond or other security.** In the discretion of the commissioner, ~~any~~ an employer who elects to become liable for payments in lieu of contributions ~~shall be~~ is required within 60 days after the effective date of ~~his~~ the employer's election to execute and file with the bureau a surety bond or ~~he~~ the employer may elect to deposit with the bureau money or securities as approved by the commissioner; upon the failure of an employer to comply with this subsection within the time limits imposed, the commissioner may terminate that employer's election to make payments in lieu of contributions, and the termination ~~shall be~~ is effective for the current and next calendar year. This subsection ~~shall~~ does not apply to governmental entities as defined by section 1043, subsection 28, whether they act ~~singularly~~ singly or in group accounts as allowed by subsection 15.

**Sec. E-112. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§14, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 538, §45, is corrected to read:

A. If benefits paid to an individual are based on wages paid by one or more employers who are liable for payments in lieu of contributions and on wages paid by one or more employers who are liable for contributions, the amount of benefits payable by each employer who is liable for payments in lieu of contributions ~~shall~~ must be an amount ~~which that~~ bears the same ratio to the total benefits paid to the individual as the total base period wages paid to the individual by ~~such~~ the employer bear to the total base period wages paid to the individual by all of ~~his~~ the individual's base period employers.

**Sec. E-113. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§14, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 538, §45, is corrected to read:

B. If benefits paid to an individual are based on wages paid by 2 or more employers who are liable for payments in lieu of contributions, the amount of benefits payable by each such employer ~~shall~~ must

be an amount ~~which that~~ bears the same ratio to the total benefits paid to the individual as the total base period wages paid to the individual by ~~such the~~ employer bear to the total base period wages paid to the individual by all of ~~his the individual's~~ base period employers.

**Sec. E-114. 26 MRSA §1222, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §31, is corrected to read:

B. The commissioner may upon ~~his the commissioner's~~ own motion terminate coverage of ~~any an~~ employer, who became an employer under section 1043, subsection 9, paragraph H, when the commissioner finds that there were no 20 different days, each day being in a different week within the preceding calendar year, within which ~~such the~~ employing unit employed 4 or more individuals in employment subject to this chapter; and the commissioner may, upon ~~his the commissioner's~~ own motion terminate the coverage of an employing unit ~~which that~~ had become an employer by virtue of subsection 3, as of January 1st of any calendar year when ~~such the~~ employing unit has, by virtue of approval of its election to become a subject employer, been ~~such a~~ subject employer for the 2 or more preceding calendar years.

**Sec. E-115. 26 MRSA §1222, sub-§2, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §32, is corrected to read:

D. The commissioner may upon ~~his the commissioner's~~ own motion terminate coverage of ~~any an~~ employer when the commissioner finds that there were no 20 different weeks within the preceding calendar year, within which ~~such the~~ employing unit employed one or more individuals in employment subject to this chapter and did not pay wages of \$1,500 in any calendar quarters; and the commissioner may upon ~~his the commissioner's~~ own motion terminate the coverage of an employing unit ~~which that~~ had become an employer by virtue of subsection 3, paragraphs A and B, as of January 1st of any calendar year when ~~such the~~ employing unit has, by virtue of approval of its election to become a subject employer, been ~~such a~~ subject employer for the 2 or more preceding calendar years.

**Sec. E-116. 26 MRSA §1227, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 14, §1, is corrected to read:

**1. Form and effect.** Upon the failure of an employer to pay the amount assessed pursuant to section 1225, the commissioner may file in the registry of deeds of any county a certificate under ~~his the commissioner's~~ official seal, stating the name of the employer; ~~his the employer's~~ address; the amount of the contributions and interest or penalties assessed and in default; and that the time in which an appeal is permitted pursuant to section 1226 has expired without the appeal having been taken or that delay will jeopardize collection. When the cer-

tificate is duly filed and recorded, the amount of the assessment ~~shall be is~~ a lien upon the entire interest of the employer, legal or equitable, in any real or tangible personal property situated within the jurisdiction of the office in which that certificate was filed. A lien obtained in this manner is a lien for taxes, and the priority of the lien ~~shall be is~~ governed by the laws of this State. The liens ~~shall be are~~ subordinate to any real estate mortgage previously recorded as required by law. ~~No A~~ lien for contributions or interest ~~shall be is not~~ valid against ~~one a person~~ who purchases personal property from the employer in the usual course of ~~his~~ business, in good faith and without actual notice of the lien. The lien may be enforced against any real or personal property by a civil action in the name of the commissioner. The commissioner shall discharge any such lien upon receiving, from any such employer against whose property a lien certificate has been filed, a good and sufficient bond with sureties conditioned upon the payment of the amount of contributions and interest as finally determined, together with any additional amount ~~which that~~ may have become due or may have accrued under this chapter and costs of court, if any.

The foregoing remedies ~~shall be are~~ in addition to all other remedies.

**Sec. E-117. 26 MRSA §1228,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 462, §9 and amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §§45 and 47, is corrected to read:

#### **§1228. Liability of successor**

~~Any An~~ individual or organization, including the types of organizations described in section 1043, subsection 10, whether or not an employing unit, ~~which that~~ acquires the organization, trade or business or a substantial part of the assets thereof from an employer, ~~shall be is~~ liable, in an amount not to exceed the reasonable value of the organization, trade, business or assets acquired, for any contributions or interest due or accrued and unpaid by the employer, and the amount of the liability ~~shall must~~, in addition, be a lien against the property or assets ~~so~~ acquired, which ~~shall must~~ be prior to all other liens. The lien ~~shall may~~ not be valid as against ~~one a person~~ who acquires from the successor any interest in the property or assets in good faith, for value and without notice of the lien. Upon written request made after ~~such the~~ acquisition is completed, the commissioner shall furnish the successor with a written statement of the amount of contributions and interest due or accrued and unpaid by the employer as of the date of the acquisition, and the amount of the liability of the successor or the amount of the lien ~~shall in no event may not~~ exceed the liability disclosed by the statement. The foregoing remedies ~~shall be are~~ in addition to all other existing remedies against the employer or ~~his the employer's~~ successor.

**Sec. E-118. 26 MRSA §1230, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 351, §35, is corrected to read:

**1. Request for warrant.** If any contribution required to be paid and any interest or penalty or both payable to the commissioner under this chapter is not paid when due and has become final as to law and fact under section 1226, the commissioner may, within 3 years thereafter, notify the employer who is liable according to the records of the bureau, specifying the amount due and demanding payment within 12 days after the date the notice is mailed. The notice ~~shall~~ **must** inform the employer that if ~~he the employer~~ does not make the payment as demanded, the commissioner will certify the amount due for collection by warrant as provided in this section. If the employer does not make payment as demanded within the 12-day period or within an extended period ~~which that~~ the commissioner may allow, the commissioner may certify to the Attorney General the amount due for collection or file in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Kennebec County, or any county, a certificate addressed to the clerk specifying the contribution required to be paid, interest and penalties due, the name and address of the liable employer as it appears on the records of the bureau, the facts ~~whereby according to which~~ the amount has become final as to law and fact and the notice given; and requesting that a warrant be issued against the employer for the contribution required to be paid, together with interest and penalties, as set forth in the certificate, and with costs. If the commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that the employer may abscond within the 12-day period, the commissioner may, without further notice to the employer, certify to the Attorney General the amount due for collection or file in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court a certificate addressed to the clerk; requesting the immediate issuance of a warrant.

**Sec. E-119. 26 MRSA §1230, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 14, §3, is corrected to read:

**3. Warrant effective as lien.** An abstract or copy of the warrant may be filed for record in the ~~register~~ **registry** of deeds of any county. From the time of the filing, the amount specified in the warrant ~~shall constitute~~ **constitutes** a lien upon all real property and other tangible assets in the county or town owned by the liable employer or acquired by ~~him the liable employer~~ during the period of the lien. The lien ~~shall have~~ **has** the force, effect and priority of a judgment lien and ~~shall continue~~ **continues** for 5 years from the date of recording, unless sooner released or otherwise discharged or extended as prescribed herein. The lien may be extended for an additional 5-year period by filing, for record in the registry of deeds, an abstract or copy of the warrant within the original 5-year period or within 5 years from the date of the last extension of the lien.

**Sec. E-120. 26 MRSA §1230, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 351, §36, is corrected to read:

B. Warrants ~~shall~~ **must** be returnable within one year. New warrants may be issued on any such certificate within 2 years from the return day of the last

preceding warrant for sums remaining unsatisfied. Warrants ~~shall~~ **must** be served by the sheriff of any county, or by any of ~~his the sheriff's~~ deputies, or by any agent of the Commissioner of Labor, in the county where the employer or claimant may be found.

**Sec. E-121. 26 MRSA §1284, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

D. Discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee because ~~he the employee~~ has signed or filed any affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or testimony under this chapter;

**Sec. E-122. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

B. If the parties have not resolved their controversy by the end of that 45-day period, either party may petition the board to initiate compulsory final and binding arbitration of the negotiations' impasse. On receipt of the petition, the executive director of the board shall investigate to determine if an impasse has been reached. If ~~he the executive director~~ so determines, ~~he the executive director~~ shall issue an order requiring arbitration and requesting the parties to select one or more arbitrators. If the parties, within 10 days after the issuance of the order, have not selected an arbitrator or an arbitration panel, the board shall ~~then~~ order each party to select one arbitrator and, if these 2 arbitrators cannot in 5 days select a 3rd neutral arbitrator, the board shall submit a list from which the parties may alternately strike names until a single name is left, ~~who shall~~ **and that person must** be appointed by the board as arbitrator. In reaching a decision under this paragraph, the arbitrator shall consider the following factors:

- (1) The interests and welfare of the public and the financial ability of State Government to finance the cost items proposed by each party to the impasse;
- (2) Comparison of the wages, hours and working conditions of the employees involved in the arbitration proceeding with the wages, hours and working conditions of other employees performing similar services in the executive and legislative branches of government and in public and private employment in other jurisdictions competing in the same labor market;
- (3) The overall compensation presently received by the employees, including direct wage compensation, vacation, holidays and excused time, insurance and pensions, medical and hospitalization benefits, the continuity and stability of employment; and all other benefits received;

- (4) ~~Such other~~ Other factors not confined to the foregoing, ~~which~~ that are normally and traditionally taken into consideration in the determination of wages, hours and working conditions through voluntary collective bargaining, mediation, fact-finding, arbitration or otherwise between the parties, in the public service or in private employment, including the average Consumer Price Index;
- (5) The need of the Judicial Department for qualified employees;
- (6) Conditions of employment in similar occupations outside State Government;
- (7) The need to maintain appropriate relationships between different occupations in the Judicial Department; and
- (8) The need to establish fair and reasonable conditions in relation to job qualifications and responsibilities.

**Sec. E-123. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected by correcting the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

~~Any~~ A hearing ~~shall~~ must be informal and the rules of evidence for judicial proceedings ~~shall~~ are not be binding. Any documentary evidence and other information ~~deemed~~ determined relevant by the arbitrator may be received in evidence. The arbitrator may administer oaths and require by subpoena attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of books and records and other evidence relating to the issues presented. The arbitrator ~~shall have~~ has a period of 30 days from the termination of the hearing in which to submit ~~his~~ a report to the parties and to the board, unless that time limitation is extended by the executive director.

**Sec. E-124. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§5, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

C. The mediator-arbitrator shall encourage the parties to reach a voluntary settlement of their dispute, but may, after a reasonable period of mediation as ~~he~~ the mediator-arbitrator may determine, initiate an arbitration proceeding by notifying the parties of ~~his~~ the mediator-arbitrator's intention to serve as a single arbitrator.

**Sec. E-125. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§5, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

F. The mediator-arbitrator ~~shall have~~ has a period of 30 days from the termination of the hearing in which to submit ~~his~~ a report to the parties and to the board, unless the period is extended by the executive director.

**Sec. E-126. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**6. Reports of arbitration.** The results of all arbitration and mediation-arbitration proceedings, recommendations and awards conducted under this section ~~shall~~ must be filed with the ~~Maine Labor Relations Board~~ board at the offices of its executive director simultaneously with the submissions of the recommendations and award to the parties. In the event the parties settle their dispute during the arbitration or mediation-arbitration proceeding, the arbitrator, the ~~chairman~~ chair of the arbitration panel or the mediator-arbitrator shall submit a report of ~~his~~ the arbitrator's, the chair's or the mediator-arbitrator's activities to the ~~Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board~~ executive director not more than 5 days after the proceeding has terminated.

**Sec. E-127. 26 MRSA §1286, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**1. Unit determination.** In the event of a dispute between the public employer and an employee or employees over the appropriateness of a unit for purposes of collective bargaining or between the public employer and an employee or employees over whether a supervisory or other position is included in the bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall make the determination, except that anyone excepted from the definition of "judicial employee" under section 1282 may not be included in a bargaining unit. The executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee conducting unit determination proceedings may administer oaths and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, ~~and~~ the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues represented to them.

**Sec. E-128. 26 MRSA §1286, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**2. Criteria.** In determining whether a supervisory position should be excluded from the proposed bargaining unit, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall consider, among other criteria, if the principal functions of the position are characterized by performing such management control duties as scheduling, assigning, overseeing and reviewing the work of subordinate employees, or performing such duties as are distinct and dissimilar from those performed by the employees supervised, or exercising judgment in adjusting grievances, applying other established personnel policies and procedures and in enforcing a collective bargaining agreement or establishing or participating in the establishment of performance standards for subordinate employees and taking corrective measures to implement those standards.

**Sec. E-129. 26 MRSA §1286, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**3. Determination of unit appropriateness.** In determining the unit appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive

director's designee shall seek to ~~insure~~ ensure to employees the fullest freedom in exercising the rights guaranteed by this chapter, to ~~insure~~ ensure a clear and identifiable community of interest among employees concerned and to avoid excessive fragmentation among bargaining units.

**Sec. E-130. 26 MRSA §1289, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**2. Complaints.** The public employer, ~~any~~ a judicial employee, ~~any~~ a judicial employee organization or ~~any~~ a bargaining agent ~~which that~~ believes that any person, the public employer, any judicial employee, any judicial employee organization or any bargaining agent has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice may file a complaint with the executive director of the board stating the charges in that regard. ~~No such~~ A complaint may ~~not~~ be filed with the executive director until the complaining party has served a copy ~~thereof of the complaint~~ upon the party complained of. Upon receipt of the complaint, the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee shall review the charge to determine whether the facts as alleged ~~may~~ constitute a prohibited act and shall forthwith cause an investigation to be conducted. The executive director shall attempt to obtain and evaluate sworn affidavits from persons having knowledge of the facts. If it is determined that the sworn facts do not, as a matter of law, constitute a violation, the charge ~~shall~~ must be dismissed by the executive director, subject to review by the board. If it is determined from the sworn facts that the complaint is meritorious, the executive director shall recommend a proposed settlement. The parties have 30 days after the recommendations are made to resolve their dispute. If the parties have not resolved their dispute by the end of the 30-day period, either party or the executive director may make the recommendations public, but not until the expiration of the 30-day period, unless the parties otherwise agree. If a formal hearing is ~~deemed~~ determined necessary by the executive director or by the board, the executive director shall serve upon the parties to the complaint a notice of the prehearing conference and of the hearing before the board, and that notice ~~to~~ must designate the time and place of the hearing for the prehearing conference or the hearing, as appropriate, ~~provided~~ except that a hearing ~~shall~~ may not be held based upon any alleged prohibited practice occurring more than 6 months prior to the filing of the complaint with the executive director. The party complained of ~~shall have~~ has the right to file a written answer to the complaint and to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony at the place and time fixed for the hearing. In the discretion of the board, any other person or organization may be allowed to intervene in that proceeding and to present testimony. ~~Nothing in this~~ This subsection ~~may~~ does not restrict the right of the board to require the executive director or ~~his~~ the executive director's designee to hold a prehearing conference on any prohibited practice complaint prior to the

hearing before the board and ~~taking~~ to take whatever action, including dismissal, attempting to resolve disagreements between the parties or recommending an order to the board, as ~~he~~ the executive director or the executive director's designee may ~~deem~~ determine appropriate, subject to review by the board.

**Sec. E-131. 26 MRSA §1289, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**3. Cease and desist order.** After hearing and argument, if, upon a preponderance of the evidence received, the board ~~shall be~~ is of the opinion that any party named in the complaint has engaged in or is engaging in ~~any~~ such a prohibited practice, the board shall in writing state its findings of fact and the reasons for its conclusions and shall issue and cause to be served upon the party an order requiring the party to cease and desist from that prohibited practice and to take such affirmative action, including reinstatement of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this Act. ~~No~~ An order of the board may ~~not~~ require the reinstatement of ~~any~~ an individual as an employee who has been suspended or discharged, or the payment to ~~him~~ the individual of any back pay, if that individual was suspended or discharged for cause.

**Sec. E-132. 26 MRSA §1290, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

**2. Subpoenas; evidence; witness fees.** The ~~chairman~~ chair may administer oaths and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the presentation of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to the board for determination. Witnesses subpoenaed by the board ~~shall~~ must be allowed the same fees as are paid to witnesses in the Superior Court. These fees, together with all necessary expenses of the board, ~~shall~~ must be paid by the Treasurer of State on warrants drawn by the State Controller.

**Sec. E-133. 26 MRSA §1301, first ¶** is corrected to read:

The State, counties, cities and towns, and every charitable or educational institution ~~which that~~ is supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or by any municipality shall, in the awarding of contracts for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping its buildings or public works, give preference to ~~workmen~~ workers and to bidders for such contracts who are residents of this State, ~~provided~~ as long as the bids submitted by ~~such~~ those resident bidders are equally favorable with bids submitted by contractors from without the State. This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to construction or repairs amounting to less than \$1,000 or to emergency work or to state road work.

**Sec. E-134. 26 MRSA §2052**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 346, §2, is corrected to read:

**§2052. Suits by the commissioner**

The commissioner shall bring an action on behalf of one or more employees in any court of competent jurisdiction to challenge any adverse determination on a petition for certification, or part thereof, filed under the Act when ~~he~~ the commissioner believes that determination to be erroneous.

**Sec. E-135. 26 MRSA §2075, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 327, is corrected to read:

**3. Training to begin within 2 years.** To be entitled for assistance under this Act, an employee must begin ~~his~~ a course of training within 2 years following ~~his~~ the separation from railroad employment as a result of acquisition of a railroad described in section 2072.

#### EXPLANATION

This Part corrects gender-specific references within statutory units in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26 pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 475, section 52, and, as authorized by Title 1, section 93, this Part also incorporates certain administrative changes and corrections to those statutory units.

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**SELECTED MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE LATE  
HONORABLE LOIS  
GALGAY RECKITT ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE  
BOSTON RED SOX  
OPENING HOME GAME ON  
APRIL 4, 2025**

**H.P. 950**

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2025, the Boston Red Sox host the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park in the 2025 season's home opener; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine has long been a proud and vital part of New England, producing extraordinary leaders who have made lasting contributions to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt devoted her life to public service, demonstrating remarkable leadership of, compassion for and dedication to the people of the State, and as an advocate for women across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt was the self-proclaimed Number One Red Sox fan; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt believed the Boston Red Sox are more than just a team. She believed they are a community and a source of pride for countless fans who call themselves Red Sox Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boston Red Sox have long been a symbol of excellence and perseverance, uniting fans across generations with a shared love for the game of baseball; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, take this occasion to honor the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt for her life of service, including 4 terms of service in the Maine House of Representatives, and celebrate the Boston Red Sox's Home Opener at Fenway Park.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 3, 2025 and the Senate April 8, 2025.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE MAINE  
FOREST SERVICE FOR ITS  
2024 OUT-OF-STATE  
MOBILIZATIONS**

**S.P. 514**

**WHEREAS**, regionally and nationally, the Maine Forest Service, as part of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, works within mutual aid agreements to assist state and federal partners, including during the recent 2024 mobilization season; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and National Stafford Act Master Agreement, the Maine Forest Service had 30 mobilizations in 2024, sending resources to other parts of the country to respond to 25 incidents, including Hurricane Helene in the Town of Black Mountain in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 the Maine Forest Service also sent personnel and equipment to California, New Mexico, Washington, Nevada, Oregon, Georgia, Alabama, Connecticut and Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-one rangers, one forester and one entomologist from the Maine Forest Service participated in the 2024 mobilization season, as did staff from the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and other state agencies and 24 call-when-needed firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Forest Service sent these personnel and resources to other states to respond to wildfires and natural disasters, but because of our mutual aid agreements, Maine can rely on help from other states when natural disasters occur here; and

**WHEREAS**, while Maine forest rangers and Maine Forest Service staff, other state staff and the call-when-needed firefighters are highly trained, by mobilizing across the country, they gained invaluable additional training and experience that they can apply to the protection of Maine's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, wildfire suppression and emergency response missions are inherently dangerous, but through training, having reliable equipment, using proper personal protective equipment, conducting medical screenings and relying on peer support systems, the Maine Forest Service was successful operationally and in protecting all personnel both here and away in 2024; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in

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the First Special Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Forest Service for its 2024 mobilization season and express our appreciation for and pride in the personnel of the Maine Forest Service and all who answered the call.

**Read and adopted by the Senate April 24, 2025  
and the House of Representatives April 29, 2025.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO  
EXPRESS THE  
LEGISLATURE'S  
OPPOSITION TO THE  
REMOVAL OF  
NAVIGATIONAL BUOYS  
H.P. 1329**

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2025, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources voted unanimously to send a letter expressing the committee's concern about the proposed removal of dozens of United States Coast Guard navigational buoys along the Maine coast; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Coast Guard, most if not all buoys would be removed to modernize the system of navigational aids and limit vessel transit risk to an acceptable level at an acceptable cost; and

**WHEREAS**, buoys are essential tools along Maine's highly irregular coast, where rocky outcroppings are common and tides can be strong, especially in eastern Maine, and are especially critical in areas prone to dense fog, strong currents or hidden hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the buoys targeted for removal are used by mariners to navigate their vessels at harbor entrances and around ledges and other hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, in its letter, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources expressed its strong opposition to the proposed removal of these buoys because of its concern that removing these physical aids will create hazards for the State's fishing communities; and

**WHEREAS**, most commercial fishermen use physical aids, including the buoys, as well as newer technology, but current electronic navigation charts and charting systems and smartphone navigation apps are not always reliable and, if they were to fail and no alternative navigational tools are available, lives may be put at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, small boaters, including kayakers and recreational fishermen, do not always have the capacity to purchase these electronic systems and keep up with associated subscriptions and must rely on physical aids by necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of our State are tied to the ocean through fishing and recreation and the proposal

to remove the buoys is shortsighted and even dangerous; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express its strong opposition to the United States Coast Guard's plan to remove the navigational buoys.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives  
May 29, 2025 and the Senate June 2, 2025.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL  
HOSPITAL WEEK AND THE  
EXEMPLARY CARDIAC  
CARE TEAM AT  
NORTHERN LIGHT  
EASTERN MAINE MEDICAL  
CENTER  
S.P. 793**

**WHEREAS**, the 2nd week of May is National Hospital Week, a time to celebrate and recognize the dedication and hard work of doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals across the State who selflessly care for patients and enhance the health and well-being of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center is a vital tertiary care hospital serving the northern 2/3 of the State and providing comprehensive medical services to the residents of this vast region; and

**WHEREAS**, cardiovascular disease remains a significant health concern in Maine, contributing to over 25,000 deaths in the past decade. While rates of cardiovascular disease are generally below the national average, the recent increase in related deaths is alarming. Furthermore, cardiovascular diseases are exacerbated by other health issues such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity, which compound the risks for many Mainers; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center has been a leader in cardiovascular care for over 40 years, offering advanced medical treatment and technologies to ensure the heart health of the people of Maine. Their team of highly skilled cardiovascular physicians and dedicated healthcare professionals has been at the forefront of providing innovative heart care solutions, using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures to deliver the best possible outcomes for patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the heart care team at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, led by Dr. Darryl Hoffman, a distinguished surgeon in the field of cardiothoracic surgery, is committed to the highest standards of care, saving lives and making a lasting difference in the

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lives of countless patients throughout the region; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize National Hospital Week and Dr. Darryl Hoffman and the entire Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center Cardiology team for their exceptional care, skill and dedication to saving lives every day, and we extend our deepest appreciation for their ongoing contribution to the health and well-being of the people of Maine; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Dr. Darryl Hoffman and the entire cardiology team at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, with our heartfelt gratitude and recognition of their outstanding work in advancing heart health care in Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate June 11, 2025 and the House of Representatives June 12, 2025.**

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to extend to you, the members of the Minnesota State Legislature, our deepest condolences for the deaths of your colleague State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and we offer our prayers and wishes for the well-being of State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we condemn political violence and wish to express our horror, grief and outrage and our concern for the victims of these shootings; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we extend to you our goodwill and hope for healing and our thanks for your service, and we offer our support in any work you undertake to ameliorate the divisions in our civic life that give rise to these acts of violence.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives June 18, 2025 and the Senate June 18, 2025.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO  
EXPRESS THE  
LEGISLATURE'S DEEPEST  
CONDOLENCES ON THE  
DEATHS OF MINNESOTA  
REPRESENTATIVE  
MELISSA HORTMAN AND  
HER HUSBAND MARK  
HORTMAN**

**H.P. 1339**

**WHEREAS,** we have learned that targeted shootings of two Minnesota state lawmakers took place on the morning of Saturday, June 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were fatally shot inside their home in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota in the early morning; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota State Senator John A. Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were also shot multiple times in an earlier attack allegedly by the same assailant, but Mr. Hoffman and his wife are expected to survive; and

**WHEREAS,** a suspect in the shootings has been apprehended; and

**WHEREAS,** both state lawmakers who were shot served critical roles in the Minnesota State Legislature, with Mrs. Hortman having served as Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives for a six-year period that ended this year and Mr. Hoffman, a fourth-term state senator, chairing the Senate Human Services Committee; now, therefore, be it



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OF  
GOVERNOR JANET T. MILLS  
JANUARY 28, 2025**

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**Governor Mills' 2025 State of the Budget Address**

Introduction

Thank you.

Madam President, Mr. Speaker, Madam Chief Justice, Mr. Attorney General, Madam Secretary of State, Mr. Treasurer, Chief Sabattis, Chief Nicholas, Members of the Cabinet, including our newly confirmed Commissioner Joan Cohen, Members of the 132nd Legislature, and esteemed guests –

Tonight, we gather for the time-honored tradition of a Governor's Address to you, the one hundred and eighty-six public servants who collectively have been chosen to represent the interests of the 1.4 million people of this state.

One year ago, we were starting to recover from several deadly storms which had devastated our communities.

We responded with the largest investment in storm relief in state history to rebuild our working waterfronts, critical infrastructure and local businesses. That funding was significant, but it was merely a down payment on the rest of the work ahead to prepare for the violent storms of the future.

As the very first measure of this legislative session, we have once again come together to introduce LD 1, a bill that directly responds to the interim recommendations of my Rebuilding Commission to prepare our homes and public infrastructure against future storms.

I want to thank Hannah Pingree, Director of my policy office, for spearheading this measure and Bob Carey, our Superintendent of Insurance, for his contributions to this legislation. I also want to thank President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, Senate Minority Leader Stewart, and House Minority Leader Faulkingham for sponsoring it.

LD 1 is the next step in fortifying our state and our economy from the type of damage we experienced a year ago and that we are bound to see again. This bill

has no General Fund impact. Send LD 1 to my desk and I will sign it.

We gather tonight during a period of transition as a new administration takes shape in Washington. The new President has issued a flurry of orders, and he promises others that could affect our biennial budget and the way we do things in our state.

Just yesterday, the President directed a halt to nearly all Federal loans, grants, and other financial assistance.

Like many of you, I have serious questions about the extent and scope of his decision; about the impact on Maine people, Maine industries, schools, small businesses, the elderly and our most vulnerable; and about his legal authority to issue such an edict.

My Administration is evaluating the effects of this order, but it is already clear that it is causing needless chaos and confusion that could turn into real and serious harm.

I want to reaffirm for the people of Maine, though, as with any administration, if the President does something good for our state, I will support him. If he does something that would harm our state, I will firmly oppose him.

Time will tell what paths the President and the new Congress choose.

No matter what, I ask this Legislature to join me in putting the people of Maine first. The people we serve – they think for themselves, they take care of their neighbors, and they stand together when things get tough, regardless of their differences. And so can we.

The people of Maine expect us to get things done, regardless of what happens in Washington.

Drawn from sixteen counties across the State of Maine, you bring diverse views, backgrounds and beliefs to this Capitol to create positive change and make our state a better place.

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Each of the bills you will debate this session is designed to change things for the better, but the most consequential and complex tool we have that affects the lives of Maine people is the state budget.

That is the bill I want to talk with you about tonight.

For six years I have introduced balanced budget proposals, and with your support, those budgets have sent historic amounts of money back to Maine schools, Maine communities and Maine people to create the conditions for strong economic growth.

Nearly 40 percent of state revenue goes right back to local schools and governments with the hope that these funds will relieve the burden on property taxes assessed at the local level. Alleviating the burden of those taxes and investing wisely in the things that bring jobs, that expand our workforce, and that protect those in need will keep us on the path to more economic growth.

### State of the Economy

I am proud to report to you that Maine's economic growth is outpacing the national average, including the rest of New England, and it's outpacing even large states like New York and California.

In fact, over the past six years, in spite of the pandemic, Maine has experienced more economic growth than it did in the entire fourteen years before I took office.

Our state's credit ratings have been upgraded to the second highest possible rating after being downgraded during the previous administration — a reflection of what the credit rating agencies have called our "strong fiscal governance."

Maine's unemployment rate has remained below four percent for three years straight — one of the longest stretches ever — and it's been consistently below the national average.

The number of people working in Maine is at an all-time high.

The average salary of Maine workers has increased by more than 25 percent from 2019 to 2023.

Our Budget Stabilization Fund is near its record high limit — in fact, this emergency fund has grown by nearly \$720 million since I took office.

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Last year, more than 17,800 new businesses opened up in Maine.

One person who has been instrumental in bringing about Maine's remarkable economic growth is Commissioner Heather Johnson. The author of our ten-year economic plan, a Maine native with national credentials, Commissioner Johnson has championed innovative new businesses, promoted Free Community College, and fought for universal high-speed internet for all Maine people — another economic driver and a boon to our state.

To my dismay, Commissioner Johnson has announced that she will be pursuing new opportunities come March. I want to thank her for six years of hard work making Maine a better place to live. Thank you, Heather.

I'm proud of our economic accomplishments, but some folks may be thinking, "So what? A strong GDP isn't making my groceries any cheaper. A big Rainy Day Fund isn't helping me buy a house. A low unemployment rate isn't making a dent in my electric bill."

I hear you.

The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and have impacted the budgets of nearly every state.

I welcome a robust discussion among Democrats, Republicans and Independents during this legislative session, because I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state — things that allow every person to be their best selves.

While not everyone is feeling it, our economy is strong.

That strength is reflected in recent budget surpluses —

### Fiscal Outlook

Over the past three years, we have ended every Fiscal Year in the black. In 2022, our budget surplus was \$562 million. In 2023, it was \$141 million. In 2024, it was nearly \$94 million.

But last year we could see that these state revenues were leveling off as federal stimulus funds faded and as the economy returned to normal following the pandemic.

That was no surprise — most other states across the country, including many in New England, are seeing revenues level off too.

At the same time, programs that people widely support — like education, revenue sharing, free community college, and school meals — are all costing more.

The price of goods, the cost of fuel, equipment, technology and labor all impact our baseline budget for K-12 education, school meals, higher education, corrections and public safety, and other services. These baseline expenses also generate some of the increases included in this budget.

Maintaining the state's share of K-12 education alone costs an additional \$156 million over the biennium, over and above the more than \$2.8 billion in the baseline budget.

On top of that, we are required by Constitutional amendment passed in 1995 to pay down the debt to the teachers' retirement fund. That alone costs an additional \$30 million, bringing the total cost of this item alone to more than \$470 million over the next two years.

For some of the same reasons, operational costs for hospitals, nursing homes, doctors and nurses are also increasing. At the same time, people are catching up on medical procedures that were postponed during the pandemic. And because our economy has improved, the federal share of those medical costs, or "FMAP," for the Medicaid program has gone down, meaning we need to cover the \$63 million the Federal government is taking away for this coming biennium alone.

Higher operational costs and the leveling off of revenues have merged to produce a tougher than usual budget environment this year.

We saw this coming, which is why I asked the Legislature last year to reduce spending by amending certain programs and to set aside \$107 million for this biennium.

That did not happen, and instead, measures supported by people from both parties added more spending onto the budget.

Lawmakers then sent more spending bills to my desk at the end of the session, bills which I did not sign and which did not become law. And some folks — again, not just Democrats — even tried to advance a spending bill that would have cost another \$117 million. We stopped that too.

I say this not to wag a finger at anyone, but simply to acknowledge that — regardless of whether you are a Democrat or a Republican or an Independent — the urge to say yes to well-meaning measures, especially at the end of a long legislative session, is strong, and it is difficult to say no to last minute appeals and heavy lobbying.

My friends, this time around, we simply cannot say yes.

The time for hard conversations and tough decisions is here, starting with the supplemental budget.

#### Supplemental Budget

In the supplemental budget I am asking you to close a current gap in MaineCare that jeopardizes timely payments to hospitals and others.

That gap is the result of four things: 1) the Federal government requiring us to keep people on MaineCare during and after the pandemic; 2) an uptick in health care services as more people went back to the doctor after the pandemic; 3) an increase in the cost of those services because of inflation; and 4) the practice of "cost reimbursement" which does not allow the State to control costs — something we are trying to move away from.

Any of these things on their own might not have been troublesome, but together they are very concerning. We will need to address this shortfall promptly and within existing resources. I am proposing to use the additional revenue we have taken in for this current Fiscal Year to cover that gap. Maine patients and providers need you to approve the Supplemental Budget in a timely, bipartisan manner to fulfill our obligation to hospitals, nursing homes, and other providers. Their budgets, and their patients, cannot afford disruptions and delays. I urge you all to please approve this funding.

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Now let's turn to the biennial budget – another place where tough choices will be required.

### Biennial Budget

To fund every program in current law – every bill already enacted, every program already authorized -- would cost a minimum of \$11.67 billion over the next two years – and that is very likely an underestimate because costs have only grown since last October, when that number was calculated.

On the other hand, the State of Maine is expected to take in \$11.2 billion in revenue. I don't have to spell it out for you – that's a budget gap.

Maine is far from the only state facing such a gap. In fact, many states are – red and blue states both.

Colorado is looking at a shortfall of around \$750 million next year. Washington State is facing a \$10 to \$12 billion budget gap for the next two years. Nebraska, a Republican-led state, is facing a \$432 million shortfall. Iowa, another Republican-led state, is looking at a \$1.1 billion budget gap – one driven not by spending, but by tax cuts.

My point is that budget constraints are not unique to blue states or to red states this year. Nearly every state has fiscal challenges right now, and for a variety of reasons.

I am pleased to say that Maine is in better shape than many other states, but we have work to do to enact a balanced budget as required by the Maine Constitution, one that provides stability, one that protects public safety, one that preserves a basic social safety net, and one that promotes the continued growth of our economy.

That work will be hard, but we've done it before.

### State of the Budget

It is easy to forget that, of 20 major money bills in the past six years, including supplemental budgets, biennial budgets, and highway fund budgets, 16 of them were enacted with bipartisan support. Across these various spending bills, members of the minority and the majority parties voted together to change the lives of Maine people —

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- We expanded Medicaid, as voters told us to do.
- We achieved 55 percent state funding for education for the first time in Maine history, putting funds directly into classrooms to benefit Maine kids.
- We fully restored revenue sharing to 5 percent, after it had been severely cut by the previous Administration. We are sending a lot more money to towns and cities for fire and police protection and the like so that those costs wouldn't all be passed on to the property taxpayers.
- We delivered \$850 checks to Maine taxpayers, one of the strongest inflation relief programs in the nation, and, later, another \$450 in winter energy relief payments.
- We expanded property tax relief to keep more money in the pockets of Maine residents.
- We became the second state in the nation to fund universal free meals in the public schools, erasing a divide that only stigmatized kids whose families have less.
- We delivered two years of free community college to recent high school graduates, bringing higher education within reach of more students, and creating a direct pipeline of trained workers for employers.
- We expanded student debt relief to all graduates, not just those who attended Maine colleges, encouraging them to work in Maine. That tax credit is now one of the strongest student debt relief programs in the country.
- We enacted housing tax credits that are spurring construction across the state, and we developed a nation-leading 'Housing First' program to end chronic homelessness.
- We invested hundreds of millions of dollars in rate reform to improve MaineCare reimbursements for many health care providers and to base those increases on objective criteria, not just on who lobbies more effectively.

I am grateful to you in this room – both Democrats and Republicans and Independents – who contributed to these and other achievements.

My budget proposes to maintain these core commitments to Maine people – to provide affordable health care, to fully fund education, to protect the public safety, to send money back to our towns and cities in order to reduce property taxes, and to keep the doors of opportunity open for all our people.

This is not reckless spending, as I have heard some say. Rather, if we did not do these things, hospitals would incur more uncompensated care, property taxes would only go up, and tuition to higher eds would certainly rise.

Stealing from Peter to pay Paul never works; (I should know, they're both my brothers!)

Now let's talk about health care.

#### Health Care

I have long said that we cannot have a healthy economy if we do not have healthy people. We all know that it's pretty hard to hold down a job, support a family, or pay attention at school if you're sick or taking care of someone who is sick.

I am proud that we have expanded access to health care to more than 100,000 people in Maine, as the voters required us to do. That expansion group is funded 90 percent by the Federal government. In recent years, you also expanded health care coverage for children to those with incomes of up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, recognizing that keeping children healthy promotes better outcomes later in life.

Last year, about 133,000 children were enrolled in MaineCare; that's up from about 100,000 in 2019.

At the same time, nearly 70,000 people have come off the MaineCare rolls as a result of the 'unwinding,' required by the federal government, and just recently, nearly 65,000 people have enrolled in private health insurance through Maine's state-based marketplace, CoverMe.Gov, under the Affordable Care Act – a larger enrollment than ever before.

Protecting the health care of Maine people – particularly our most vulnerable and those who cannot afford health insurance – is important. That is why in this budget I am proposing \$122 million a year to stabilize the MaineCare program over the biennium.

Nearly 400,000 people, including children, the elderly, people with disabilities, pregnant women, and veterans are enrolled in MaineCare. They should not have to choose between getting medical care and going hungry, going without heat, or being evicted because they have had a heart attack, had a car accident, or had a cancer diagnosis.

In this budget we are also strengthening our children's behavioral health system, including fully funding a residential psychiatric treatment facility for youth, the first of its kind in Maine, so that kids aren't sent out of state in order to get appropriate care.

I also propose more money for therapeutic foster care, along with a screening system to better identify children's behavioral health needs. We know that emergency rooms are not where a child's needs are best met. These measures are at the heart of our recent settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to improve children's behavioral health services.

I read a story recently about a family whose son waited nearly a year for a treatment bed for severe behavioral health needs. His mom, Jessica, said "We don't have choices, and he is in constant distress; we need to figure this out."

Jessica is right. With the Legislature's support, we have invested more than \$260 million in recent years to improve these services. With this budget, we can, and we will, do better by children with severe behavioral health needs and their families.

Just as health care is a central part of this budget, so too is education.

#### Education

Every child in Maine deserves a good education regardless of their zip code and regardless of their family's assets.

In 2021, with that goal in mind, we met the state's obligation to pay 55 percent of local education costs for the

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first time since the voters told us to do so in 2004. My budget includes an additional \$156 million to continue this commitment, investing directly in our schools, teachers, staff, and students – and preventing the entire cost of public education from being passed onto the property taxpayers.

Now, I know that sounds like a lot of money, and it is. Fully funding education is the largest cost driver in state government, behind Medicaid. In 2019, the State paid nearly \$1.1 billion towards the cost of K-12 education.

Having achieved 55 percent, that total now stands at \$1.5 billion per year. It is a fact of life that these costs keep going up, but we have an obligation to our children to pay them.

In 2021, we also passed nation-leading legislation to ensure that no Maine child goes hungry during the school day. I am now proposing another \$6 million – for a total of \$126 million over the biennium – to continue this popular program so that no child tries to learn on an empty stomach.

Together we increased funding for career and technical education centers by more than \$20 million over the last five years.

And, in 2022, we made two years of Community College free for recent high school graduates impacted by the pandemic. We believed that not only would it allow students to pursue higher education debt-free but that it would make ready a trained workforce where it was sorely needed in certain sectors of our economy.

In the two years since then, 17,000 students total have enrolled in a Maine Community College tuition-free. Hundreds of those students then transferred to four-year colleges and contributed to the highest increase in enrollment in the University of Maine System in three years.

Cameron Beers of Eddington studied welding at the United Technology Center in Bangor. She then used the Free Community College Program to enroll in welding classes at Eastern Maine Community College. After she graduates, Cameron intends to work full time and take courses at the University of Maine as well. She is a shining example of the success of this program.

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Over the past several years, we have funded the Free Community College Program on a one-time basis to evaluate whether it's working.

I think the answer is pretty clear, and the time has come to make free community college permanent for recent high school graduates.

I hope you will support this investment in my budget.

Importantly, this budget also includes \$41 million for a 4 percent increase for all of our public higher education institutions — the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, and the Maine Maritime Academy – to cover basic operational costs.

We need to make sure that a college education remains affordable, and we can't ignore the economic contributions of all of our higher eds, including the world-renowned research going on at our R1 institution, the University of Maine. Thank you, President Ferrini-Mundy and Chancellor Malloy for your leadership.

### Property Tax Relief and Housing Cost Relief

As I mentioned, together we have made historic investments in education to boost our public schools and to fight property tax increases. In 2022, we also fully restored municipal revenue sharing to 5 percent for the first time in 13 years, sending more than \$260 million last year alone to cities and towns across Maine. By contrast, in 2019, revenue sharing sent only \$74 million to our cities and towns.

My budget includes a total of \$561 million to maintain the required level of municipal revenue sharing. That's about \$284 million a year going directly back to cities and towns in 2027.

That increase makes a big difference to our communities.

As Auburn firefighter Michael Scott said a few years ago, "Any additional revenue coming into the municipalities that doesn't come straight from property taxes always makes it a little bit easier for the municipalities to figure out their budgets."

Now, with these large increases in funds coming from state government, I fervently hope that the towns, cities

and schools find ways to better share and coordinate services and personnel, regionalize programs, save money, and reduce the burden on our property taxpayers.

Stabilizing property taxes is important, and we also have to bring down other costs related to home ownership.

You passed – and I signed into law – expansions of tax relief programs like the Property Tax Fairness Credit, the Homestead Exemption and the State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit to promote housing development.

You also passed – and I signed into law – historic new tax relief programs like the Affordable Housing Tax Credit, sponsored by Speaker Fecteau — You even let Speaker Fecteau move back into his own Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) right off the House Chamber!

My budget maintains these significant programs. And it maintains funding for our Housing First Program, to address chronic homelessness – we expect funding applications for at least four Housing First properties to be awarded this spring, as scheduled.

I am also proud to say that my budget dedicates \$3 million in one time funding to the very successful Mobile Home Park Preservation Fund we created last year. That Fund has already preserved housing and prevented eviction for hundreds of people across Maine.

Zach Walker, who lives at Blueberry Fields Cooperative in Brunswick, which was recently purchased by the residents, says that he’s been “basking in the security that we’ll never have to worry about what’s going to happen in the future.” These people can now stay in their homes, continue to pay rent and keep their jobs in the community. It is money well spent.

My budget also invests in public safety.

#### Public Safety

After the tragedy of October 25<sup>th</sup> in Lewiston, we established a commission of distinguished experts to determine the facts surrounding that horrific event. Following their report, we authorized an independent after-action review of the law enforcement response.

That review recommended measures to improve communications and coordination in the event of another such tragedy. We are requesting additional positions in the budget to meet those recommendations and to strengthen our response to future emergencies.

As an aside, the Lewiston Commission also noted that Maine’s Extreme Risk Protection Order, or so-called “Yellow Flag” Law, could have been used to remove the perpetrator’s guns before that tragedy occurred.

Last year we strengthened this law to clarify and streamline the process further.

Last week, advocates submitted signatures to force a referendum that would directly undermine our current law.

Opponents of our current law argue: 1) that family members should be allowed to petition the court for removal of a weapon, not just law enforcement, and 2) that a mental health assessment is not necessary and that it stigmatizes people with mental health issues.

I agree that not all people who have mental health issues are violent, but our law does not require a diagnosis or a lengthy exam. It simply asks a medical provider to understand a person’s frame of mind and determine whether the person poses a threat to themselves or others. And think about this: the words “suicide” or “suicidal” were used more than 300 times by law enforcement to describe the state of mind of the individuals whose weapons were removed by court order.

This law is not a burden. These are folks who are in crisis and who, thanks to the mental health assessment, are also now being connected – perhaps for the first time – to Maine’s mental health system.

The law provides due process and it will survive legal scrutiny.

I also don’t believe a private citizen should have to navigate what can be a complex and confusing court procedure by themselves, especially in the middle of already difficult circumstances.

It is the government’s responsibility, not that of a private citizen, to protect the public from gun violence.

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Law enforcement officers across Maine are taking this law seriously, have been trained, and are using the law on a daily basis to remove firearms from those who should not have them – 672 times total as of yesterday.

As York County Sheriff William King put it, “People are getting used to it. Spurwink put out a step-by-step process that’s awesome for us, and very clear about what to do and when to do it. It’s becoming easier for us to implement the law.”

I stand by our current law. It was passed with the near unanimous support of the legislature. It is working. It is saving lives every day.

### Substance Use Disorder

Another problem that continues to threaten our health and public safety is substance use disorder. With your support, my Administration, with the leadership of Gordon Smith, has worked with partners across the state to increase prevention, treatment and recovery:

- We have widely distributed the overdose-reversal drug naloxone.
- We have strengthened prevention in our communities and schools.
- We have increased the number of treatment beds all across Maine.
- At the same time, law enforcement is doing its job taking nearly 200 pounds of illegal drugs off our streets last year alone — including nearly 40 pounds of methamphetamine and 35 pounds of fentanyl.

But Maine saw a 16 percent decline in fatal overdoses in 2023, one of the nation’s largest decreases. Last year, overdose deaths declined another 19 percent. 116 people saved.

We are saving lives, and we won’t rest until this problem is solved.

The Legislature approved my request last year for \$4 million to expand Medication Assisted Treatment in our county jails, and those funds are giving residents a chance at new life as they re-enter their communities.

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A young woman named Amanda who got MAT while she was in the Somerset County Jail, said “I felt like I was living, not just an addict. It made me feel like a regular person.”

Let’s keep that program going with the continued funding for MAT included in my budget.

The budget also includes \$1.5 million to continue our Mobile Crisis Response Teams — specially trained behavioral health responders dispatched twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to de-escalate mental health and substance use crises, assess needs, and provide an appropriate level of care in the least restrictive setting.

Last year we also authorized more crisis receiving centers, modelled on the successful center in Portland, to offer prompt and appropriate care for any person experiencing a mental health crisis, instead of them suffering alone or languishing in an emergency department or a jail, which happens too often.

We aren’t able to fund all of the centers that were requested, but my budget does fund two new crisis receiving centers in Lewiston and Penobscot County. When taken with the one in Portland, these will provide improved geographic balance and better access to crucial services for more people.

### Maine Commission of Public Defense Services

It’s worth noting here that there are some things you will be asked about for which we are not proposing major increases.

The budget of the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services, for instance, quadrupled already from \$11 million to \$44 million in recent years. Next Fiscal Year, it will be more than \$50 million.

And yet, though we have poured more and more tax dollars into this agency, more people than ever are going without legal counsel when facing criminal charges or child protection proceedings.

The number of criminal defendants who lack legal representation reportedly skyrocketed by 658 percent in one year alone between 2022 and 2023. It doesn’t make sense, when there are about 4,000 lawyers practicing in Maine, that only 130 are “rostered” to take new cases.

Many individuals are facing domestic violence charges, and the criminal defense bar is asking that these unrepresented and potentially violent people just go free.

I agree with Chief Justice Stanfill and others who have said this is a crisis.

And because it's a crisis, the Public Defense Commission must do a lot more to find lawyers immediately for people charged with crime.

That means getting rid of arbitrary case load limits, restrictions, rules and rostering requirements, none of which are constitutionally required. It means accepting help from the Judiciary in finding capable lawyers to take cases, rather than resisting that help. And it means allowing the newly created public defender offices – which have shown some promise in Kennebec County – to handle the volume and type of cases required.

The current system has become a disastrous example of the perfect becoming the enemy of the good. Just a few years ago we had all the lawyers we needed, but not enough accountability. Now we have a system that is so focused on rules that it has driven away the lawyers. The Commission wants tens of millions of dollars more in the budget. But first, the Commission must change.

#### Savings

My Administration spent months carefully developing a budget to protect the programs you have embraced and protect the long-term fiscal health of the state.

Ultimately, we took a balanced approach – one that made some investments, that proposed some savings, and that made targeted revenue increases.

To reduce spending, we are proposing changes to programs – primarily within the Department of Health and Human Services.

These decisions were not easy to make.

Believe me when I say that, despite having invested more than \$56 million in child care, I do not like having to reduce the stipends that were doubled just last year.

Despite having invested more than half a billion dollars into improving MaineCare rates, I do not like having to suspend upcoming cost of living increases for health care providers.

Despite expanding Pre-K options across the state, I do not like having to propose scaling back the increases in state funding for Head Start.

Despite having stood up shelters and provided other subsidies, tax credits and loan programs for housing, I do not like having to propose scaling back the General Assistance payments for housing.

Despite having increased the pension deduction for retirees three-fold in three years, I do not like having to modify it for anyone, even if only for higher income retirees.

But we did not set out to achieve savings in a careless way. Instead, we have tried to be purposeful.

Wherever possible, I have proposed amending programs that have not been implemented yet, to make these changes less disruptive. Or I have proposed scaling back programs that have become more expansive in recent years. Or scaling back State dollars where Federal dollars are available.

All of these are worthwhile investments that I wish we could continue at higher levels. But we simply cannot sustain all of them.

Just as I don't like proposing cuts to programs, I also don't like proposing revenue increases – even targeted ones.

But if I had to consider a revenue increase, I decided that I wanted it to be specific and purposeful, rather than broad-based, and I wanted it to provide some social benefit in return. That is what the cigarette tax achieves.

#### Cigarette Excise Tax

Maine has the highest adult smoking rate – and the second highest youth smoking rate – in New England. We also have the cheapest cigarettes of nearly every state in New England, and we have not raised the cigarette excise tax in two decades, unlike every other New England state.

When cigarettes are a leading cause of cancer, heart disease, and stroke, and when more than one-third of Maine cancer deaths each year are caused by smoking, our current policy doesn't make sense.

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Recognizing that a higher cost to cigarettes can dissuade some people from smoking, especially young people, my budget proposes a \$1 increase to the cigarette excise tax. A \$1 increase, for a total of three dollars, puts us in the middle of our New England neighbors, which is still relatively low.

Now, I have heard some of my Republican friends criticize this proposal. Republicans oppose tax increases; I heard some folks huff and puff – no pun intended.

Remember how earlier I said that Republican-led Nebraska is facing their own budget problems. Well, their Republican governor, like your Democratic governor, has proposed an increase in their cigarette tax too.

So, no, not all Republicans oppose an increase in cigarette taxes.

And look, I understand your concern about the impact on low-income people and that, really, you would like to make it as cheap as possible for people to smoke.

If that is the case, I would simply ask in return that you not also try to cut the very health care services these same folks are going to need due to smoking. Because that is what you are doing when you look at cutting Medicaid.

And you should also know that smoking-related medical care costs the MaineCare program more than \$281 million a year, and that smoking also reduces productivity – causing absenteeism and an inability to work – an estimated \$1.5 billion loss to our state’s economy each year.

That is taxpayer money that could be saved and productivity that would add value to our economy.

### Other Revenues

In 2016, Maine voters legalized adult use cannabis by referendum. Despite that, the program was not implemented until I took office. Since retail sales began in 2020, Maine’s cannabis market has changed a lot. It’s time to change our cannabis taxes too. That’s why I am proposing to lower the excise tax and increase the sales tax, adjustments which will put Maine in the middle of the pack among the states for cannabis taxes.

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And while we are talking about cannabis, I want to say that the time has come to better regulate the medical market with testing and tracking requirements so that those consumers – just like recreational users – can be confident that those products are safe. If you are ingesting cannabis for medical reasons, you should want to know that you are not consuming pesticides or other contaminants that are going to make your health worse.

We cannot continue to encourage the wild wild west of medical cannabis, which is contributing to the illicit market that has emerged – and that needs to be fought – across rural Maine.

My budget also proposes an assessment on non-municipal ambulance and on pharmacy prescriptions.

I understand the natural apprehension when you hear the words ambulance, pharmacy, and assessment together in one sentence, but let me explain. First, it is important to note that these are not charges that should be passed along to consumers.

Here’s why: creating this new stream of revenue will allow us to draw down additional Federal funds along with it. We take this new funding, turn around, and invest much of it back into higher reimbursement rates for both those ambulances and pharmacies, so that they are basically made whole for the cost to begin with.

These targeted increases all told, I believe, are reasonable, and they raise revenues while leaving the wallets of most Maine families untouched.

### Coming Together

I have to tell you: it’s not been fun or easy to put this budget together – something you are beginning to understand. And, again, over all of this is the unpredictability of the federal government whose actions may directly affect our state appropriations and expenditures and the welfare of Maine people.

When I introduced my budget two weeks ago, I could hear the collective groans of both Democrats and Republicans echoing in the chambers upstairs.

That is the same pain and frustration my commissioners and I have felt over the past several months as we put this budget together.

I know there is a strong desire among some of you to just “tax the rich” or “end corporate welfare.”

I hear you.

But I have opposed changing our tax rates, much to the dismay of my Democratic friends, because stability and predictability, for our people and for entrepreneurs and investors looking at Maine, cannot be overstated.

Changing our income or sales taxes in order to raise revenue would discourage investments we very much need to keep our economy on track. Investors are looking for a stable fiscal climate and they in turn will bring good, high-paying jobs, raising the standard of living, and growing the economy.

In the long run, that is the best way to expand state and local revenues and to support all our people.

In that same vein, when you say, ‘corporate welfare,’ what I hear is, you want to do away with incentives that attract new technology, manufacturing, life sciences, and the like – the wave of the future and the producers of future jobs. That too would be short-sighted.

To raise broad-based taxes and to cut economic development tools are not winning strategies.

Look, to my Democratic friends, I know you don’t want to see programs cut. I know many of you would prefer to see us raise more money through tax increases to avoid any reductions whatsoever. But you also know your Republican colleagues on the other side of the aisle don’t want to do that.

To my Republican friends, some of you say you don’t want to raise revenues – even in a targeted way.

I know you would prefer to cut more programs to bridge the gap and avoid any and all tax increases. But you also know your Democratic colleagues on the other side of the aisle generally don’t want to do that.

So where do we go from here?

I have put forward a budget that does not rely entirely on either revenue increases or cuts to programs. Instead, it does both to bridge the gap and continue to invest in things we all support, like education, revenue sharing, public safety, higher education, and school meals.

Now, I have already heard some of you criticizing the budget before it was even printed. “No tax increases,” some said. “No program cuts” from others.

It is easy to stand in front of a TV camera and say “No”. It is easy to fire off a social media post and to feel good as the “Likes” roll in.

I encourage you to reserve judgment, however, and not create barriers to compromise. Look, I mean, even Old Orchard Beach isn’t big enough for all the lines in the sand some of you have already drawn.

But it is harder to do the work of sitting around the table – or the horseshoe -- putting forward your own ideas, hearing what folks on all sides have to say, and then coming to consensus to enact balanced public policy.

Whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent – that’s how I hope you approach these conversations: in good faith, with good ideas, with civility, with an open mind to the views of others, and, ultimately, with the commitment and the courage to make hard choices.

### Conclusion

Tonight, I have shared with you a clear account of where the state budget stands so that our discussions may commence with a common understanding of the challenges we face. While it’s true that we have some tough decisions to make in the coming weeks, we should not lose sight of the strengths of our state and the strengths of our people.

What other place is home to people who can make a living off the unpredictable and uncontrollable elements of life as we do — the fishermen who greet the ebb and flow of the tides, farmers who meet the rise and fall of the seasons, loggers and millworkers who remake the bounty of our forests?

What other place is home to scenic downtowns with award-winning food & drink, vibrant small businesses, thought-provoking art, literature and music that move the soul, pristine beaches, granite coves and breathtaking fields and mountains always within reach?

What other place has produced stars like Cooper Flagg and his talented brothers from Newport, Maine, young

men who make all of life's achievements seem like a slam dunk?

Or singers like Julia Gagnon, who capture the charm and spirit of our state with her beautiful voice?

Clean air, clean water, good schools and, yes, safe streets. Healthy forests and farms, clear lakes and fish-filled rivers, sturdy waterfronts. A strong economy with rewarding jobs, and a state that people want to visit in every season — we know that these are not little things, my friends, but we have them all. We are lucky.

Let's use this session to protect those things that make us special and keep our state on a stable fiscal course.

When we hear anger and acrimony, we should remember the words of our old friend Dave Mallett, who told us that things — especially things in Maine — are “Better than That.”

It is this time of year that the early morning sun confronts the face of the Capitol breaking through the east-facing facade, crowning it with light. It makes me feel hopeful about the progress of the day and the course of the year. I see faces and I hear voices across every county, town and city, every corner of the state, all looking to us to manage the finances of the state, to work with civil purpose, to solve problems, to create hope and prosperity, to keep people safe, and to preserve that which makes our state so special.

We have demonstrated in the past that Democrats, Republicans, and Independents can put their heads together and get good results. I am ready to work with you in the coming months on a budget that is balanced, that is fiscally responsible, that strengthens our economy and that lifts up our greatest asset of all: the people of Maine.

Thank you, and God bless the State of Maine.

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**MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH  
THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY  
A Report to the Joint Convention of the First  
Regular Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature**

**Presented by Chief Justice  
Valerie Stanfill  
February 25, 2025**

Governor Mills, President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, distinguished Members and guests of the 132nd Maine Legislature, and people of the State of Maine:

I am pleased to be able to report to you on the State of the Judiciary, Maine's third branch of government.

I appreciate the recognition of members of the Judicial Branch by President Daughtry. But I always feel I need to take this opportunity to personally thank members of the Judicial Branch who have accompanied me here today:

- In order of seniority, I again recognize my wonderful and supportive colleagues on the Supreme Judicial Court:

Senior Associate Justice Andy Mead, located in Bangor;

Justice Andrew "Mark" Horton, located in Portland;

Justice Rick Lawrence, located in Portland;

and  
You have noticed, I am sure, that there are not 7 of us. Justices Cathy Connors and Wayne Douglas were unable to be here today and send their regrets. And we have had a vacancy for a year, but I am hopeful that will be filled very soon!

- The Supreme Judicial Court operates like a Board of Directors, but the Chiefs of the Trial Courts are like the Executive Committee.

Chief Justice Bob Mullen of the Superior Court, based in Skowhegan;

Chief Judge Brent Davis of the District Court, based in Augusta;

and the newest member of leadership,

Deputy Chief Judge Eric Walker, based in Belfast.

- And finally, some of our administrative team. Amy Quinlan is the State Court Administrator, the head of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and my essential partner in the management of the court system. I am grateful for that partnership every day. With her are two people many of you know or will know: Barbara Cardone, our Director of Legal Affairs and Public Relations, and Julie Finn, our Legislative Analyst.

I must also thank all the dedicated staff and judges of the Maine Judicial Branch for all they do every day. I wish I could name each and every one of them. Their extraordinary hard work and dedication in serving the cause of justice in the State of Maine is, in a word, inspirational.

Governor Mills released a statement on Martin Luther King Day in which she said the following:

May we all renew our commitment to building a state and nation grounded in shared responsibility, and to expanding justice, equality, and fairness for all people.

These are not liberal or conservative sentiments. These are the ideals upon which this country was founded. They are embodied in our state and federal Constitutions, the Declaration of Independence, and the Pledge of Allegiance. And yet, I fear that our commitment to these ideals is falling short. For state courts, national events, the continued drumbeats of misinformation on social media and traditional media along with deficits in civics education have led to a crisis across the country.

Courts have traditionally been the most trusted of the three branches of government on both the federal and state level. The National Center for State Courts performs an annual survey and asks citizens across the country how much confidence they have in American institutions. State courts score a bit higher than the other state branches of government or, indeed, than federal courts. But the numbers are low in recent

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years: in 2024, 54% of Americans rated the job being done by state courts as good or excellent, compared to only 44% in 2021, which was a record low.

I point out these statistics because it translates into increased disrespect for our institutions. Courts rule on disputes and make decisions affecting liberty and property interests. People must be able to trust that rulings are based in law and are not swayed by other factors and that the process is fair. A lack of such trust threatens the very underpinnings of our society.

This growing disrespect also affects the people who work tirelessly to provide a fair and open justice system. According to the American Bar Association, serious threats against judges have doubled since 2019. Again, threats against judges have doubled in the last five years. And it isn't just threats against judges, but also all court staff. Here in Maine, our marshals are called upon with greater and greater frequency to intervene with the public in our courthouses. Indeed, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Director of our State Marshal Service, Ted Ross, and our Deputy Chief Marshal, Mark Tibbetts. They are both here together with Deputy Judicial Marshall Ben Hall. Gentlemen, thank you, and thank you to all your fellow officers. When people come to court, it is frequently under incredibly stressful and often unhappy circumstances. The men and women of the Judicial Branch Marshal Service do an incredible job of soothing the waters and protecting judges, judicial branch staff, and members of the public every day in an increasingly volatile environment. While I am not here to go through all our budget requests, we have asked that you continue to increase funding for our marshal service, as you have in the past, so that they are able to do their job effectively and keep all of us safe at our courthouses.

So I want to talk to you about some of our biggest challenges, and what we have done and what we can do.

Unlike other professions which are regulated by the Executive Branch and laws passed by the Legislature, the practice of law is regulated and overseen by the Judicial Branch. It is the Supreme Judicial Court that licenses attorneys, and thus the status of the legal profession is directly our concern. And, the availability of

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attorneys, legal advice and legal representation is increasingly a pipe dream for many of our citizens.

In the vast majority of civil and family cases at least one of the parties is unrepresented. And as you know, the Constitution requires that the state provide an attorney to those who cannot afford one in certain kinds of cases, primarily criminal, juvenile, and child protective cases where significant rights are at stake. But the crisis in the availability of constitutionally required counsel has only grown. The Maine Commission on Public Defense Services recently released its annual report. As of December 30, there were 1,150 matters pending without counsel, including 998 criminal, post-conviction review, and juvenile matters; 112 child protective cases, those cases where DHHS has intervened; and 40 appeals. While the public defender offices hold promise for the future, they cannot currently meet the demand.

I know in the Supreme Judicial Court alone, we have had about 40 child protective appeals awaiting appointment of counsel at the same time— a process that frequently is now taking months more than it should in cases involving Maine's most vulnerable children.

In other words, the lack of attorneys adds to delay and backlog.

So, what are we doing? And what else can we do?

Last year I wrote to some of Maine's law firms who employ former Supreme Judicial Court law clerks to ask if they would take child protective appeals. Some agreed to do so, and I am pleased to report that the briefs filed by those young lawyers were some of the best we have seen, confirming that they are more than competent to handle that particular type of case. I have so informed the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services – called PDS - and hope to encourage more.

In September, we amended Rule 11C of the Bar Admission Rules to authorize temporary permission to practice (up to 2 years) for an attorney who is a member in good standing of the Bar of another state if that attorney is employed by the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services, or PDS, as well as those employed by civil legal services providers. This is primarily to aid in recruiting attorneys from out of state,

as the formal process of admission by motion can take months to complete.

In November, we amended the Bar Rules to permit attorneys to receive up to 3 continuing legal education credits for undertaking certain types of pro bono work in an effort to try to expand the pool of civil legal services for Maine's poorer citizens.

We have expanded the student practice rules that allow law students to represent clients in court under the supervision of an attorney. Those rules now identify the PDS as an appropriate entity for student practice, in addition to prosecutors' offices and civil legal service providers. In December, we also authorized a pilot with the Law School to allow supervision by private contract attorneys rostered with the PDS.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Judicial Court met with the first-year class and the faculty of the University of Maine School of Law with the goal of encouraging public interest work here in Maine. I understand the Law School is expanding its doctrinal and clinical offerings for both criminal defense and child protective cases.

Finally, we have submitted a bill to provide that when there is no attorney available through the PDS, the courts may appoint any attorney who agrees to take the case, something we have always had the inherent right to do. Under the bill we have proposed, however, the PDS would have to pay that attorney. The bill is crafted as emergency legislation and will also sunset in 3 years. The purpose is not to pull away lawyers away from the PDS roster, but to bridge the next three years until the public defender offices are fully up and running and able to fill what is now a yawning gap in appointed counsel services.

We can also think outside the box. We are looking at whether we should expand who can provide some legal services, at least in a limited fashion. Perhaps it is time to allow trained paraprofessionals, without a law degree, to handle some straightforward legal issues. There are many questions to be answered, of course. Who? What kind of training and education? What kind of experience? Licensure? What area or areas of law? Would a paraprofessional need to work for a licensed attorney, or could they practice independently? In short, what are the guardrails to ensure that such

paraprofessionals are actually a benefit to Maine citizens.

Another issue: What can we do to recruit and keep lawyers in the rural deserts of our state? The national research seems to show that lawyers most likely to practice in rural areas and stay there are from there. It may be that increased online and remote legal education would allow people who already live in the rural areas of our state to attend law school without having to uproot themselves and their families to move to Portland for three years.

There is also national research showing deficits in the practice readiness of new lawyers, and that is also related to whether they can competently step into some of the lanes I have described. The economics of law practice have changed, making formal mentoring more difficult. And, importantly, the significant increase in remote appearances means the informal mentoring many lawyers had in the office or at court appearances has all but disappeared. These are of course broader societal issues, not just lawyer issues. But, I fear things are not getting better.

Speaking of remote appearances, we continue to encourage the use of remote technology for court appearances where appropriate. Indeed, all traffic violations are heard remotely. Remote technology is a tool that may mean that a litigant need not take a day off from work to attend a short court appearance and that lawyers can save their clients money by not traveling all around the state. It also means that the limited pool of court-appointed attorneys are able to handle cases in different locations, and it means fewer continuances to accommodate busy schedules. It may also mean we can hold a court proceeding even when we don't have any marshals or clerks available.

But there are drawbacks to many remote appearances too. In criminal cases, when dispositional conferences are held remotely, even when an agreement is reached the case frequently must be reset for yet another court appearance in order to enter a plea because the defendant is not in the conference or courtroom or is in a different location from the lawyer, meaning they will have to discuss the matter later. Effectively, it can double the number of court events.

When attorneys and parties are not in the same location, they don't talk. They don't exchange information. They don't negotiate. They don't settle cases which should be settled. Think about how much business gets done here in the halls of the State House or outside a hearing room, and how little might get done if you never actually saw your colleagues outside of the formal process in the chamber.

In other words, remotes appearances can help with backlog by minimizing continuances because of scheduling conflicts but they can also increase backlog it because the appearances are less effective at moving cases and often need to be rescheduled. We have an administrative order laying out presumptions for what kind of proceedings should be remote, the ability to request that any other proceeding be held remotely, and the factors to consider. Every day judges balance these competing needs in the individual cases before them.

That leads me to another point. Last year I said that courts have changed rapidly in the past few years, and technology is not a luxury. We must look at technology as infrastructure of the court system, just as the courthouses across the state are infrastructure. Technology must be maintained, updated and improved on a regular basis, just as we maintain roofs and HVAC systems. Maintenance includes replacement at various interludes. And we must fund it in the same way as we fund infrastructure.

What does that mean? It means that the annual fees, licenses, maintenance and replacement of technology – hardware and software - must be part of the general fund budget. Back when we contracted for Maine eCourts, the Legislature authorized bond funding to purchase and install the system. But, there are annual fees, licenses and maintenance that are not covered by the bond funds. You asked us to raise the money by placing surcharges on filing fees, fines, and the like. And we did that. The biggest single source of projected revenue was the surcharges on traffic ticket fines – the volume of those fines dwarfs anything else. But fine revenues have gone down, and the funds generated are far from adequate to pay for the system maintenance – we will be about \$1.8 million short each year of this next biennium. Trying to pay for the system with surcharges on fines and fees is not a sound

plan, because surcharges are often imposed on those least able to pay. And, of course, the higher fees are, the more they get waived because people can't afford them.

The cost of technology is not just the ongoing maintenance and fees for Maine eCourts. Technology permeates everything we do. Electronic evidence - body cams, social media, and recordings – is standard in every case. That means courtrooms must be equipped with display screens, appropriate sound systems, and computers so that jurors, witnesses, attorneys, the judge and the public can see and hear it. The same is true for remote appearances of parties, witnesses, and attorneys: Zoom. You can't just do it from a laptop for court proceedings. If a witness or attorney is on a screen, that witness needs to be seen and heard by the judge, the jury, parties, and the public.

What else? Courts are required to electronically record every case, which means a sophisticated system of recording and microphones so that every word is captured as people move around the room. Courtrooms can't be used when the equipment isn't working. We are installing public access kiosks in courthouses for accessing electronic files. We need robust Wi-Fi and cell service at all courthouses. We need to increase the safety of everyone, which means not only marshals but again, technology: security cameras, recordings, screening, control rooms.

I hope you can see why I say that technology is infrastructure, and why it needs to be included in our general fund budget. Without working technology these days, proceedings would grind to a halt.

Another thing: we also need to protect against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. We are the keepers of immense amounts of sensitive and personal data which we must safeguard. And, by the way, there are more demands for data every year because data helps us understand the cost and benefits of programs and strategies. Moreover, having better data available also fits with the goal of increasing transparency and openness in the Judicial Branch.

The implementation of Maine eCourts will help us in marshaling that data in the future, one of its many benefits. To back up, as many of you know, we are in the process of implementing an electronic e-filing and

case management system in all case types across the State. It will be integrated with law enforcement systems and other partners for bail, protection orders and the like. This is the system that was known as Odyssey; it was upgraded to Enterprise Justice this year. We don't want to change the name every time Tyler Technologies upgrades the system, so we call it simply Maine eCourts.

We have now successfully implemented Maine eCourts in all civil and family cases in Bangor, Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties, as well as in the Business and Consumer Docket. This is in addition to the Violations Bureau. We also successfully implemented protection from abuse and protection from harassment cases onto Maine eCourts in those locations. That implementation was more complex because of the law enforcement integrations and was the first big test of how that would go. (By law enforcement integrations, I am referring to the automatic transfer of information between the courts and law enforcement agencies which is critical when liberty interests are at stake, as they are in protection orders and criminal dockets.)

Next up is the implementation of all criminal and juvenile case types, which is scheduled for later in the spring in Androscoggin County. We have a mighty team in our Office of Information Technology, but we are also dependent on Tyler Technologies for some development pieces as well CPI, the vendor used by the Department of Public Safety for the message switch. The implementation of e-filing in criminal and juvenile matters is a huge undertaking, not only for the Judicial Branch, our vendors and law enforcement agencies, but also for the district attorneys and public defense counsel who will be mandatory filers on this new system. We have been working closely with all of the stakeholders in this endeavor to make a smooth transition into the world of electronic filing.

On a side note, I must give a shout out and special thanks to Dave Packard, our Director of Information Technology, who has been leading our IT department for years. Dave is retiring this summer. While I am happy for him, he will be sorely missed at the Judicial Branch. He does, however, leave behind a terrific team. And we expect to stay on schedule overall for statewide implementation of all case types within two

years. I look forward to that day - it is when we can unplug our Apple computers and our obsolete and dying electronic docketing system known as "MEJIS."

As many of you have probably noticed, I have made it my mission to try to "right-size" the Judicial Branch, to ensure we have adequate resources to be able to provide an efficient and impartial system of dispute resolution. The old saying, "justice delayed is justice denied," has a great deal of truth to it. The Judicial Branch in this state has been underfunded for decades. And although we have made progress, the backlogs that were created during the pandemic persist. To be clear, the additional resources we have received in the past few years have helped enormously, but we are not there yet.

As many of you know, we have experienced an enormous backlog of cases since the pandemic. By backlog I mean cases take longer to resolve, which results in more pending cases. For a Judicial Branch that was already working to capacity before being hit with a pandemic, reducing the backlog is a struggle. We have made progress: the criminal caseload now stands at about 35% above pre-pandemic levels, down a bit from a year ago and about half what it was at its height. But we have a long way to go, and I fear the remaining backlog will be stubborn.

I have also been alarmed at what was happening in our family dockets. The number of pending child protective cases has increased; there are about 25% more protective custody cases pending now than before the pandemic. And, the average length of time it is taking to complete family cases had steadily increased since the beginning of the pandemic: cases were taking about twice as long to resolve as before the pandemic. We put some concerted effort into turning that around in 2024, and I am pleased to report that we seem to have turned a corner. The average age of family cases is now falling after a peak at the end of 2023. But it is still taking far too long to reach cases. Every one of those cases is not just a statistic but a real person in crisis. You and the Governor have listened in the last few years, but in these times of belt-tightening it is critical that you continue to listen. We need to have enough people – clerks, marshals and others – to support our judges in the courtrooms. And they need to be paid appropriately. There are still judicial vacancies (it

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is a never-ending process), and so I have not asked for more judicial positions. But, the supporting staff positions included in the Governor's budget are critical. I hope we have your continued support in this Legislative session to ensure we can provide the services Maine people need.

Again, I understand that pennies are tight this year, and there may be some financial uncertainty ahead. But I am not doing my job if I don't continue to advocate for appropriate judicial salaries. You may recall that in the last biennial budget, there was an increase in judicial salaries. At the time, Maine's judicial salaries ranked 51st in the country when adjusted for the cost of living – after every other state and the District of Columbia. Believe me, we appreciate your attention to this. And so, I can now report that, after the raises in the last biennium, as of January 2025, Maine judicial salaries now rank . . . 51st in the country when adjusted for cost of living. Still last after every other state and the District of Columbia. It is not just an issue of fairness and equity for Maine's hard-working judges. Judicial salaries also impact other salaries in the Judicial Branch, making it harder to attract and appropriately compensate other high-level professionals. Think of what a director of information technology can command in the private market. . . .

When I advocate for "right-sizing" the Judicial Branch and ensuring there are adequate resources, I am sure that some of you think, "but there are many worthy causes." And that is true. But that is also why we must remember the critical and central role of courts in our system of government. You have heard me remind you that the Judicial Branch is the co-equal third branch of government in both our state and federal systems. Those aren't words spoken lightly. The Judiciary plays an integral role in maintaining the rule of law. The Judicial Branch does so through competent, ethical, and independent judges delivering justice in a timely and accessible fashion.

We are all partners in upholding the "Rule of Law", a phrase being bandied about these days. What is it?

By "Rule of Law," I mean that all people and institutions are accountable under laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced, and independently adjudicated.

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Laws that are publicly promulgated by the Legislature;  
Equally enforced by the Executive;  
And independently adjudicated by the Judiciary.

It matters not whether I think a law is wise or foolish; the promulgation of laws is the role of the Legislature. The role and duty of judges is to adjudicate independently, fairly, and in a timely fashion. These are the ideals and indeed requirements of our state and federal constitutions. And to carry out our duty, the Judicial Branch must have adequate resources. This is what we all owe to the citizens of Maine.

Thank you for inviting me here today and for listening.

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Sections of the Maine Revised Statutes affected by the laws of the First Regular Session and First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature and Revisor's Report 2023, Chapter 2 and Initiated Bill 2023, chapter 4.

TITLE	SECTION	SUB	PARA	EFF	CHAPTER	PART	SEC	TITLE	SECTION	SUB	PARA	EFF	CHAPTER	PART	SEC
1	150-V			NEW	PL 24		1	4	152	16		AMD	PL 347		1
1	150-V			NEW	PL 81		1	4	153	2		AMD	PL 436		1
1	150-W			NEW	PL 144		1	4	153	3		AMD	PL 436		2
1	150-W			NEW	PL 179		1	4	154	1		AMD	PL 436		3
1	151			AMD	PL 191		1	4	154	8		AMD	PL 436		4
1	232			NEW	PL 31		1	4	202			AMD	PL 168		1
1	232			NEW	PL 32		1	4	556		3rd	AMD	PL 260		1
1	232			NEW	PL 56		1	4	805-A	2	A	AMD	PL 182		1
1	402	3	L	AMD	PL 77		1	4	807	3	T	AMD	PL 97		1
1	402	3	U	AMD	PL 99		1	4	807	3	U	AMD	PL 97		2
1	402	3	V	AMD	PL 99		2	4	807	3	V	NEW	PL 97		3
1	402	3	W	NEW	PL 99		3	4	1201	8-A		NEW	PL 221		2
1	402	3	X	NEW	PL 99		4	4	1201	19-A		NEW	PL 221		3
1	408-A	4		AMD	PL 175		1	4	1201	20		AMD	PL 221		4
1	408-A	4		AMD	PL 186		1	4	1305-A	1	B	AMD	PL 221		5
1	408-A	4-A		AMD	PL 175		2	4	1353	1-A	A	AMD	PL 221		6
1	412			AMD	PL 187		1	4	1353	5		AMD	PL 221		7
1	413	1		AMD	PL 187		2	4	1357	2		AMD	PL 221		8
1	413	2		AMD	PL 187		3	4	1610-I			AMD	PL 462		1
1	1016-C			COR	RR 2	A	1	4	1610-R			NEW	PL 388	J	1
1	2601			RP	PL 469		1	4	1610-R			NEW	PL 454		1
1	2601			AFF	PL 469		44	4	1610-S			NEW	PL 388	J	2
1	2602			RP	PL 469		1	4	1802	3-A		AMD	PL 415		1
1	2602			AFF	PL 469		44	4	1802	5		AMD	PL 415		2
1	2603			RP	PL 469		1	4	1804	3	A	AMD	PL 415		3
1	2603			AFF	PL 469		44	4	1805-A	1		AMD	PL 40		1
								4	1805-A	3		AMD	PL 40		2
2	6	1		AMD	PL 476	A	1	4	1806	2	G	NEW	PL 415		4
2	6	3		AMD	PL 390	A	1	4	1806	3		COR	RR 2	A	3
2	6	4		AMD	PL 476	A	2	4	1807			NEW	PL 40		3
2	9			RP	PL 476	A	3	4	1902	1		COR	RR 2	A	4
2	9	3	C	AMD	PL 390	A	2, 3	4	1904	4		COR	RR 2	A	5
2	9	3	D-1	NEW	PL 293		1	4	1905	1		COR	RR 2	A	6
2	9	3	H	COR	RR 2	A	2	4	1915	4		COR	RR 2	A	7
3	2		1st	AMD	PL 482		1	5	1			AMD	PL 390	A	4
3	2		4th	AMD	PL 490		1	5	4			RPR	PL 273		1
3	2		11th	AMD	PL 490		2	5	6			AMD	PL 124		2
3	2		13th	AMD	PL 490		3	5	7		1st	COR	RR 2	B	1
3	318-B			AMD	PL 185		1	5	8-B			COR	RR 2	B	2
3	318-B			AFF	PL 185		4	5	8-C		2nd	COR	RR 2	B	3
3	318-B	1	C	RPR	PL 185		2	5	18	1	C	COR	RR 2	B	4
3	318-B	1	C	AFF	PL 185		4	5	18	2		COR	RR 2	B	5
3	318-B	2		RPR	PL 185		3	5	19	1	I	COR	RR 2	B	6
3	318-B	2		AFF	PL 185		4	5	19	3	A	COR	RR 2	B	7
3	805-A	1	B	AMD	PL 221		1	5	27	2		COR	RR 2	B	8
3	902	1-B		AMD	PL 309		1	5	28			COR	RR 2	B	9
3	993		1st	AMD	PL 86		1	5	45		1st	COR	RR 2	B	10
3	993		1st	AFF	PL 86		2	5	81			AMD	PL 390	B	1
								5	81-A			COR	RR 2	B	11
4	71			NEW	PL 124		1	5	90-H			RAL	RR 2	A	8
4	72			NEW	PL 124		1	5	90-I			RAL	RR 2	A	8

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5	121-A				COR RR 2 B		12	5	903	1			COR RR 2 B		44
5	122				COR RR 2 B		13	5	931	1	F		COR RR 2 B		45
5	123				COR RR 2 B		14	5	931	2			COR RR 2 B		46
5	124				COR RR 2 B		15	5	941	1	B		RP PL 450		1
5	125				COR RR 2 B		16	5	941	1	C		NEW PL 450		2
5	126				COR RR 2 B		17	5	960				NEW PL 476 A		4
5	127				COR RR 2 B		18	5	1502				COR RR 2 B		47
5	129				COR RR 2 B		19	5	1507		2nd		COR RR 2 B		48
5	130	1st			COR RR 2 B		20	5	1510-A	6			COR RR 2 B		49
5	130	1st			AMD PL 390 A		5	5	1511				COR RR 2 A		12
5	137				COR RR 2 B		21	5	1511				AMD PL 475		1
5	143				COR RR 2 B		22	5	1541	9			AMD PL 390 A		8
5	145-A	1st			COR RR 2 B		23	5	1542				COR RR 2 B		50
5	145-B	1			COR RR 2 B		24	5	1544		2nd		COR RR 2 B		51
5	149				COR RR 2 B		25	5	1548				COR RR 2 B		52
5	158				RAL RR 2 A		9	5	1583		1st		COR RR 2 B		53
5	159				RAL RR 2 A		9	5	1591	1			AMD PL 388 N		1
5	160				NEW PL 494		1	5	1661		1st		COR RR 2 B		54
5	191-A				COR RR 2 B		26	5	1667		2nd		COR RR 2 B		55
5	193				COR RR 2 B		27	5	1706	1			COR RR 2 B		56
5	195				COR RR 2 B		28	5	1742	6			AMD PL 25		1
5	197				COR RR 2 B		29	5	1742	8			COR RR 2 B		57
5	200-E				COR RR 2 B		30	5	1742	20-B			NEW PL 388 I		1
5	200-F				COR RR 2 B		31	5	1742	23			AMD PL 264		1
5	201				AMD PL 390 A		6	5	1742-D	2			AMD PL 388 D		1
5	203-D				NEW PL 79		1	5	1742-H				NEW PL 388 I		2
5	209	1st			COR RR 2 B		32	5	1743-B				COR RR 2 B		58
5	210				COR RR 2 B		33	5	1746		3rd		COR RR 2 B		59
5	211	1st			COR RR 2 B		34	5	1746		3rd		AMD PL 390 A		9
5	211	1	C		COR RR 2 B		35	5	1777				NEW PL 474		1
5	211	2	A		COR RR 2 B		36	5	1825-B	15			NEW PL 405		1
5	212	2nd			COR RR 2 B		37	5	1903		2nd		COR RR 2 B		60
5	241				AMD PL 287		1	5	2053				COR RR 2 B		61
5	242				AMD PL 287		2	5	3004		4th		COR RR 2 B		62
5	244	1st			AMD PL 390 A		7	5	3006	4			COR RR 2 B		63
5	245				COR RR 2 B		38	5	3109				RP PL 388 D		2
5	285	1	F-13		NEW PL 278		1	5	3109	2			AMD PL 33 C		1
5	285	1-A	D		AMD PL 48 B		1	5	3109	2			AFF PL 33 C		10
5	285	2			COR RR 2 A		10	5	3201	1-A			NEW PL 388 D		3
5	285	12	A		COR RR 2 A		11	5	3201	1-B			NEW PL 388 D		4
5	285	17			NEW PL 278		2	5	3201	1-C			NEW PL 388 D		5
5	285-A	1			AMD PL 48 B		2	5	3201	3			NEW PL 388 D		6
5	285-A	2			AMD PL 48 A		1	5	3202		1st		AMD PL 388 D		7
5	285-A	3			AMD PL 48 A		2	5	3204	2			AMD PL 388 D		8
5	286				AMD PL 48 B		3	5	3205				AMD PL 388 D		9
5	286-M	2	C		AMD PL 48 B		4	5	3207				NEW PL 265		1
5	286-M	12			AMD PL 147		1	5	3208				NEW PL 265		2
5	286-N	1	B		AMD PL 48 B		5	5	3211				NEW PL 33 C		3
5	286-N	3			AMD PL 48 B		6	5	3211	2			AFF PL 33 C		10
5	292	2			COR RR 2 B		39	5	3211	2			AMD PL 388 D		10
5	298	2			COR RR 2 B		40	5	3212				NEW PL 33 C		3
5	298	3rd			COR RR 2 B		41	5	3221				NEW PL 388 D		11
5	298	4th			COR RR 2 B		42	5	3222				NEW PL 388 D		11
5	453-A				AMD PL 469		2	5	3223				NEW PL 388 D		11
5	453-A				AFF PL 469		44	5	3224				NEW PL 388 D		11
5	454-A	5			AMD PL 469		3	5	3231				NEW PL 388 D		12
5	454-A	5			AFF PL 469		44	5	3232				NEW PL 388 D		12
5	455	2			AMD PL 469		4	5	3233				NEW PL 388 D		12
5	455	2			AFF PL 469		44	5	3234				NEW PL 388 D		12
5	784	2	C		COR RR 2 B		43	5	3235				NEW PL 388 D		12

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5	3241			NEW	PL 388	D	13	5	8052	5-B		NEW	PL 384		3
5	3241	2	C	NEW	PL 495		1	5	8052	5-C		NEW	PL 384		4
5	3241	5		NEW	PL 495		2	5	8052	5-D		NEW	PL 384		5
5	3251			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	1		AMD	PL 384		6
5	3252			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	2		AMD	PL 384		7
5	3253			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	3		AMD	PL 384		8
5	3254			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	3-A		AMD	PL 384		9
5	3255			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	4		RP	PL 384		10
5	3256			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	5		AMD	PL 384		11
5	3257			NEW	PL 388	D	14	5	8053	5-A		NEW	PL 384		12
5	3360	4		AMD	PL 171		1	5	8053	6		AMD	PL 384		13
5	3360-I		1st	AMD	PL 387		1	5	8053	6-A		NEW	PL 384		14
5	3360-M			AMD	PL 109		1	5	8053	7	G	AMD	PL 384		15
5	3372	16		AMD	PL 202		1	5	8053-A	1	A	AMD	PL 384		16
5	4562			COR	RR 2	B	64	5	8053-A	4		AMD	PL 384		17
5	4572	1		AMD	PL 269		1	5	8053-A	5		AMD	PL 384		18
5	4581		1st	AMD	PL 269		2	5	8056			AMD	PL 384		19
5	4581-A	1		AMD	PL 269		3	5	8056-A	3		AMD	PL 384		20
5	4581-A	2		AMD	PL 269		4	5	8063		1st	AMD	PL 384		21
5	4581-A	3		AMD	PL 269		5	5	8072	8		AMD	PL 384		22
5	4596			COR	RR 2	B	65	5	9001	1		COR	RR 2	B	78
5	4597	3		COR	RR 2	B	66	5	9053	1		COR	RR 2	B	79
5	4612	1	C	NEW	PL 80		1	5	9054	1		COR	RR 2	B	80
5	4651	2		AMD	PL 400		1	5	9054	1		AMD	PL 390	A	10
5	4651	2	C	AMD	PL 417		1	5	9055	2	B	COR	RR 2	B	81
5	4651	3-A		NEW	PL 90		1	5	9061		1st	COR	RR 2	B	82
5	4654	2		AMD	PL 90		2	5	9062	2		COR	RR 2	B	83
5	4660-A	4	A	COR	RR 2	B	67	5	9063	1		COR	RR 2	B	84
5	4660-A	4	C	COR	RR 2	B	68	5	11113			COR	RR 2	B	85
5	6200		3rd	AMD	PL 471	A	1	5	11113		1st	AMD	PL 390	A	11
5	6201	1-A		COR	RR 2	B	69	5	12002	2		COR	RR 2	B	86
5	6201	2-A		NEW	PL 471	A	2	5	12002-A	1	A	COR	RR 2	B	87
5	6203-A	2		AMD	PL 471	A	3	5	12002-B	1-A	A	COR	RR 2	B	88
5	6203-B	2		AMD	PL 471	A	4	5	12002-B	2	A	COR	RR 2	B	89
5	6203-C	2		AMD	PL 471	A	5	5	12002-B	2	E	COR	RR 2	B	90
5	6203-E	2		AMD	PL 471	A	6	5	12003-A	4	B	COR	RR 2	B	91
5	6203-F	2		AMD	PL 471	A	7	5	12004-A	15-A		NEW	PL 491		1
5	6206-A			AMD	PL 471	A	8	5	12004-I	6-J		AMD	PL 388	D	16
5	6207	2		AMD	PL 471	A	9	5	12004-I	6-K		RAL	RR 2	A	13
5	6207	4	C	AMD	PL 471	A	10	5	12004-I	6-L		RAL	RR 2	A	13
5	6209			AMD	PL 471	A	11	5	12004-I	18-G		RP	PL 180		1
5	6210		1st	AMD	PL 471	A	12	5	12004-I	36-C		AMD	PL 5		1
5	7030-E			AMD	PL 177		1	5	12004-I	57-I		NEW	PL 265		3
5	7054-B	1	A	COR	RR 2	B	70	5	12004-I	74-A		AMD	PL 167		1
5	7081		3rd	COR	RR 2	B	71	5	12004-I	88-A		AMD	PL 177		2
5	7082	4		COR	RR 2	B	72	5	13056-E	2	B	AMD	PL 388	D	17
5	7083		1st	COR	RR 2	B	73	5	13056-J			RP	PL 388	D	18
5	7083	1		COR	RR 2	B	74	5	13056-K			NEW	PL 368		1
5	7083	2		COR	RR 2	B	75	5	13080-Q	2	C	AMD	PL 271	C	1
5	7083	3		COR	RR 2	B	76	5	13083-G	2		AMD	PL 412		1
5	7084			COR	RR 2	B	77	5	13083-G	3		AMD	PL 412		2
5	7501			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13083-G	4		NEW	PL 412		3
5	7502			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13083-I	2		AMD	PL 412		4
5	7503			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13083-K	5		NEW	PL 412		5
5	7504			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13083-S-1	3	F	AMD	PL 299		1
5	7505			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13090-L	2-A	D	AMD	PL 421		1-4
5	7506			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13120-T	4	C	AMD	PL 154		1
5	7507			RP	PL 388	D	15	5	13201		1st	AMD	PL 258		1
5	8052	2		AMD	PL 384		1	5	13203	2	C	AMD	PL 258		2
5	8052	5		RP	PL 384		2	5	13203	4	E	AMD	PL 258		3

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5	13210-A			NEW	PL 258		5	5	17851-A	5		AMD	PL 388	R	9
5	13212			NEW	PL 258		6	5	17852	5	A	COR	RR 2	B	118
5	13213			NEW	PL 258		7	5	17852	6	A	COR	RR 2	B	119
5	13302			COR	RR 2	A	14	5	17852	7		COR	RR 2	B	120
5	15302	3		AMD	PL 476	A	5	5	17852	8	A	COR	RR 2	B	121
5	17001	4	B	COR	RR 2	B	92	5	17852	10	A	COR	RR 2	B	122
5	17001	12-B		NEW	PL 221		9	5	17859	1		AMD	PL 221		24
5	17001	13	B	AMD	PL 221		10	5	17859	1-A		AMD	PL 221		25
5	17001	13	B-1	RPR	PL 221		11	5	17901	1		COR	RR 2	B	123
5	17001	13	E	AMD	PL 221		12	5	17906	2	A	AMD	PL 270		1
5	17001	17		RP	PL 390	A	12	5	17906	2	A	AFF	PL 270		5
5	17001	22		RP	PL 390	A	13	5	17906	2	C	COR	RR 2	B	124
5	17001	26		AMD	PL 390	A	14	5	17907	2	D	COR	RR 2	B	125
5	17001	40-A		NEW	PL 221		13	5	17909	1		COR	RR 2	B	126
5	17001	41		AMD	PL 221		14	5	17910	1		COR	RR 2	B	127
5	17001	42	B	AMD	PL 221		15	5	17910	3		COR	RR 2	B	128
5	17054	3		AMD	PL 221		16	5	17924	2		AMD	PL 221		26
5	17102	2		COR	RR 2	B	93	5	17925	3		RP	PL 270		2
5	17102	3	B	COR	RR 2	B	94	5	17925	3		AFF	PL 270		5
5	17105	1	D	COR	RR 2	B	95	5	17930	2	A	AMD	PL 221		27
5	17107	1	A	COR	RR 2	B	96	5	17930	3	A	AMD	PL 221		28
5	17107	2	E	AMD	PL 390	A	15	5	18006	1		COR	RR 2	B	129
5	17107	2	F	RP	PL 221		17	5	18057	1		AMD	PL 221		29
5	17153	4	B	COR	RR 2	B	97	5	18057	2		COR	RR 2	B	130
5	17154	8		COR	RR 2	B	98	5	18057	3		AMD	PL 221		30
5	17204		1st	COR	RR 2	B	99	5	18057	6		AMD	PL 221		31
5	17657	3		COR	RR 2	B	100	5	18061	1		COR	RR 2	B	131
5	17658	3		COR	RR 2	B	101	5	18201	5		NEW	PL 221		32
5	17703		1st	COR	RR 2	B	102	5	18202	4		NEW	PL 221		33
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25	2006			AMD	PL 111		1								
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36	1764			AFF	PL 271	B	5	36	2855	6		RP	PL 469		22
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36	2855	7		AFF	PL 469		44	36	4365-G			AFF	PL 388	E	6
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36	2855	8		AFF	PL 469		44	36	4366-A	2		AFF	PL 493		4
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36	2855	13		AFF	PL 469		44	36	4403			AFF	PL 388	E	6
36	2855	14		RP	PL 469		29	36	4641-A	1	A	AMD	PL 388	V	3
36	2855	14		AFF	PL 469		44	36	4641-A	1	A	AFF	PL 388	V	10
36	2855	15		RPR	PL 469		30	36	4641-A	2	A	AMD	PL 388	V	4
36	2855	15		AFF	PL 469		44	36	4641-A	2	A	AFF	PL 388	V	10
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36	2856			RPR	PL 469		33	36	4641-B	4-B	E-2	AFF	PL 388	V	10
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36	2857			AFF	PL 469		44	36	4641-C	20		AFF	PL 388	V	10
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36	2858			AFF	PL 469		44	36	4641-C	21		AMD	PL 484		4
36	2859			RPR	PL 469		37	36	4641-C	22		NEW	PL 388	V	9
36	2859			AFF	PL 469		44	36	4641-C	22		AFF	PL 388	V	10
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36	2865			AFF	PL 469		44	36	5122	2	M-2	AMD	PL 452		1
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36	2866			AFF	PL 469		44	36	5122	2	EE	AMD	PL 337		1
36	2891			RP	PL 2	II	1	36	5122	2	AAA	NEW	PL 455		1
36	2891-A			NEW	PL 2	II	2	36	5195	20		AMD	PL 271	C	3
36	2892		2nd	AMD	PL 2	II	3	36	5196	3	B	AMD	PL 271	C	4
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36	5219-SS	1-A		AMD	PL 113	C	7	37-B	744	2-A		AMD	PL 194		1
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36	5219-VV	1	K	AMD	PL 489		5	38	90	1	B	AMD	PL 253		7
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36	5219-VV	2		AMD	PL 489		7	38	342		1st	AMD	PL 390	A	58
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36	5219-VV	3	B	AMD	PL 489		9-11	38	353-B	2	A	AMD	PL 62		1
36	5219-VV	5	A	AMD	PL 489		12	38	411		1st	AMD	PL 44		1
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36	5219-AAA	1	I	AMD	PL 372		1	38	411	3		NEW	PL 44		4
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36	5295			NEW	PL 336		2	38	411-A	2-A		AMD	PL 44		8
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36	6232	1-C		NEW	PL 337		4	38	480-B	2		RPR	PL 128		2
36	6250	3		AMD	PL 113	A	3	38	480-E	15		AMD	PL 122		1
36	6254	1		AMD	PL 113	A	4	38	480-E	16		RAL	RR 2	A	57
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36	6851			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	480-BB	2		AMD	PL 338		2
36	6852			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	480-BB	4-A		NEW	PL 338		3
36	6853			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	484	11		NEW	PL 106		1
36	6854			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	485-A	1-E		NEW	PL 329		2
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36	6856			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	488	14	A	AMD	PL 388	D	42
36	6857			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	488	15		AMD	PL 412		6
36	6858			RP	PL 113	C	14	38	488	30		NEW	PL 262		1
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38	1616	3		AMD	PL 184		5	39-A	403	5	A-1	AMD	PL 53		10
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38	1862	4		AMD	PL 116		2	39-A	403	14	F-1	NEW	PL 53		12
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38	1864			AMD	PL 116		4								
38	2101-A			AMD	PL 419		1								
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